

2024 Budget Committee Hearing Schedule

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

10:00 - 10:30 AM Supreme Court

Loretta H. Rush - *Chief Justice*

10:30 - 11:00 AM Court of Appeals

Paul A. Felix - *Judge*

11:00 - 11:30 AM Public Defender Council

Bernice A. N. Corley - *Executive Director*

Zach Stock - *Legislative Counsel*

11:30 - 12:00 PM Public Defender Commission

Derrick Mason - *Executive Director, Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys*

12:00 - 12:30 PM Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Andre Miksha - *Deputy Director, Admin. & Civil Law*

12:30 - 1:30 PM Recess/Lunch

1:30 - 2:00 PM Comptroller

Elise Nieshalla - *Comptroller*

Staci Schneider - *Chief of Staff*

2:00 - 2:30 PM Treasurer

Daniel Elliott - *Treasurer*

Mike Frick - *Deputy Treasurer*

2:30 - 3:00 PM Secretary of State

Diego Morales - *Secretary of State*

Jerold Bonnet - *Deputy Secretary of State/General Counsel*

Christina Stanton - *Agency Comptroller*

3:00 - 3:30 PM Commission for Higher Education (CHE)

Chris Lowery - *Commissioner*

Seth Hinshaw - *Senior Associate Commissioner & CFO*

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9:00 - 10:00 AM Ivy Tech Community College (IVT)

Dr. Sue Ellspermann - *President*

10:00 - 11:00 AM Indiana University (IU)

Pamela Whitten - *President*

11:00 - 12:00 PM Purdue University (PU)

Dr. Mung Chiang - *President*

12:00 - 1:00 PM Recess/Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 PM Ball State University (BSU)

Geoffrey S. Mearns - *President*

2:00 - 3:00 PM University of Southern Indiana (USI)

Steven J. Bridges - *President*

3:00 - 4:00 PM Vincennes University (VU)

Dr. Charles R. "Chuck" Johnson - *President*

4:00 - 5:00 PM Indiana State University (ISU)

Dr. Mike Godard - *President*

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Indiana Statehouse
House Ways and Means Room 404
200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Members:

Representative Jeff Thompson, Chair
Representative Gregory Porter
Senator Ryan Mishler
Joe Habig, Acting State Budget Director

Alternate Members:

Senator Fady Qaddoura
Representative Ed DeLaney
Senator Chris Garten
Lisa Acobert, Deputy State Budget Director

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Chairman Thompson introduced the agenda.

Supreme Court

Following the presentation by Chief Justice Rush, Representative Porter asked how the CLEO program is progressing in the wake of recent Supreme Court decisions. Chief Justice Rush responded that the Supreme Court is focusing on underserved communities and opening opportunities to those students. Senator Garten clarified that one of their budget requests is large considering other agency requests and Chief Justice Rush responded that the Supreme Court is not mandating this, but it has been asked of them to handle the Jail Management System. Senator Qaddoura asked if there was a change to Guardian cases. Senator Qaddoura stated that, in the 01A report, it noted a flat \$100,000 for the drug and alcohol program. Chief Justice Rush confirmed that and stated that its for drug and alcohol aversion in local communities. Senator Qaddoura also noted a program focused on domestic violence and discussed a constituent that lost her life, and he encouraged further communication on what can be done to enhance protective orders.

Public Defender Commission

Following the presentation by Mr. Derrick Mason, Senator Mishler noted that for a program deemed so successful, there are not a lot of participating counties across the state. Mr. Mason responded that a Judge gets to choose Public Defender's in their courtroom and often political leanings affect who is in that Judge's courtroom. Mr. Mason stated that this was the reason for so many counties not participating or being hesitant to do so. Acting Director Habig asked, regarding the dedicated revenue stream, there was \$7,400,000 annually and if that was changing. Mr. Mason responded that the \$7,400,000 is not changing. Representative Porter asked about the shortage of attorneys and how that affects this commission. Mr. Mason responded that counties are finding that costs are going up and these counties need to pay more for attorneys to do the work.

Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Following the presentation by Mr. Andre Miksha, Senator Mishler stated that they are asking for over 50% increases in their budget compared to other budget requests asking for only 2% to 3%. Mr. Miksha responded that they are aware that the budget request is large but stated that if they do not ask, there would be no chance of receiving a larger budget increase. Representative DeLaney asked, regarding the Child Support Payment program, where the funding is coming from. Mr. Miksha responded that numerous state agencies are contributing funding. Representative DeLaney stated that the Prosecuting Attorney's Council has leftover money in the 4D fund, to which Mr. Miksha responded that the Prosecuting Attorney's Council has attempted to spend that down.

Comptroller

Following the presentation by Comptroller Elise Nieshalla, Representative DeLaney asked what percentage of their office is assigned to the Deferred Compensation program and what percentage of the Comptroller's budget does the Comptroller spend on running the Deferred Compensation Program. Chief of Staff Schneider responded that the Hoosier START fund funds this program. Representative DeLaney asked if the Comptroller's office had expertise on the retirement system. Chief of Staff Schneider responded that they draw on expertise of their staff and a private company. Chairman Thompson asked the Chief of Staff to confirm the company they use.

Treasurer

Following the presentation by Treasurer Daniel Elliott, Representative Porter asked what the terms were for the Treasurer's investments. Deputy Treasurer Mike Frick responded that the state limits investments to a max of 5-year terms for maturity. Representative Porter asked if the Treasurer had a report on what investments the Treasurer makes. Deputy Treasurer Frick stated that the Treasurer could provide a snapshot at any point in time of what investments are being made. Representative Porter stated that the Committee would want to see a snapshot of current investments made by the Treasurer. Senator Qaddoura stated that the Treasurer is asking for a \$10,000,000 increase in their Indiana Education Scholarship fund, and he asked how many students are receiving the scholarships from the fund. The Treasurer responded that 837 students receive scholarships and there is currently a waitlist. Senator Qaddoura stated that there are high administrative costs associated with the scholarship program, and the Treasurer responded that those costs are necessary to keep the program running efficiently through the Treasurer's office. Representative DeLaney asked how students come to the Treasurer's office for the scholarship program and the Treasurer stated that schools partner with the Treasurer's office and send eligible students. Representative DeLaney asked how many employees they added for the ESA program. Treasurer Elliott responded that they have managed the ESA and CSA programs with fewer employees than when he started. Senator Garten stated that the Trust Indiana numbers show an overseas Chinese banking organization. The Treasurer responded that they would provide the details to the Committee.

Secretary of State

Following the presentation by Mr. Jerry Bonnet, Representative DeLaney asked if there were 500,000 people registered to vote in Indiana that were not Indiana residents. Mr. Bonnet said there were not, but there were people registered to vote in the last year that did not have the right credentials and

identification. Representative DeLaney asked how those registration forms got through the registration system. Mr. Bonnet responded that there were numerous ways to register and send in registration, so there is a possibility that incomplete registration forms were sent in. Representative DeLaney asked what happened on election day if people who sent in an incomplete registration tried to vote. Mr. Bonnet stated that no one is turned away on election day, and instead they can vote a provisional ballot. Representative DeLaney asked if there would be a follow up as to concerns with 500,000 ineligible voters or nonresidents on Indiana voter rolls. Mr. Bonnet stated that the Secretary of State is looking at options for releasing this information.

Commission for Higher Education

Following the presentation, Senator Garten asked if the ranking for state support for FTE included capital funding. Mr. Seth Hinshaw responded that the ranking does not include capital funding because typically states fund capital expenses with property tax dollars, unlike Indiana, so it is not a clean comparison. Senator Garten stated that CHE is still focused on enrollment and not completion, and he asked if lower income students have a lower completion rate. Mr. Hinshaw responded that scholarship-funded students complete at a higher rate. Senator Garten asked why CHE would not focus more on completion rate for scholarship-funded students since taxpayers have a stake in that investment. Senator Garten asked CHE if the State funds out of state students at a higher percentage than in state students. Mr. Hinshaw stated that the graduate retention metric is the only metric that focuses on the retention of out of state students. Representative Porter asked what efforts CHE will make to improve completion rates for 21st Century Scholars. Mr. Chris Lowery responded that numerous efforts have been made, including career coaching and work-based learning experiences that would not have been available to underprivileged students otherwise. Representative Porter stated that there was a potential program proposed by the Supreme Court focused on increasing law student enrollment in Indiana. Commissioner Lowery responded that CHE could provide their notes on conversations they have had but that CHE has no further information. Representative DeLaney stated that the State is ranked eighth in attracting out of state students, and CHE needs to work on driving enrollment across the state. Senator Qaddoura stated that he has heard University Presidents across the State talk about driving up enrollment, but that CHE did not include those statistics in the presentation.

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Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Chairman Thompson introduced the agenda.

Ivy Tech Community College

Following the presentation by Dr. Sue Ellspermann, Senator Qaddoura stated that 54% of Indiana students will never get a bachelor's degree and asked what Ivy Tech is doing to decrease that number. Dr. Ellspermann responded stating that Ivy Tech tuition is \$5,000 and often, through Pell, students receive money back and 84% of Ivy Tech students graduate with no debt. Senator Qaddoura asked how their budget request will help outreach with Indiana students. Dr. Ellspermann stated that Ivy Tech wants to focus on providing even more opportunities to students at a low cost to increase enrollment across the State. Representative Porter asked how many ASNs go on to be BSNs through the Ivy Tech Nursing program, and Dr. Ellspermann responded that most go on to be BSNs. Representative Porter asked if a breakdown of demographics for the nursing program could be provided.

Indiana University

Following the presentation by President Pamela Whitten, Senator Qaddoura stated that he would like to see more data on attracting more in-state students to drive up enrollment across the State. President Whitten stated that opportunities exist in keeping exceptional students at Indiana University and not losing students to out-of-state institutions. Senator Qaddoura asked about completion rate and enrollment, and President Whitten stated that the President's office will provide those statistics. Senator Qaddoura stated that there have been recent concerns with the reputation of Indiana University regarding leadership decisions and he stated that he has concerns about outside pressure in decision making at Indiana University. President Whitten responded that the safety of campus was the top priority in her decision-making and that the Bloomington campus had systemic issues with policies enforced on campus. President Whitten reiterated that her strategy was keeping all students and campus as safe as possible. Representative DeLaney reiterated his concerns with traditions on campus and the President's decision regarding campus protests. Representative Porter asked about the split between the main Bloomington campus and regional campuses. President Whitten responded that the University has a new commitment to regional campuses and there has been a focus on stabilizing regional campus budgets. Representative Porter stated that, according to CHE, only one capital project would be allowed per institution. President Whitten responded that Phase II of the Science Learning building in Bloomington was the primary focus of the University. Senator Garten stated that President Whitten focused on cutting down the Indiana University budget where necessary and he commended her performance as President.

Purdue University

Following the presentation by President Mung Chiang, Representative DeLaney asked what Purdue is doing to get more Hoosiers to enroll at Purdue. President Chiang responded that 27% of students across the country are interested in a four-year university, and Purdue has been able to increase enrollment across the board. President Chiang mentioned the Purdue Promise focused on in-state students and Purdue Poly-Technic High Schools across the state. Representative DeLaney noted that budget requests for some regional campuses have not changed. President Chiang responded that Purdue has stopped the bleeding of students from regional campuses, but there is room to increase enrollment on those campuses. Senator Qaddoura asked what the University is doing to ensure the same reputational strength exists at all Purdue campuses. President Chiang responded that Purdue admissions rate is almost 100% and they accomplished that by referring nearly all students to a regional campus if they cannot receive admission on the main campus. President Chiang also noted the importance of local outreach and specialty programs at regional campuses.

Ball State University

Following the presentation by President Geoffrey Mearns, Representative DeLaney asked what Ball State's capacity is and if they can increase enrollment without lowering qualifications. President Mearns responded that the University could do that. Representative DeLaney asked how many students Ball State University could add to enrollment each year. President Mearns responded that the University could add up to 3,700 students in each Freshmen class. Representative DeLaney asked how enrollment has been in the education program. President Mearns responded that enrollment at the Teacher's College has remained steady but needs to grow. Senator Garten asked how Ball State is focused on starting salaries for students once they graduate. President Mearns responded that Ball State focuses on ensuring students have the career capacity to pay for student debt they take on. Senator Garten noted that Ball State has one of the highest in state tuition rates in Indiana, and President Mearns reiterated that the net price of attendance is appropriate for the programs offered at Ball State. Representative DeLaney asked how the tuition increases compare to the cost-of-living increases. President Mearns responded that tuition rates grow within the same range as cost-of-living.


University of Southern Indiana

Following the presentation by President Steven Bridges, Representative Porter asked where students are coming from. President Bridges responded that students come from across the state and that contributes to a high retention rate.

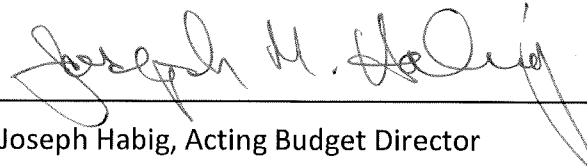
Indiana State University

Following the presentation by President Mike Godard, Senator Qaddoura stated that the fact that over 50% of Indiana students will not get a bachelor's degree combined with the difficulty of the higher education process makes enrollment targets even harder to hit for institutions like Indiana State University. There were no further questions. The meeting was adjourned.

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Representative Jeff Thompson, Chairman



Joseph Habig, Acting Budget Director