

2025 SESSION DIGEST OF ENACTMENTS

Comprising All Public Laws through the 124th Indiana General Assembly, First Regular Session (2025). (Updated 5/12/2025.)

DIGEST OF HB 1001 (Updated April 25, 2025 1:24 am - DI 125)

State budget. Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Provides that the annual salary of the members of the general assembly shall not be increased during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. Extends the review, analysis, and evaluation of tax incentives by the legislative services agency through 2030. Requires the legislative services agency to perform a fiscal impact analysis for each executive order issued by the governor under the emergency management and disaster law. Requires state officials to report to the budget committee expenses and funding used for trips taken in their official capacity. Provides that if the budget director determines at any time that a state agency can perform the agency's statutory obligations with less than the amount appropriated, the budget director shall, with the approval of the governor, and after notice to the state agency, reduce the amount or amounts allotted or to be allotted. Requires the budget director to withhold not less than 5% of any appropriation to a state agency to be used for salaries or other wages for state agency employees or general operating expenses of the state agency. Repeals the governor's workforce cabinet. Makes conforming changes. Requires the department of natural resources (not the Indiana department of veterans' affairs under current law) to provide staff support to the Indiana semiquincentennial commission and repeals provisions requiring certain meetings and events of the commission to be held at the World War Memorial in Indianapolis. Removes a requirement to include certain services in a lease between the Indiana department of administration and the Indiana historical society for use of a building. Makes an appropriation from the Pokagon Band Tribal-state compact fund to the Midwest continental divide commission fund. Establishes the Indiana local government investment pool board for the purpose of establishing policies governing the investment of funds contributed to the local government investment pool. Removes political affiliation requirements that apply to members appointed by the governor to the board for depositories. Allows the Indiana finance authority to begin a project related to the Learning and Training Center in Boone County beginning July 1, 2027 if certain conditions are met. Provides that a price preference for certain businesses applies to any proposal, contract, project, or agreement of the Indiana department of transportation, including state highway contracts, to the extent that the bid does not exceed the estimated cost of the project. Provides that the Indiana department of administration has sole control and jurisdiction over the policies governing and the usage of the Beth Bowen Meditation Room in the state capitol building. Exempts the Indiana board of tax review from requirements concerning live transmissions of meetings. Removes the statewide innovation development district fund as a funding source for an agreement between the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) and a taxpayer to receive payment in lieu of claiming an economic development for a growing economy tax credit. Amends the cap on the aggregate amount of tax credits the IEDC may certify each year. Requires the department of state revenue to establish an amnesty program for taxpayers who have an unpaid tax liability for a listed tax that was due and payable before January 1, 2023. Increases the cigarette tax by \$2 per pack on cigarettes weighing not more than three pounds per 1,000 and by a proportionate amount on cigarettes weighing more than three pounds per 1,000. Increases the

tax rate imposed on the sale of closed system cartridges, open system electronic cigarettes, moist snuff, alternative tobacco products, other tobacco products, and cigars. Specifies penalties for the underpayment of certain estimated taxes for pass through entities. Increases the amount of the public utility fee from 0.15% to 0.175% of the public utility's annual gross intrastate operating revenue and transfers the public utility fee revenue and certain payments to the state general fund (not the public utility fund under current law). Requires termination of the compact related to the establishment of the Chicago-Gary Regional Airport Authority. Requires that the salary matrix for state police, capitol police officers, and department of natural resources law enforcement officers be adjusted each time an adjustment is made to a pay plan for state employees in the executive branch. Adds purposes related to the Stop the Bleed program and the purchase of bleeding control kits to the allowable purposes for which a secured school fund matching grant may be used. Provides that a managed care organization that participates in the risk based managed care program that fails to pay a claim submitted by a nursing facility provider within a specified period shall pay a penalty of \$500 per calendar day per claim. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) to determine rebate eligibility for outpatient prescription drugs prescribed to Medicaid recipients from certain entities. Adds a member from the mental health Medicaid quality advisory committee to the therapeutics committee. Removes the prohibition on prior authorization for mental health drugs. Allows the office of the secretary to establish a prior authorization program. Specifies provider payment requirements that apply to any managed care organization that participates in the risk based managed care program. Establishes the health care engineering fund for the purpose of funding plan reviews for certain health facilities. Imposes a fee for each plan review, which is deposited in the fund. Repeals the provisions requiring the office of the secretary of family and social services to transfer \$38,000,000 each year to the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County. Makes certain eligibility changes for the On My Way Pre-k program and the CCDF program. Adds therapeutic ibogaine research to the research that is currently funded under the therapeutic psilocybin research fund. Provides that a community mental health center that provides compensation to any individual employee in an amount that is \$400,000 or more per year is not eligible to receive funding from local property taxes or state programs or grants, but excluding the Medicaid program. Requires the department of natural resources to provide free admission to state parks to a Gold Star family member. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to update the Gold Star family member license plate form. Provides that funding to a local board of health from the local public health fund may only be used for Indiana residents who are legal citizens of the United States. Extends the sunset of the collection of health facility quality assessment fees from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027. Specifies that a company that seeks to construct, operate, and maintain a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline in Indiana must apply to the department of natural resources (DNR) for a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline certificate of authority (certificate). Amends provisions in existing law that provide an exemption from the requirement to obtain a certificate under certain circumstances to specify that the exemption does not apply in circumstances in which the proposed pipeline crosses a parcel for which the pipeline company would be required to obtain a right-of-way or easement for the pipeline. Establishes the carbon sequestration project program administrative fund (fund) for the purpose of defraying the administrative costs of the DNR in managing and operating the carbon sequestration project program (program). Requires the DNR to deposit the following in the fund (instead of in the state general fund, under current law): (1) Filing fees for applications for carbon dioxide transmission

pipeline certificates of authority. (2) Filing fees for applications for permits for carbon sequestration projects. (3) The fee paid by a storage operator based on the amount of carbon dioxide injected into a storage facility. (4) The cash bond and permit fee required to be paid by a person that applies for a permit for drilling, converting, or operating a nonproduction well for use in carbon dioxide investigations. Requires the DNR to deposit certain fees and penalties in the carbon dioxide storage facility trust fund (instead of in the state general fund, under current law): Amends the Indiana Code section requiring the payment of a fee that is based on the amount of carbon dioxide injected into a storage facility by a storage operator, to provide that the fee is to be: (1) paid annually (instead of one time after the storage operator begins injecting carbon dioxide into the storage facility); and (2) based on the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide injected into the storage facility during the immediately preceding calendar year (instead of based on the metric tons of carbon dioxide proposed to be injected during the first 10 years of the carbon sequestration project). Requires the secretary of education to provide a report and recommendation to the general assembly concerning aligning state funding for dual credit and the advanced placement program with the new high school diploma and expanding access to dual credit course work to all Indiana students. Prohibits a school employer from bargaining collectively with the exclusive school employee representative regarding contract costs for curricular materials. Establishes a teacher appreciation grant program to provide grants to school corporations and charter schools to attract, reward, and retain teachers who significantly impact student outcomes. Repeals the chapter establishing the curricular materials fund and certain provisions related to procedures for reimbursement of costs of providing curricular materials. Removes the annual income maximum for choice scholarship eligibility beginning June 29, 2026. Specifies the maximum tuition or fee amount that may be charged to enroll a career scholarship student enrolled in the career scholarship account (CSA) program, or an approved intermediary acting on behalf of a career scholarship student, in a career and technical education program, course, or class. Changes the administration of the education scholarship program and the CSA program from the treasurer of state to the department of education, and in certain instances, the responsibilities related to the CSA program from the commission for higher education to the department. Requires the state board of education to meet at least one time per year (instead of one time per month). Requires the commission for higher education to annually prepare and submit to the legislative council and to the budget committee a report that examines the utilization of physical facilities for instruction at each state educational institution. Amends the membership appointments and requirements for the board of trustees of Indiana University. Requires a state educational institution (institution) to plan and conduct degree program reviews. Provides that if: (1) the average number of students graduating in a degree program is below a certain threshold; and (2) the institution would like to continue the degree program; the institution must request approval from the commission. Requires the board of trustees of each institution to establish a post tenure review process for tenured faculty that measures productivity and a review process regarding department level promotions and tenure expectations. Requires a faculty member to post syllabi on an institution's website. Provides that: (1) certain faculty governance organization meetings must be open to the public; (2) faculty governance organization actions are advisory only; and (3) members of faculty governance organizations must be employees of the institution to vote. Repeals provisions regarding the election of members to the board of trustees of Indiana University by the alumni of Indiana University. Repeals the nonreverting provisions for the higher education award fund and the freedom of

choice grant fund. Authorizes the department of child services to enter into a written agreement with the department of state revenue to transfer the administration of the child support bureau to the department of state revenue. Requires a clerk to collect a small claims service fee of \$26 in each action filed in a Marion County small claims court. Establishes the small claims fund. Requires the court to distribute certain fees to the county auditor for distribution to the small claims fund. Provides that the fees in the small claims fund are to be distributed equally among the townships and the fees must fund the operation of the small claims court located within the township. Amends provisions concerning the designation of an innovation development district (district) to add certain qualification requirements. Provides for the determination of the: (1) base assessed value; (2) gross retail base period amount; and (3) income tax base period amount; in a district. Requires the executive of a city, county, or town, or, if applicable, executives, and the IEDC to enter into an agreement establishing the terms and conditions governing any district (instead of only certain districts). Repeals the statewide innovation development district fund. Establishes the economic development reserve account. Increases the maximum amount of covered taxes that may be captured in the Evansville professional sports and convention development area (PSCD) from \$10 per resident to \$2,000,000 and expands the PSCD area. Provides that unexpended and unencumbered amounts appropriated from the federal economic stimulus fund in P.L.165-2021 do not revert to the state general fund. Requires the state comptroller to transfer: (1) \$15,000,000 from the addiction services fund; and (2) \$25,000,000 from the department of insurance fund; to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund on July 1, 2025. Requires the budget agency to transfer to the state general fund the balance in the freedom of choice grant fund (IC 21-12-4-5) and the higher education award fund (IC 21-12-3-19) that is not needed for the payment of scholarship awards in the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Requires the office of management and budget to submit a report to the budget committee with options for reforming: (1) a certain funding model in the Indiana office of technology; and (2) the management performance hub. Requires the northwest Indiana regional development authority to transfer certain money received from wagering revenues to the northern Indiana commuter transportation district for operation and maintenance costs of the South Shore line that are attributable to the operations of the part of the South Shore line located in Lake County. Provides that: (1) an appropriation to the legislative council and the legislative services agency for a state fiscal year ending before July 1, 2027, reverts to the state general fund as directed by the personnel subcommittee of the legislative council; and (2) an employee in an entity in the legislative or judicial branch of state government is eligible to participate in a pilot program for converting unused excess accrued leave to a monetary contribution for the employee in the employee's 401(a) matching account with Hoosier START. Changes the effective dates of the provisions of HEA 1601-2025 to January 1, 2026. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee during the 2025 legislative interim the task of studying the impact of removing caseload limitations for the department of child services. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1002 (Updated April 24, 2025 8:42 pm - DI 110)

Various education matters. Removes and repeals various education provisions and expired education provisions, including provisions concerning the following: (1) Secretary of education criteria. (2) Certain department of education (department) requirements. (3) The advisory

committee on career and technical education. (4) Use of hearing examiners by the state board of education (state board). (5) Credit for retaking a virtual course during certain time periods. (6) Children's social, emotional, and behavioral health plans. (7) Family friendly school designations. (8) The Indiana civic education commission. (9) Discretionary directives to the department. (10) The program for the advancement of math and science. (11) Access to telecommunication services. (12) Elementary school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists program and fund. (13) Grants for mental health counselor licenses for school counselors. (14) The arts education program. (15) The geothermal conversion revolving fund. (16) Clause requirements for certain charter school organizer documents. (17) Required acknowledgment by a current authorizer regarding a proposal by an existing charter school to another authorizer. (18) Requirements regarding a governing body of a school corporation (governing body) providing a noncharter school. (19) Charter requirements, including minimum year and annual performance target requirements. (20) Certain notice requirements from an authorizer to an organizer that is not in compliance. (21) Indiana school for the arts. (22) Allowing the board of trustees of Vincennes University to establish a grammar school. (23) Designation of certain committees by a governing body. (24) Governing body use of funds for associations. (25) Developing and reviewing evidence based plans with parents for improving student behavior and discipline. (26) Township trustees and the sale of schoolhouses. (27) School health advisory councils and adoption of a school corporation policy on child nutrition and physical activity. (28) Certain agreement requirements regarding joint programs. (29) Certain requirements regarding the transfer of a student to another school. (30) Freeway school corporation and freeway school program. (31) Policies, programs, and reports regarding criminal organization activity. (32) Transportation program discretion. (33) Recommendations regarding certain powers and duties of the department. (34) Culturally responsive methods. (35) Certain training and professional development requirements. (36) Certain teacher leave requirements. (37) Ineligibility for state funds for adopting residence requirements. (38) Certain compensation included in computing a teacher's retirement benefit. (39) Penalty for failing to comply with working schedule requirements. (40) Discretionary modification of graduation plan. (41) Required course on safety education. (42) Compilation of leaflets regarding hygiene, sanitary science, and disease prevention. (43) Making a violation regarding teaching certain disease information an infraction. (44) Certain elective courses and teachings. (45) Voluntary summer school program and joint summer school program requirements. (46) Technology preparation curriculum. (47) Community or volunteer service programs. (48) Nonsession school activities. (49) Requirements regarding Indiana academic standards. (50) Strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plans. (51) Cultural competency. (52) Student educational achievement grants. (53) Remediation grant program. (54) Postsecondary workforce training program remediation reduction. (55) Requirement to provide an enrollment form for the twenty-first century scholars program to certain students. (56) Governor's scholars academy. (57) Seminary township school fund. (58) Dual credit teacher stipend matching grant fund. (59) Student enrichment grants. (60) The study of ethnic and racial groups as a semester elective course. (61) Requirements regarding proposed charter school economic interest statements. (62) Certain charter requirements for adult high schools. (63) Required policies on contacting employment references. (64) Certain requirements concerning staff performance evaluations. (65) Authorizer responsibility for charter school compliance with applicable legal standards. (66) Certain nondiscrimination provisions regarding students who transfer from charter schools to

public noncharter schools. Merges and amends provisions regarding fund distribution upon the termination of a charter and the cessation of a charter school. Amends the age eligibility for a member of a governing body. Amends the time period by which a governing body must organize by electing officers. Establishes information that must be included in a consolidated audit by an organizer. Provides adult high schools are excluded from all cohort based graduation rate calculations except to the extent required under federal law. Amends the termination and notice requirements with regard to terminating a transportation program. Relocates and amends a provision regarding classroom instruction curriculum in teacher preparation programs. Provides that the secretary of education (instead of the governor) shall appoint the director of special education. Amends required frequency of child abuse and neglect training. Requires the department to make a list of best practices and guidelines regarding classroom behavioral management strategies and a list of best practices to reduce student discipline. Permits the governing body of a school corporation or an organizer of a charter school to assess and collect a reasonable fee for certain supplies and materials. Amends certain financial statement filing requirements regarding school trusts to pool assets for insurance coverage. Repeals a provision regarding requiring certain CSA participating entities to provide evidence of certain unencumbered assets. Makes technical and conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1003 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:07 pm - DI 141)

Health matters. Specifies that the Medicaid fraud control unit's (MFCU) investigation of Medicaid fraud may include the investigation of provider fraud, insurer fraud, duplicate billing, and other instances of fraud. Permits the attorney general to enter into a data sharing agreement with specified state agencies and authorizes the MFCU to analyze this data to carry out its investigative duties. Provides that all complaints made to the MFCU are confidential until an action is filed concerning the complaint. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to establish: (1) metrics to assess the quality of care and patient outcomes; and (2) transparency and accountability safeguards; for a specified long term care risk based managed care program. Requires, not later than July 31, 2026, a clinical laboratory and diagnostic imaging facility to post certain pricing information for services determined by the department of insurance. Allows: (1) a manufacturer to provide; and (2) a patient to receive; individualized investigational treatment if certain conditions are met. Requires an Indiana nonprofit hospital system to report a list of facilities that may submit a bill on an institutional provider form and report the facility code for each facility. Adds provisions concerning payments by insurers, health maintenance organizations, employers, and other responsible persons to qualified providers that are providing services in an office setting. Requires good faith estimates for health care services to be provided at least two business days (rather than five business days) before the health care services are scheduled to be provided. Removes language concerning the disclosure of a trade secret from provisions that allow for a health plan sponsor to access and audit claims data. Provides that when a health carrier is in the process of negotiating a health provider contract with a health provider facility or provider, the health carrier must provide certain information to the health provider facility or provider. Prohibits certain provisions from being included in a health provider contract. Allows the department of insurance to: (1) enter into partnerships and joint ventures to encourage best practices in the appropriate and effective use of prior authorization in health care; and (2) receive information regarding prior authorization disputes. Requires the

department of insurance to prepare a report with findings and recommendations related to the prior authorization dispute information. Requires, not later than September 1, 2025, the department of insurance to issue a request for information concerning ways to better enable medical consumers to compare and shop for medical and health care services. Provides that an insurer or a health maintenance organization may not deny a claim for reimbursement on the sole basis that the referring provider is an out of network provider. Requires, if a fully credentialed physician becomes employed with another employer or establishes or relocates a medical practice in Indiana, an insurer and health maintenance organization to provisionally credential the physician for 60 days or until the physician is fully credentialed, whichever is earlier. Requires the Indiana department of health, in consultation with the office of technology, to study the feasibility of developing certain standards regarding medical records and data.

DIGEST OF HB 1004 (Updated April 24, 2025 8:24 pm - DI 104)

Health care matters. Establishes: (1) a state directed payment program (program) for hospitals; and (2) a managed care assessment fee. Changes disproportionate share payments when a state directed payment program is in effect. Allows the incremental hospital fee fund to be used to fund the Medicaid program. Requires a nonprofit hospital system to submit audited financial statements. Provides for a \$10,000 per day penalty for failure to submit the hospital's financial statements. Requires the office of management and budget (office) to: (1) develop a methodology to be used in conducting a study of commercial inpatient hospital prices and outpatient hospital prices; and (2) upon budget committee review, conduct the study to determine Indiana's statewide average inpatient and outpatient hospital prices. Requires the office to submit a report of the study to the governor and general assembly. Before June 30, 2029, requires an Indiana nonprofit hospital system's aggregate average inpatient and outpatient hospital prices to at least be equal to or less than the statewide average. States that a violation by the Indiana nonprofit hospital system results in a forfeiture of its nonprofit status. Requires, before October 1 of each year, every nonprofit hospital to provide the Indiana department of health with specified federally filed forms and specified data used to complete the forms. Requires the Indiana department of health to submit these forms to the health care cost oversight task force and impose a fine of \$10,000 per day on a nonprofit hospital for failure to submit the nonprofit hospital's forms. Provides an exemption from health care billing requirements for a facility located in a specified populated municipality. Requires a third party administrator to disclose commissions and fees to policyholders in a separate notification. Requires an insurer and a health maintenance organization to submit specified data information to the all payer claims data base. Requires an insurance producer or third party administrator to, before or at the time of sale, provide the plan sponsor with a statement from the insurer or health maintenance organization, disclosing commissions and fees that the insurance producer or third party administrator will receive. Changes the time frame in which certain information and claims data must be submitted to a contract holder as part of an audit or claims data request. Sets requirements for certain hospitals concerning a direct to employer health care arrangement. Beginning January 1, 2026, requires a state employee health plan, a policy of accident and sickness insurance, and a health maintenance organization contract to provide a plan sponsor with the national average drug acquisition cost of a generic drug. States that if an agreement between a health plan and a pharmacy benefit manager provides that less than 85% of the estimated rebates will be deducted from the cost of

prescription drugs before a covered individual's cost sharing requirement is determined, the pharmacy benefit manager must provide the policyholder with an annual notice that includes: (1) an explanation of what a rebate is; (2) an explanation of how rebates accrue to the health plan from the manufacturer; and (3) the aggregate amount of rebates that accrued to the health plan for prescription drugs dispensed under the policyholder's health plan for the previous year. Places limitations on hospital health provider contracts linking to or negotiating reimbursement or terms under a separate hospital health care provider contract or product. Requires the office to: (1) study the effect, including the fiscal impact, of requiring physician reimbursement rates under a commercial policy to be set at a minimum reimbursement rate; and (2) report its findings under the study. Requires certain health carriers to provide claims data to a contract holder not more than four times per year (current law allows for the provision of the data twice annually). Requires certain insurers and health maintenance organizations to file specified information concerning changes in hospital reimbursement to the department of insurance.

DIGEST OF HB 1005 (Updated April 1, 2025 2:48 pm - DI 140)

Housing and building matters. Requires (rather than allows) a city, town, or county (unit) that requires a building permit for construction of a Class 2 structure to allow the inspection to be provided by private providers in addition to the unit's inspectors. Provides that a "home inspector" or a unit employee may not act as a private provider. Provides that if an applicant uses a private provider because the unit is unable to timely perform a plan review, the unit: (1) must refund the applicant for any plan review fees; and (2) may charge a convenience fee of not more than \$100. Provides that a unit: (1) may not require a registered architect or engineer to prepare construction documents for a Class 2 structure when constructed in accordance with the building code; and (2) may require a registered architect or engineer to prepare construction documents as proof of equivalence of alternative materials, appliances, equipment, or method of design or construction. If required by the unit, creates deadlines for the following: (1) Issuance of building permits. (2) Performance of plan reviews. (3) Performance of inspections. (4) Submission of construction documents or plans. (5) Issuance of certificates of occupancy or certificates of completion and compliance. Requires the state to give political subdivisions that enact certain land use policies priority in receiving loans from the residential housing infrastructure assistance revolving fund.

DIGEST OF HB 1006 (Updated April 10, 2025 5:49 pm - DI 140)

Prosecutors. Establishes the prosecutor review board and sets forth the duties of the board. Requires that two members appointed to the Indiana commission on court appointed attorneys be trial court judges from counties receiving reimbursement of expenditures for noncapital cases.

DIGEST OF HB 1007 (Updated April 15, 2025 2:09 pm - DI 140)

Energy generation resources. Provides a credit against state tax liability for expenses incurred in the manufacture of a small modular nuclear reactor (SMR) in Indiana. Establishes procedures under which certain energy utilities may request approval for one or more of the following from the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC): (1) An expedited generation resource plan

(EGR plan) to meet customer load growth that exceeds a specified threshold. (2) A generation resource submittal for the acquisition of a specific generation resource in accordance with an approved EGR plan. (3) A project to serve one or more large load customers. Sets forth: (1) the requirements for approval of each of these types of requests; (2) standards for financial assurances by large load customers; and (3) cost recovery mechanisms for certain acquisition costs or project costs incurred by energy utilities. Amends the statute concerning public utilities' annual electric resource planning reports to the IURC to provide that for an annual report submitted after December 31, 2025, a public utility must include information as to the amount of generating resource capacity or energy that the public utility plans to retire or refuel with respect to any electric generation resource of at least 125 megawatts. Provides that for any planned retirement or refueling, the public utility must include, along with other specified information, information as to the public utility's plans with respect to the following: (1) For a retirement, the amount of replacement capacity identified to provide approximately the same accredited capacity within the appropriate regional transmission organization (RTO) as the capacity of the facility to be retired. (2) For a refueling, the extent to which the refueling will maintain or increase the current generating resource accredited capacity or energy that the electric generating facility provides, so as to provide approximately the same accredited capacity within the appropriate RTO. Requires IURC staff to prepare a staff report for each public utility report that includes a planned electric generation resource retirement. Provides that if, after reviewing a public utility's report and any related staff report, the IURC is not satisfied that the public utility can satisfy both its planning reserve margin requirement and the statute's prescribed reliability adequacy metrics, the IURC shall conduct an investigation into the reasons for the public utility's inability to meet these requirements. Provides that if the public utility's report indicates that the public utility plans to retire an electric generating facility within one year of the date of the report, the IURC must conduct such an investigation. Provides that: (1) a public utility may request, not earlier than three years before the planned retirement date of an electric generation facility, that the IURC conduct an investigation into the planned retirement; and (2) if the IURC conducts an investigation at the request of the public utility within that three year period, the IURC may not conduct a subsequent investigation that would otherwise be required under the bill's provisions unless the IURC is not satisfied that the public utility can satisfy both its planning reserve margin requirement and the statutory reliability adequacy metrics as of the time the investigation would otherwise be required. Provides that if a CPCN is granted by the IURC for a facility intended to repower or replace a generation unit that is planned for retirement, and the CPCN includes findings that the project will result in at least equivalent accredited capacity and will provide economic benefit to ratepayers as compared to the continued operation of the generating unit to be retired, the CPCN constitutes approval by the IURC for purposes of an investigation that would otherwise be required. Provides that if, after an investigation, the IURC determines that the capacity resources available to the public utility will not be adequate to allow the public utility to satisfy both its planning reserve margin requirements and the statute's prescribed reliability adequacy metrics, the IURC shall issue an order: (1) directing the public utility to acquire or construct; or (2) prohibiting the retirement or refueling of; such capacity resources that are reasonable and necessary to enable the public utility to meet these requirements. Provides that if the IURC does not issue an order in an investigation within 120 days after the initiation of the investigation, the public utility is considered to be able to satisfy both its planning reserve margin requirement and the statutory reliability adequacy metrics with respect to the retirement of the

facility under investigation. Provides that if the IURC issues an order to prohibit the retirement or refueling of an electric generation resource, the IURC shall create a sub-docket to authorize the public utility to recover in rates the costs of the continued operation of the electric generation resource proposed to be retired or refueled, subject to a finding by the IURC that the continued costs of operation are just and reasonable. Makes a technical change to another Indiana Code section to recognize the redesignation of subsections within the section containing these provisions.

DIGEST OF HB 1008 (Updated April 15, 2025 2:28 pm - DI 140)

Indiana-Illinois boundary adjustment commission. Establishes the Indiana-Illinois boundary adjustment commission, including six members appointed by the governor and five members appointed under Illinois law, to discuss and recommend whether it is advisable to adjust the boundaries between the two states.

DIGEST OF HB 1012 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:10 pm - DI 140)

Notice to owner of the site of an accident. Provides that, on or before July 1, 2026, each law enforcement agency shall adopt and implement protocols for the law enforcement agency to notify a real property owner of: (1) damage to the owner's real property, crops, or a building, structure, or fixture attached to the owner's real property that is reported to a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency; and (2) debris identified by a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency that is left on the owner's real property that could damage farm equipment or other vehicles or property; resulting from a motor vehicle accident.

DIGEST OF HB 1014 (Updated April 24, 2025 11:14 pm - DI 106)

Public safety. Limits the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment to which a defendant is sentenced for misdemeanor convictions arising out of an episode of criminal conduct. Provides that depositing or causing or allowing the deposit of contaminants or solid waste upon land is a Class C misdemeanor in certain circumstances. Makes it a sentencing aggravator that: (1) the person is in the United States unlawfully; or (2) a person distributed a controlled substance to at least three different individuals in a 180 day period. Makes it a sentencing mitigator for certain controlled substance offenses that the person sought and successfully completed treatment for a substance use disorder: (1) in the year before the commission of the offense; or (2) after committing the offense and before sentencing. Provides that a governmental entity may not organize or host an obscene performance or fund an obscene performance using public funds, and authorizes a person to seek injunctive relief as a remedy for a violation. Increases the penalty for resisting law enforcement under certain circumstances. Replaces the term "child pornography" with the term "child sex abuse material" throughout the Indiana Code. Makes certain provisions concerning juvenile court jurisdiction retroactive. Specifies that a facility having custody of a person arrested for certain crimes may not release the person on bail for at least 24 hours. Permits virtual bail hearings. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1016 (Updated March 20, 2025 2:41 pm - DI 140)

School safety commission. Provides for the appointment of a fire chief, or the fire chief's designee, to a county school safety commission.

DIGEST OF HB 1024 (Updated April 10, 2025 5:53 pm - DI 140)

Medicaid reimbursement for children's hospitals. Extends the expiration date of language specifying Medicaid reimbursement for certain out-of-state children's hospitals from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2027.

DIGEST OF HB 1031 (Updated April 1, 2025 2:49 pm - DI 140)

Dental matters. Specifies the persons that may file an action to obtain an injunction against an individual practicing dentistry without a license and the action that is required or allowed to be included in an injunction. Specifies information that a dentist who maintains a dental office must submit to the state board of dentistry. States that language concerning the administration of dental anesthetics may not be construed to prohibit a physician from practicing in a dental office. Allows a dentist to delegate the authority to take x-ray images to a dental assistant working in certain correctional facilities without direct supervision as long as the dentist is available to supervise the dental assistant remotely. Removes certain language regarding the regulation of dentists.

DIGEST OF HB 1033 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:11 pm - DI 140)

Retainage requirements. Changes the maximum amount of retainage for certain state and local public works projects from: (1) 10% to 6% of the dollar value of all work satisfactorily completed until the public work is 50% complete; and (2) 5% to 3% of the dollar value of all work satisfactorily completed until the public work is substantially complete. Removes the requirement of a minimum amount of retainage for certain state and local public works projects.

DIGEST OF HB 1037 (Updated April 15, 2025 2:59 pm - DI 140)

Storm water management. Provides that a unit does not have the power to adopt a law, rule, ordinance, or regulation that is more stringent than or exceeds in any manner the requirements of the department of environmental management's (IDEM) construction stormwater general permit (CSGP). Provides that if a law, rule, ordinance, or regulation is more stringent than or exceeds the CSGP, then: (1) the law, rule, ordinance, or regulation is void; and (2) the unit must continue to discharge its duties under IDEM's CSGP program. Provides that a unit or IDEM may under certain circumstances: (1) issue a written warning to a person engaging in land disturbing activities; and (2) issue a stop work order for the site. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1041 (Updated April 3, 2025 3:10 pm - DI 140)

Student eligibility in interscholastic sports. Requires, for purposes of interscholastic athletic

events, state educational institutions and certain private postsecondary educational institutions to expressly designate an athletic team or sport as one of the following: (1) A male, men's, or boys' team or sport. (2) A female, women's, or girls' team or sport. (3) A coeducational or mixed team or sport. Prohibits a male, based on the student's biological sex at birth in accordance with the student's genetics and reproductive biology, from participating on an athletic team or sport designated as being a female, women's, or girls' athletic team or sport. Requires state educational institutions and certain private postsecondary educational institutions to establish grievance procedures for a violation of these provisions. Establishes a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Provides that state educational institutions and certain private postsecondary educational institutions are not subject to liability in a civil, administrative, disciplinary, or criminal action for acting in compliance with these provisions.

DIGEST OF HB 1050 (Updated March 11, 2025 1:54 pm - DI 140)

Technical corrections. Addresses technical issues in the Indiana Code, including those related to spelling, tabulation, formatting, grammar, and cross-references. Resolves technical conflicts from the 2024 legislative session. Makes conforming amendments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision committee.)

DIGEST OF HB 1051 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:29 pm - DI 140)

Mobile integration healthcare grants. Provides that the following are eligible for a mobile integration healthcare grant: (1) an emergency medical services provider agency that is operated by a county; (2) an emergency medical services provider organization; and (3) a hospital; if certain conditions are met.

DIGEST OF HB 1052 (Updated April 1, 2025 2:52 pm - DI 140)

Onsite sewage systems. Requires the Indiana department of health (state department) or the executive board of the state department to adopt, revise, update, or repeal rules concerning residential and nonresidential onsite sewage systems. Alters who may vote on the technical review panel, the process to resolve a tie vote, and when the panel may meet. Provides that the technical review panel may not approve an ordinance concerning residential onsite sewage systems unless certain conditions are met. Voids certain ordinances. Provides that certain updates to rules concerning residential and nonresidential onsite sewage systems are subject to standard rulemaking procedures.

DIGEST OF HB 1053 (Updated April 22, 2025 11:44 am - DI 107)

Gaming and alcohol matters. Specifies that the horse racing commission (IHRC) may adopt rules that incorporate by reference the most current version of the: (1) model rules; and (2) model rules concerning foreign substances; adopted by the Association of Racing Commissioners International. Provides that, after June 30, 2025, the governor shall appoint the director of the IHRC and the director of the IHRC shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Removes the requirement that the IHRC appoint an assistant director and provides that the director shall hire

an assistant director. Provides that a contracted steward or judge is considered an employee of the IHRC for the purpose of receiving representation by the attorney general in certain suits. Changes references to the horse racing tracks. Provides that judges and stewards may suspend a license for not more than three years on behalf of the IHRC. (Current law allows judges and stewards to suspend a license for not more than one year on behalf of the IHRC.) Provides that the suspension of a license or the imposition of certain civil penalties must occur within 365 days (instead of 180 days) after the date of the violation. Provides that the Indiana gaming commission (commission) shall require an occupational license applicant and occupational licensee to submit fingerprints for review by the state police department (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): (1) for a criminal history record check; and (2) in the form and manner required by the department and the FBI. Requires the department to provide the results of each requested criminal history record check to the commission. Allows the department to charge a fee for a criminal history record check and requires the commission to pay the fee from money received from fees collected from occupational license applicants or licensees. Provides a list of the individuals required to hold an occupational license. Provides that a horse's veterinary medical records and medical condition must be furnished within five business days without written client authorization to the IHRC as part of an investigation in which a horse under the care, control, or ownership of a licensee has been treated by a veterinarian. Provides that the state lottery commission shall not operate or authorize the operation of a lottery courier service. Requires the state lottery commission to adopt rules regarding the bulk purchase of lottery products. Allows a wine dealer that is not a package liquor store to deliver wine to a customer's residence or office. Provides three-way permits, subject to certain conditions, to the city of Warsaw and the town of Syracuse. Increases the number of gallons of liquor an artisan distiller may produce in a calendar year from 20,000 gallons to 30,000 gallons. Allows the holder of an artisan distiller's permit to manufacture liquor for another holder of an artisan distiller's permit if certain conditions are met. Provides that a municipality may not require a designated permittee or vendor within a designated refreshment area to purchase containers for alcoholic beverages from a certain vendor.

DIGEST OF HB 1056 (Updated March 11, 2025 1:54 pm - DI 140)

Controlled substances. Adds additional substances to the list of controlled substances.

DIGEST OF HB 1064 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:33 pm - DI 140)

School transfers. Removes language prohibiting certain students from enrolling into a school corporation primarily for athletic reasons.

DIGEST OF HB 1065 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:16 pm - DI 140)

Cancer clinical trial program. Allows an organization or entity to establish and administer a cancer clinical trial participation program for the purpose of providing payments to a participant for certain costs incurred by the participant while participating in a cancer clinical trial. Sets forth program requirements and participant eligibility.

DIGEST OF HB 1073 (Updated April 1, 2025 2:56 pm - DI 140)

Boxing and martial arts. Provides that the Indiana gaming commission shall (instead of may) adopt rules to regulate the conduct of mixed martial arts, martial arts, professional wrestling, boxing and bare-knuckle fighting, and sparring. Incorporates by reference the most recent version of any of the unified rules (unified rules) adopted by the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports. Provides that the unified rules apply only to the regulation of certain conduct.

DIGEST OF HB 1079 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:10 pm - DI 140)

Property matters. Provides that if a tenant does not claim the tenant's property within 45 days after receiving a certain notice, a warehouseman or storage facility may sell the tenant's property (current law requires a warehouseman or storage facility to wait 90 days).

DIGEST OF HB 1081 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:42 am - DI 154)

Distributions to charitable beneficiaries. Provides that an applicant for a certificate of death has a direct interest in a certificate of death if the applicant is a beneficiary of the deceased's individual retirement account, retirement account, brokerage transfer on death account, annuity, or life insurance policy. Provides that if a charitable organization is designated as the beneficiary of an individual retirement account, retirement account, brokerage transfer on death account, annuity, or life insurance policy, a financial institution or insurance company in control of the funds must transfer the funds directly to the charitable organization without requiring certain conditions to be satisfied, if the: (1) charitable organization submits a certain affidavit.

DIGEST OF HB 1088 (Updated March 11, 2025 1:54 pm - DI 140)

Various probate matters. Clarifies that a personal representative or the personal representative's agent shall serve a written or electronic copy of the notice of the estate administration on a creditor of the decedent within one month of the notice being published. Requires the personal representative or the personal representative's agent to file and serve a new proposed notice with the clerk of court for a creditor that is served more than one month after the notice is published. Clarifies that a creditor that is served notice more than one month after the notice is published must file a claim against the estate within two months of the date of service of the notice. Provides a template for notice that is served more than one month after the notice is published. Allows a: (1) personal representative of an unsupervised estate; or (2) trustee of a trust; to distribute all or part of a decedent's interest in a retirement plan or retirement account without a court order. Defines a "direct postmortem transfer" as a transfer of an asset to a testamentary trust established in a will admitted to probate that meets certain conditions. Specifies that a direct postmortem transfer is a transfer of an asset or property to a trust established by a will for all purposes of the Social Security Act. Establishes that the effective date of the testamentary trust is the date of the decedent's death. Provides that a power of attorney authority to take certain actions concerning tax matters of the principal does not terminate upon the death of the principal. Specifies that this authority terminates upon the appointment of a personal representative. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the probate code study committee.)

DIGEST OF HB 1095 (Updated March 17, 2025 2:42 pm - DI 140)

Indiana crime guns task force. Provides that the Indiana crime guns task force area may include Lake County. Increases the number of executive board members required for a quorum from five to seven. Specifies that the position for which the chairperson voted prevails in the case of a tie vote as long as that position has received the affirmative votes of at least four members of the executive board. (Current law requires the affirmative votes of at least three members for a tie to be settled in favor of the chairperson's position.)

DIGEST OF HB 1098 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:39 pm - DI 140)

Youth, family, and caregiver engagement initiative. Provides that the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (CISC) must create and provide staff support to a statewide youth, family, and caregiver engagement initiative to carry out certain duties. Adds that CISC must provide staff to the statewide juvenile justice oversight body.

DIGEST OF HB 1099 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:18 pm - DI 140)

Safe haven infants and foster youth. Provides that the maximum age for a safe haven infant is 60 days of age. Repeals the definition of "abandoned child". Amends the definition of "foster youth". Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1102 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:19 pm - DI 140)

Contracting for preschool programs. Removes language restricting school corporations from entering into a contract with a religiously affiliated nonprofit preschool program.

DIGEST OF HB 1103 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:45 pm - DI 140)

Foreign trade offices. Provides that a state agency and the Indiana economic development corporation may not establish an office in a country that is a foreign adversary. Updates cross-references to the federal code regulation's citation concerning foreign adversaries. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1111 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:45 pm - DI 140)

Indiana National Guard. Increases, from \$8,800 to \$20,000, the amount that shall be paid by the state if a member of the Indiana National Guard dies in the active service of the state. Provides that a spouse or dependent of a member of the Indiana National Guard is eligible for a state employee death benefit if the member dies while serving on state active duty. Provides that the adjutant general may procure a medical insurance plan for members of the Indiana National Guard who are ordered to state active duty. Adds awards and decorations that may be awarded by the Indiana National Guard. Provides that members of the Indiana National Guard, while serving on state active duty, shall be considered state employees for purposes of receiving worker's compensation. Provides that a scholarship applicant of the National Guard tuition supplement

program may use the scholarship for a credential-certifying program, licensing program, trade certification program, or apprenticeship program for an in-demand occupation as identified by the adjutant general and the department of workforce development, in consultation with the commission for higher education. Provides that if a scholarship applicant of the National Guard tuition supplement program receives a twenty-first century scholars program scholarship, the scholarship applicant may use a National Guard tuition supplement program scholarship awarded to pay for qualified program and educational expenses approved by the commission for higher education and room and board for two years. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF HB 1113 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:45 pm - DI 140)

Fire protection districts. Provides, in certain circumstances, for the expansion of the purposes for which a fire protection district may be established.

DIGEST OF HB 1114 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:29 pm - DI 140)

Driving without a license. Adds the following criminal offenses for an individual who knowingly or intentionally operates a motor vehicle on a highway and has never received a valid driver's license: (1) A Class A misdemeanor if the operation of the motor vehicle results in bodily injury. (2) A Level 6 felony if the operation of the motor vehicle results in serious bodily injury. (3) A Level 5 felony if the operation of the motor vehicle results in the death or catastrophic injury of another person. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor to: (1) apply for a driver's license or permit with the intent to transfer the license or permit to an individual not entitled to the license or permit; or (2) register or apply for a certificate of title to a motor vehicle with the intent to permit an individual not entitled to a driver's license or permit to operate the vehicle. Increases the penalty to a Level 6 felony if the offense involves at least two individuals or motor vehicles, or if the person uses a business organization or nonprofit organization to commit the offense.

DIGEST OF HB 1115 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:31 pm - DI 140)

Emergency possessory orders. Provides that under certain circumstances a landlord may file a petition for an emergency possessory order. Requires a court to order a tenant to return possession of a dwelling unit to the landlord if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that: (1) a tenant or the tenant's guest has committed a crime that affects the health and safety of another tenant, the landlord, or an agent of the landlord; or (2) a tenant provided materially false information to induce the landlord into leasing or giving possession of the rental unit to the tenant. Provides that nothing in the section concerning filing a petition for an emergency possessory orders shall be construed to interfere with the rights of a tenant who is the victim of certain crimes.

DIGEST OF HB 1118 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:29 pm - DI 140)

Critical incident stress management debriefings. Provides that a first responder recipient of critical incident stress management (CISM) services may not be compelled to testify or otherwise disclose a communication made to a CISM services provider or peer support team member

relating to the first responder recipient's CISM services in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding. Provides that a first responder recipient or the first responder recipient's employer may not be held liable for damages for any act, error, or omission committed by the first responder recipient based on a communication provided between a first responder recipient and CISM team, CISM services provider, or peer support team as part of the CISM services unless the act, error, or omission constitutes wanton, willful, or intentional misconduct.

DIGEST OF HB 1121 (Updated March 10, 2025 1:52 pm - DI 140)

Concurrent juvenile delinquency jurisdiction on military bases. Creates a process for the state to establish concurrent jurisdiction with the United States for certain juvenile delinquency proceedings on Indiana military property.

DIGEST OF HB 1122 (Updated March 11, 2025 2:29 pm - DI 140)

Unlawful encroachment. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to order a person to stop approaching the law enforcement officer if the officer reasonably believes that the person's presence within 25 feet of the officer will interfere with the performance of the officer's duties. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally approaches within 25 feet of a law enforcement officer after being ordered to stop approaching commits unlawful encroachment on a law enforcement officer, a Class C misdemeanor.

DIGEST OF HB 1125 (Updated April 23, 2025 5:22 pm - DI 154)

Earned wage access services. Provides that under certain circumstances, a lender may contract for and receive a nonrefundable prepaid finance charge of 3% (instead of 2%, under current law) of the loan amount on a loan that is secured by an interest in land and is not made under a revolving loan account. Provides that under certain circumstances, a lender may contract for and receive a nonrefundable prepaid finance charge of 3% (instead of 2%, under current law) of the line of credit on a loan that is secured by an interest in land and is made under a revolving loan account. Provides that: (1) if a joint agreement of merger is approved by the department of financial institutions, any credit union whose existence will terminate as a result of the merger shall submit the joint agreement to a vote of its shareholders as directed by the resolution of the board of directors; and (2) a majority of shareholders voting may approve the joint agreement. Establishes within the Indiana Code a new chapter, to be known as the Indiana Earned Wage Access Act (Act), governing the offering and provision of earned wage access services to Indiana consumers. Provides that the Act is to be administered by the division of consumer credit within the department of financial institutions (department). Sets forth provisions that address the following: (1) Definitions of terms. (2) Exemptions from the Act's requirements. (3) The department's supervisory authority under the Act. (4) The licensing of providers of earned wage access services (providers). (5) The acquisition of control of a licensee. (6) Reporting and record keeping requirements for licensees. (7) Duties of providers under the Act. (8) Prohibited acts by providers. (9) The department's enforcement authority under the Act. (10) Criminal liability for certain prohibited acts. (11) Statutory construction of the Act's provisions. Makes conforming changes to sections of the Indiana Code codified outside the Act.

DIGEST OF HB 1126 (Updated April 7, 2025 3:17 pm - DI 140)

Watershed development commissions. Alters the membership of a watershed development commission board that includes the Maumee River basin (Maumee watershed development commission). Provides that a Maumee watershed development commission may take certain actions with respect to certain flood plains. Expands permitted uses for certain funds collected by a Maumee watershed development commission and establishes certain budget limits. Provides that the department of natural resources's division of water shall provide a Maumee watershed development commission with a written summary of the division's review of certain public works projects within 30 days of the review. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1131 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:35 pm - DI 140)

Town of Cumberland. Provides that on January 1, 2027, the town of Cumberland is an excluded city and no longer part of the consolidated city. Requires the town legislative body and the legislative body of the consolidated city and county to take any steps necessary to transition the town to an excluded city. Requires the department of local government finance to adjust property tax levies, rates, budgets, and distributive shares of local units of local government as necessary to account for the town becoming an excluded city. Provides that, after December 31, 2026, any part of the town that is included in a fire protection district on December 31, 2026, that is located in the county containing the consolidated city, shall continue to be included in the fire protection district. Provides that, after December 31, 2026, the town is liable for debt service owed by the consolidated city on December 31, 2026, in the same ratio as the assessed valuation of the property in the town bears to the assessed valuation of all property included in the consolidated city until the particular debt service is satisfied.

DIGEST OF HB 1132 (Updated March 17, 2025 2:42 pm - DI 140)

Stadium and convention building authority. Provides that the Indiana finance authority is required to provide staff support for the Indiana stadium and convention building authority board. (Current law provides that the Indiana stadium and convention building authority is required to provide staff support.)

DIGEST OF HB 1134 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:33 pm - DI 140)

Executive sessions. Allows meetings of a state or local agency governing body concerning the following topics to be held in executive session: (1) Employee health care options with respect to special exceptions to coverage. (2) Employee specific compensation or employment matters of individual employees (excluding general discussion of employee compensation during a budget process). (3) Employee handbook changes. (3) Review of negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts, when public knowledge may result in increased cost. (4) Solicitation of contract proposals containing a bidder's proprietary information.

DIGEST OF HB 1137 (Updated March 11, 2025 2:29 pm - DI 140)

Expungement of red flag law records. Requires a court to expunge certain records related to the red flag law if the court finds that an individual is not dangerous, and permits a court to expunge certain records related to the red flag law if the court finds that an individual previously found dangerous is no longer dangerous.

DIGEST OF HB 1142 (Updated April 24, 2025 11:17 pm - DI 120)

Fiscal matters. Extends the expiration of provisions concerning a county with a single voting bloc and the allocation of votes for a local income tax council. Removes provisions enacted in HEA 1001-2025 that treated the local government investment pool as a financial institution and considered the seven day yield published weekly by the treasurer of state to be a quote for purposes of the law governing the deposit and investment of public funds. Provides that money in the Pokagon Band Tribal-state compact fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes of the fund. Extends by five years provisions enacted in HEA 1001-2025 requiring termination of the compact related to the establishment of the Chicago-Gary Regional Airport Authority. Resolves a conflict between SEA 425-2025 and HEA 1005-2025. Makes conforming amendments consistent with changes made to statutes concerning advisory plan commissions in SEA 425-2025.

DIGEST OF HB 1143 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Licensure of accountants. Revises the education and experience requirements for licensure as a certified public accountant. Repeals language allowing various substitutions for licensure requirements.

DIGEST OF HB 1144 (Updated April 24, 2025 6:50 pm - DI 106)

Courts. Provides that the judges of the Marion County juvenile courts may not appoint more than 11 magistrates. Eliminates a court in Blackford County and Monroe County. Eliminates a magistrate in Jennings County. Allows the judges of the Elkhart circuit and superior courts to appoint four full-time magistrates. (Current law allows for the appointment of two magistrates.) Adds two superior courts to Hamilton County. Provides that the first judges of Hamilton superior courts No. 8 and No. 9 shall: (1) be elected at the November 2026 general election; (2) take office January 1, 2027; and (3) serve a term of six years. Allows the judges of the Hamilton circuit and superior courts to jointly appoint two additional magistrates to serve the Hamilton County courts. Allows the judge of the Lawrence County juvenile court to appoint not more than one full-time magistrate. Allows the judges of the Vigo circuit and superior courts to jointly appoint one magistrate to serve the Vigo County courts.

DIGEST OF HB 1148 (Updated March 20, 2025 2:45 pm - DI 140)

Confidentiality of birth and stillbirth records. Provides that a registration or certificate of a birth or stillbirth is open to public inspection and copying upon the request of any person that occurs

99 years (instead of 75 years) after the record is created.

DIGEST OF HB 1149 (Updated March 10, 2025 1:58 pm - DI 140)

Agricultural online portal. Requires the Indiana state department of agriculture (department) to establish and maintain an online portal on its website for the purposes of: (1) assisting users in the successful navigation of agricultural or related topics among various federal and state agencies; (2) providing a single source for users to access agricultural or related funding opportunities; (3) providing a searchable data base of available federal and state grants with information on eligibility and deadline criteria; and (4) providing regular updates to reflect changes in federal and state funding opportunities. Provides that the online portal shall include links to various federal and state websites. Requires that the online portal provide a series of regulatory checklists to assist users that are considering diversifying into new markets in the navigation of agricultural and related regulations and the avoidance of punitive enforcement actions before they arise. Requires that the online portal provide a one stop venue that will help connect users with responsive data visualization tools and technical assistance programming. Requires that the online portal include a link to provide users with ongoing updates on the status of certain lost farmland. Requires an updated report on certain lost farmland to be uploaded to the online portal every five years. Requires that the online portal include formal venues: (1) to collect comments from the public regarding federal regulations impacting Indiana's rural economy with the goal of assisting the state in providing vigorous advocacy on behalf of the public; and (2) where users may provide to the department reviews and feedback regarding the usefulness of the online portal.

DIGEST OF HB 1167 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Exceptions to paraphernalia statutes. Provides that the controlled substance paraphernalia statutes do not apply to items marketed to detect the presence of a drug or controlled substance.

DIGEST OF HB 1194 (Updated April 23, 2025 2:25 pm - DI 116)

County coroners. Requires the coroner where the incident occurred to respond to the coroner where the death occurred not more than 24 hours after being contacted to discuss the need for an autopsy. Provides that if the coroner where the incident occurred does not timely respond, the coroner where the death occurred may conduct an autopsy and bill the coroner where the incident occurred. Provides that beginning January 1, 2026, a licensed hospital is required to have a blood retention protocol for the preservation of the first sample of blood drawn from an individual after arriving at a hospital for treatment. Specifies the required elements of the blood retention protocol, including how long a laboratory is required to hold a blood sample in storage. Provides for waiver of the blood sample storage requirement in any case where the sample is tested and cannot be retained for reasons of medical necessity in the clinical care of the patient.

DIGEST OF HB 1196 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:38 pm - DI 140)

Membership of aviation boards. Provides that an eligible entity with a population of less than

38,000 is not subject to the political party membership requirements for a board of aviation commissioners or an airport authority.

DIGEST OF HB 1197 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:56 pm - DI 140)

Election matters. Requires particular candidates for selection for an appointment pro tempore to an office to: (1) comply with qualification requirements imposed on candidates for election to the office; and (2) if the individual is a candidate for selection by a caucus, be affiliated with the political party holding the caucus. Allows an individual or entity with authority to select a candidate for an appointment pro tempore to remove a candidate from consideration if the candidate does not meet these requirements. Specifies additional grounds on which certain county officers or a township executive may be charged and deprived of office following a hearing. Provides that if an accused party does not appear before the court, the court may proceed to hear and determine the accusation in the accused party's absence. Includes a member of the county executive, if the county does not contain a consolidated city, in a provision concerning the initiation of an action for removal of a county officer. Exempts a member of the county executive from a requirement concerning physical presence in the county officer's office. Provides that a city-county legislative body may declare the seat of a member vacant by a two-thirds vote if the member fails to perform the duties of the member's office.

DIGEST OF HB 1198 (Updated March 11, 2025 2:29 pm - DI 140)

Local public work projects. Changes the amount of a public work project that a board may perform using its own workforce, without awarding a contract, from an estimated cost of less than \$250,000 to an estimated cost of less than \$375,000, adjusted annually to account for inflation. Provides that the department of local government finance shall annually publish the adjusted cost estimate threshold on the department's website. Removes the distinction between a political subdivision that is a school corporation and a political subdivision that is not a school corporation for the cost of a public work project that is not subject to certain procedures. Provides that if a federal grant is to be issued to fund a portion of the construction on a public work project, the successful bidder has 90 days to proceed with the contract. Provides that plans and specifications approved by an architect or engineer are not required for certain public work on a public building.

DIGEST OF HB 1200 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:38 pm - DI 140)

Opioid prescriptions. Provides that if a prescriber issues a prescription for an opioid for administration through an intrathecal pump or epidural pain pump: (1) the prescription may not exceed a 180 day supply; and (2) the patient may not be required to have a face-to-face visit with the prescriber more than once every 180 days unless the prescriber determines an earlier follow up visit is medically necessary.

DIGEST OF HB 1208 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:38 pm - DI 140)

Administration of sheriff's commissary fund. Requires the state board of accounts to establish

annual or biennial training requirements for a sheriff and the sheriff's designee responsible for the oversight or administration of a jail commissary fund (fund). Requires a sheriff to provide a copy of the record of receipts and disbursements for the fund to the county fiscal body on a quarterly basis. (Current law requires the sheriff to provide a copy of the record of receipts and disbursements for the fund to the county fiscal body semiannually.) Provides that the fund may be used to pay for an audit or review of the fund by an independent certified public accountant for years in which the fund is not audited by the state board of accounts or otherwise required to be audited by an independent certified public accountant in a manner approved by the state board of accounts.

DIGEST OF HB 1213 (Updated March 11, 2025 2:31 pm - DI 140)

Insurance and transfer on death deeds. Removes language regarding coverage under a casualty insurance policy or liability insurance policy on property transferred by a transfer on death deed. Specifies that a provision regarding insurance coverage on property transferred by a transfer on death deed does not apply to a commercial lines property insurance policy. Makes corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1214 (Updated March 27, 2025 3:15 pm - DI 140)

Worker's compensation. Provides that, after June 30, 2025, a party may not prohibit an employer from bidding on a contract solely on the basis of the employer's experience rating.

DIGEST OF HB 1220 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:26 pm - DI 140)

Office of the attorney general. Requires a teacher's electronic mail address to be used for sending the annual summary of a teacher's rights and protections. Removes the requirement that the attorney general publish an annual newspaper notice regarding unclaimed property held by the attorney general with a value of more than \$100.

DIGEST OF HB 1221 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:22 pm - DI 153)

Pension matters. Amends provisions regarding the surcharge rates established by the Indiana public retirement system to actuarially prefund certain postretirement benefits. Adds provisions requiring the treasurer of state to determine a surcharge amount that is to be paid into the supplemental reserve account for the state police pre-1987 and 1987 benefit systems. Provides for a thirteenth check in calendar year 2025 for certain members, participants, or beneficiaries of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) Indiana public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1226 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:27 pm - DI 140)

Medicare supplement insurance. Prohibits an issuer of a Medicare supplement policy or

certificate from denying, conditioning the issuance or effectiveness of, or discriminating in the pricing of a Medicare supplement policy or certificate because of the health status, claims experience, receipt of health care, or medical condition of an applicant who meets certain conditions.

DIGEST OF HB 1232 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:33 pm - DI 140)

IDACS. Clarifies that certain information shall be entered into the Indiana data and communication system (IDACS) within 24 hours of the information's receipt unless otherwise provided by law. Provides that the state police department, in consultation with the criminal justice institute, may take certain actions for noncompliance. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1248 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Child Care and Development Fund. Provides that a household is eligible for assistance under the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program if the household includes a foster parent at the time of the office of the secretary of family and social services' initial determination regarding the household's CCDF eligibility. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to allocate 200 CCDF vouchers to be used for a child who is placed with a licensed foster parent.

DIGEST OF HB 1253 (Updated April 7, 2025 3:19 pm - DI 140)

Child care. Provides that a granted waiver or variance expires three years after the date that the waiver or variance becomes effective. Removes the requirement that a child receiving child care from a school must be the child of a student or employee of the school. Provides that, not later than June 30, 2026, the division of family resources (division) shall establish an organizational license category for multi-site child care centers operating under one owner, and specifies obligations of the division with regard to the new license category. Provides that, subject to exceptions, certain properties may not be required to comply with a new or different set of building, fire safety, or equipment laws than were originally enforced by the department: (1) before July 1, 2025; or (2) two years after the earlier of the date of the: (A) initial inspection; or (B) plan review. Allows a child care home that was licensed to operate a Class 2 structure before July 1, 2025, to continue operating in the structure notwithstanding the building, fire safety, or equipment laws and regulations.

DIGEST OF HB 1272 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:33 pm - DI 140)

Commission, committee, and board administration. Provides that, on or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially thereafter, a committee that: (1) is established by the Indiana Code; (2) contains at least one member of the general assembly; (3) is authorized to exist for at least two years; and (4) does not have any reporting requirement to the executive branch, judicial branch, or the general assembly; shall submit a report to the executive director of the legislative services agency for review by the interim committee on government. Provides that the report shall describe: (1) official action taken; and (2) actionable items considered by the committee during the preceding

two years. Provides, that in even-numbered years, the interim committee on government shall review the reports. Repeals the sepsis treatment guideline task force. Provides that the statutes creating the Interstate Rail Passenger Network Compact (compact) expire July 1, 2026. Requires the governor to give notice to each state, if any, that is a party to the compact that the state of Indiana is withdrawing from the compact. Requires the governor to certify before January 1, 2026, with respect to the compact, that notice either: (1) has been given regarding Indiana's withdrawal from the compact; or (2) was not required to be given because there are no other party states to which to give notice. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1273 (Updated March 31, 2025 2:26 pm - DI 140)

Child welfare task force. Establishes the child welfare task force (task force) to study specified topics regarding child welfare services in Indiana. Requires the task force to submit a report not later than October 15, 2026, and not later than October 15, 2027, for review by the interim study committee on child services.

DIGEST OF HB 1275 (Updated April 15, 2025 4:01 pm - DI 140)

Alcohol and tobacco commission matters. Makes the following changes: (1) Expands the purpose of the Richard D. Doyle tobacco education and enforcement fund. (2) Amends type II gambling game prize limits to include sports themed gaming. (3) Replaces a reference in the definition of a "Type II gambling game" to an Indiana gaming commission memorandum with a substantive definition. (4) Eliminates the requirement that a farm winery or artisan distiller annually submit excise tax returns to the alcohol and tobacco commission (ATC). (5) Removes a phrase that requires an e-liquid to contain nicotine to be considered a "tobacco product" under provisions concerning tobacco sales certificates. (6) Amends local alcoholic beverage board members' duties to reflect electronic record keeping. (7) Requires an employee or contractor who controls entry into age restricted premises or otherwise checks an individual's proof of age to complete alcohol server training. (8) Prohibits the ATC from issuing an alcoholic beverage permit unless a person has on file with the ATC a verified list containing the name and address of each person or entity: (A) with actual authority to direct or control the operation of the permit; and (B) holding at least a 5% (instead of 2%) interest in the permit and the business conducted, or to be conducted, under it. (9) Prohibits charging an individual a cover fee to access unlimited alcoholic beverages. Allows the sale of event packages. (10) Replaces, in statutes regarding unlawful sales to minors, references to "tobacco", "e-liquid", or "electronic cigarette" with the inclusive term "tobacco product". (11) Allows a person to participate electronically in an online auction or raffle but requires alcoholic beverage prizes to be collected in person. (12) Modifies the insurance coverage requirements that apply to specified permit holders. (13) Allows specified local government entities to permit the retail sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas if a person that has an agreement to act as concessionaire for the permitted premises applies for and secures the necessary permits. (14) Establishes requirements regarding permittee donations to qualified organizations that are permittees conducting an event. (15) Prohibits, with exceptions, the sale, use, and distribution of flavored nitrous oxide. Repeals statutes that do the following: (1) Allow the ATC to require registration of alcoholic beverage brands and other information used in advertising. (2) Require attachment of an identification marker to a keg at the time of

sale. (3) Make it a Class C misdemeanor to transport an alcoholic beverage to a retailer or dealer on a Sunday.

DIGEST OF HB 1276 (Updated April 15, 2025 4:07 pm - DI 140)

Various alcoholic beverage matters. Allows a craft manufacturer to participate in a farmers' market, subject to certain conditions. Allows a liquor retailer and a liquor dealer to serve samples of mixed beverages. Increases, from 45 to 75 days, the number of days in a calendar year the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) may approve for a craft manufacturer to participate in a trade show or exposition. Repeals a provision prohibiting a beer dealer from selling and delivering beer for carry-out, or for delivery to a customer's residence or office, in a quantity that exceeds 864 ounces in a single transaction. Repeals a limitation on the maximum quantity of liquor that a liquor dealer may deliver to a customer's residence or office at any one time. Repeals a provision that allows the holder of a farm winery permit to sell the winery's wine to consumers by the bottle at a farmers' market that is operated on a nonprofit basis. Repeals a limitation on the maximum quantity of wine that a wine dealer may sell in a single transaction. Provides that the commission may issue a three way permit: (1) to a theater within the historic district of a city with a certain population; and (2) that is not subject to the quota. Requires a permittee to obtain written permission from the appropriate local or state agency to locate a restaurant or hotel patio or terrace in the public right-of-way. Allows the commission to issue a food hall master permit to a food hall that meets certain requirements.

DIGEST OF HB 1280 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:47 pm - DI 140)

Taxation of military income. Exempts military pay for members of the United States Space Force, the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps from the individual income tax. Exempts military pay earned by members of an active component of the United States Space Force, the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps from the individual income tax. Adds members of the United States Space Force, the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps for purposes of eligibility for the income tax deduction for income from military retirement or survivor's benefits.

DIGEST OF HB 1285 (Updated March 31, 2025 2:33 pm - DI 140)

Education matters. Prohibits a school corporation from doing the following: (1) Removing a student's property without providing the student's parent with the opportunity to collect the student's property if the student has died, transferred, dropped out, or otherwise withdrawn from enrollment in the school corporation for any reason. (2) Adopting a policy or otherwise preventing a parent of a student from recording a meeting concerning the student's individualized education program. Requires each school corporation to ensure at least one employee in each school building that is used for classroom instruction: (1) has obtained nonviolent crisis intervention training; and (2) is present in the school building during the school year while school

is in session. Establishes requirements regarding the employee. Requires the department of education to review nonviolent crisis intervention training programs and make recommendations to school corporations regarding the training of employees.

DIGEST OF HB 1289 (Updated March 11, 2025 2:34 pm - DI 140)

Employment social enterprises. Defines "employment social enterprise" as a nonprofit or for-profit organization that meets certain criteria. Amends the definition of "workforce related program" to include a work based learning program or transitional jobs program that: (1) is through an employment social enterprise; and (2) meets certain other criteria.

DIGEST OF HB 1292 (Updated April 8, 2025 3:06 pm - DI 140)

Professional sports development commission. Establishes the northwest Indiana professional sports development commission. Authorizes the commission to study various plans and recommendations that are proposed with respect to attracting a professional sports franchise to northwest Indiana. Authorizes the commission to prepare a comprehensive master plan for building the facilities and other infrastructure necessary for attracting and developing one or more professional sports franchises in northwest Indiana. Creates the professional sports development fund.

DIGEST OF HB 1297 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Motor vehicle medical information program. Establishes the yellow dot motor vehicle medical information program.

DIGEST OF HB 1320 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Beauty apprenticeships. Provides that an individual who completes a United States Department of Labor registered apprenticeship program for barbers or manicurists is eligible to take the licensure examination of the applicable profession.

DIGEST OF HB 1322 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:27 pm - DI 140)

Blockchain technology. Provides that not later than March 1, 2026, the department of administration (department) may issue a request for information for purposes of exploring how the use of blockchain technology could be used by a state agency to: (1) achieve greater cost efficiency and cost effectiveness; and (2) improve consumer convenience, experience, data security, and data privacy. Requires the department to compile a report concerning the request for information and submit the report to the legislative council not later than October 1, 2026.

DIGEST OF HB 1347 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Real estate matters. Requires a broker company to deposit funds belonging to others into a trust account that the broker company maintains. Requires that residential real estate sales disclosure

forms include disclosures by an owner that a property is located within a locally designated historic district. Requires that residential real estate sales disclosure forms include disclosures by an owner of any conservation easement. Requires the Indiana professional licensing agency in consultation with the Indiana real estate commission to perform annual and random audits for compliance of more than one percent (1%) but less than ten percent (10%) of the practitioners who hold a broker's license required to take continuing education courses. Provides that to become a managing broker, an individual, among other things, must: (1) hold an active broker's license for at least three years; and (2) pass a written examination. Amends provisions relating to real estate agreements. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1348 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:27 pm - DI 140)

Nonaccredited nonpublic schools. Provides that a high school diploma (diploma) or credential issued by a nonaccredited nonpublic school (school) is legally sufficient to demonstrate that the recipient of the diploma or credential has met the requirements to complete high school. Provides that a state or local agency or institution of higher education in Indiana may not reject or otherwise treat a person differently based solely on the source of a diploma or credential. Provides that a person who administers a school has the authority to execute any document required by law, rule, regulation, or policy to provide certain evidence regarding a child's education.

DIGEST OF HB 1354 (Updated March 10, 2025 1:59 pm - DI 140)

Veterinary medicine. Amends the licensure applicability provision for veterinarians to include registration and permits for veterinary technicians. Requires certain individuals to submit to both a state and national background check. Allows the state police department to release the results of a national criminal history background check to an authorized employee of the board of animal health. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1376 (Updated April 8, 2025 3:07 pm - DI 140)

Emergency medication. Amends the definition of "emergency medication".

DIGEST OF HB 1380 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:27 pm - DI 140)

Supplemental fee for electric vehicles. Provides that the supplemental fee to register an electric vehicle does not apply to a motor driven cycle.

DIGEST OF HB 1382 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:47 pm - DI 140)

Dealer services division. Provides that certain licensing requirements relating to vehicle merchandising do not apply to distributors or manufacturers that are not located in Indiana. Provides that if certain persons engage in the business of buying, selling, or trading motor vehicles on a Sunday, those persons commit a Class B misdemeanor. Amends current law that establishes a mandatory training program that applicants for a used motor vehicle dealer license

must complete. Provides that except as part of a change in dealer business entity type, a holder of a dealer license or endorsement may not take certain actions with respect to the dealer license or endorsement. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1385 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:47 pm - DI 140)

Health care facility employees. Provides an exception to one of the disqualifying conditions for a nurse aide or other unlicensed employee.

DIGEST OF HB 1390 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:06 pm - DI 137)

Bureau of motor vehicles. Provides the records of the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau), for purposes of showing the last registered owner of a vehicle when obtaining a certificate of title for a repossessed vehicle, mean records related to certificate of titles or registrations. Allows the bureau to issue an electronic certificate of registration. Requires a toll operator to invoice a user not later than one year after a toll is incurred. Allows the bureau to issue a temporary registration permit at the bureau's discretion if a person meets certain requirements. Allows the bureau to offer alternative designs or color scheme versions of license plates. Requires a customer who selects both an alternative design or color scheme and a personalized license plate message for a license plate to pay two separate fees. Amends the requirements for a special group recognition license plate. Allows an insurance company to submit a signed or unsigned certificate of title for the issuance of a certificate of salvage title. Provides that a slow moving vehicle emblem and the emblem's position of mounting must substantially adhere to certain recommendations. Repeals provisions concerning the Indiana criminal justice institute's rulemaking authority concerning slow moving vehicle emblems. Provides that a commercial driver's license (CDL) may include an intrastate passenger transport endorsement if the applicant is at least 18 years of age. Provides maximum prices that public and private institutions and other entities may charge for conducting skills exams. Provides that a learner's permit, driver's license, identification card, and photo exempt identification card expire upon the bureau receiving notice of the death of the holder or upon issuance of a subsequent physical credential. Effective January 1, 2028, requires the bureau to maintain a secure online insurance verification system to verify proof of a driver's financial responsibility. Establishes the real time insurance verification advisory board. Allows a law enforcement officer to include in a written accident report whether a driver's medical impairment may have contributed to an accident. Removes the population requirement for a county to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with an adjacent county to allow a public transportation corporation to provide expanded service beyond the boundary of the county in which it is located. Prohibits a person from advertising: (1) a product containing marijuana; or (2) a controlled substance listed in schedule I; by any medium. Adds to the definition of a "consumer transaction" for purposes of deceptive consumer sales. Requires a towing company to release property to a consumer if the consumer pays a percentage of the towing invoice, obtains a bond for the remaining amount of the invoice, and provides a copy of a complaint filed with the attorney general. Requires a city, county, or town to credit the proceeds from the sale of an abandoned vehicle or parts against the costs of removal, storage, and disposal of the vehicle. Establishes rates a towing company may charge for fees for emergency towing or private property towing. Allows a county to mow or maintain any grass or vegetation in a right-of-way

that is owned by the state and located in the county if the county obtains a permit from the office of the Indiana department of transportation district in which the county is located.

DIGEST OF HB 1391 (Updated April 15, 2025 4:16 pm - DI 140)

Services for the aged and disabled. Allows the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) to study and prepare a report containing recommendations for realigning and consolidating the local area agency on aging (area agency) planning and service areas. Amends the definition of "community and home care services" for purposes of community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled program (CHOICE). Prohibits the division of aging from requiring a CHOICE provider to be certified under the Medicaid program or a Medicaid waiver program. Creates an exception for a provider of certain services. Requires an area agency to prioritize CHOICE funding to identify specified individuals and provide community and home care services to these individuals. Requires the office of the secretary, in negotiating reimbursement rates for CHOICE services, to consider the location and availability of service providers. Authorizes the office of the secretary to establish a Medicaid diversion pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of home modification and telehealth enhanced chronic care services provided by specified area agencies in reducing Medicaid expenditures. Allows the office of the secretary, a managed care organization that has contracted with the office of Medicaid policy and planning, and a person who has contracted with a certain managed care organization or the office of the secretary to contract with an area agency to provide and receive reimbursement for a level of care assessment for the: (1) health and wellness Medicaid waiver; (2) traumatic brain injury Medicaid waiver; and (3) risk based managed care program for the covered population.

DIGEST OF HB 1392 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:49 pm - DI 140)

State comptroller matters. Specifies the timing of annual salary increases for state elected officials. Provides that the state comptroller calculates distributions of financial institutions tax revenue to taxing units. Provides that a taxing unit may deposit a distribution of financial institutions tax revenue in any fund, and the revenue may be used for any purpose allowed by law. Requires the state comptroller to calculate and provide the distribution amounts of commercial vehicle excise tax revenue for each taxing unit in a county to the county auditor. Provides that the county auditor may deposit a distribution of commercial vehicle excise tax revenue in any fund, and the revenue be may used for any purpose allowed by law. Removes a requirement that a prosecuting attorney notify the state comptroller of the prosecuting attorney's election to devote full professional time to the duties of the office. Provides that an individual is not required to file any notification with the state comptroller that the individual has been elected or appointed to a judgeship. Requires the state comptroller and Indiana public retirement system to develop and present to the interim study committee on pension management oversight a proposed plan for a transition from the use of, and contribution of state revenue to, retirement medical benefits accounts to an increased focus on the use of, and additional contributions of state revenue to, the state employees' deferred compensation plan.

DIGEST OF HB 1393 (Updated March 24, 2025 3:34 pm - DI 140)

Immigration notice. Provides that if a law enforcement officer arrests an individual for a felony or a misdemeanor and there is probable cause to believe that the individual is not lawfully present in the United States, the jail or detention facility shall notify the county sheriff of the probable cause during the individual's intake process, and the county sheriff shall notify the proper authority.

DIGEST OF HB 1403 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:38 pm - DI 140)

Juvenile justice matters. Amends the duties of the statewide juvenile justice oversight body established by the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (oversight body). Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute (institute) to consider the recommendations of the oversight body (rather than consider only a single, specified plan developed by the oversight body as provided under current law) in adopting a funding formula for the juvenile diversion grant program, juvenile community alternatives grant program, and juvenile behavioral health competitive grant program. Requires a recipient of a grant under the juvenile diversion grant program, juvenile community alternatives grant program, or juvenile behavioral health competitive grant program to engage in collaborative service planning with specified entities, and sets out the characteristics of collaborative service planning. Makes the following changes with regard to the juvenile behavioral health competitive grant program (program): (1) Provides that the institute may use available funds to strengthen the institute's capacity to manage grants under the program. (2) Requires the institute to submit an annual report to specified recipients regarding the program. (3) Removes references to pilot program from the juvenile behavioral health competitive grant pilot program. Amends comparable provisions regarding: (1) the juvenile diversion grant program and juvenile community alternatives grant program; and (2) the program; to bring the provisions into closer conformity with one another. Amends certain deadlines concerning funds.

DIGEST OF HB 1412 (Updated April 21, 2025 12:25 pm - DI 140)

Reporting of child abuse or neglect. Provides that an individual's duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect may only be delegated to another person if certain conditions are met. Requires that if a report of suspected child abuse or neglect alleges that a staff member, youth coach, or volunteer of an institution, school, facility, organization, or agency is the abuser, law enforcement shall investigate to determine whether the institution, school, facility, organization, or agency knew that the alleged abuse was happening and failed to report the alleged abuse. Allows law enforcement to consider certain facts when determining whether the institution, school, facility, organization, or agency knew about the alleged abuse. Provides that a child is not a child in need of services due to a parent, guardian, or custodian referring to and raising a child consistent with the child's biological sex. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1416 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:06 pm - DI 151)

Awareness of human trafficking. Requires safety rest areas, gas stations, and welcome centers to

display human trafficking awareness information, and permits massage establishments to display human trafficking awareness information.

DIGEST OF HB 1425 (Updated April 24, 2025 3:32 pm - DI 148)

Food matters. Establishes a two year moratorium on the sale of cultivated meat products in Indiana. Prohibits a person from misbranding a cultivated meat product as a meat product. Provides that the cultivated meat product is misbranded as a meat product if the cultivated meat product is: (1) advertised; (2) labeled; or (3) offered for sale or sold; in a manner that does not clearly indicate that it is a cultivated meat product or not in accordance with rules adopted by BOAH. Requires BOAH to administer the chapter.

DIGEST OF HB 1427 (Updated April 24, 2025 11:38 pm - DI 129)

Department of local government finance. Increases the threshold that applies to public works projects for which the department of natural resources may use its employees to perform the labor and supervision for the project. Removes the sunset of provisions that authorize the sale of bonds at a negotiated sale. Amends provisions pertaining to the investment of public funds in certain depositories. Requires the fiscal officer (rather than the executive) of a political subdivision to upload certain contracts to the Indiana transparency website (website). Permits the political subdivision to identify an individual other than the fiscal officer to upload contracts to the website. Provides that the change to the agricultural base rate in Senate Bill 1 does not apply for the January 1, 2025, assessment date to land in inventory. Repeals the increase in the personal property tax exemption for the 2025 assessment in Senate Bill 1, but retains the increase of the personal property tax exemption to \$2,000,000 for the 2026 assessment date and thereafter. Removes an exception to provisions added in Senate Bill 1 exempting depreciable personal property placed in service after January 1, 2025, from the 30% minimum valuation floor if property tax revenue that is attributable to the depreciable personal property is pledged as payment for bonds, leases, or other obligations. Repeals the local property tax credits for veterans enacted in Senate Bill 1 and reinstates the property tax deductions in current law for veterans that were expired under Senate Bill 1. Provides that the personal property online submission portal (portal) may be used to file a personal property return until 2026. Repeals (effective January 1, 2026) the provision requiring the establishment of the portal and makes corresponding changes. Adds requirements for the filing of a petition for review of land values. Amends a provision pertaining to the assessment of solar land. Provides for the assessment of community land trust property and a property tax credit for community land trust property. For purposes of public utility companies, specifies that the period of time that a taxpayer may file an objection with the department of local government finance (DLGF) is not later than 15 days after the notice is postmarked. Provides, for particular calendar years, that all or part of a building is deemed to serve a charitable purpose and is exempt from property taxation if it is owned by certain nonprofit entities. Establishes a maximum entry fee per unit that may be charged by a continuing care retirement community to qualify for the property tax exemption. Adds, for particular calendar years, continuing care retirement communities, small house health facilities, and qualified residential treatment providers to the list of exempt entities for purposes of another property tax exemption. Provides that the DLGF may (as opposed to shall) adopt certain rules

with respect to property of an exempt organization used in a nonexempt trade or business. Amends the requirements that must be satisfied to receive a property tax exemption for property used by a for-profit provider of early childhood education. Establishes a partial property tax exemption for an employer that provides child care on the employer's property for the employer's employees and certain other employees. Amends certain notice and procedural provisions applicable to proceedings before the Indiana board of tax review. Clarifies the deadline for submitting amended certified net assessed value amounts. Specifies the calculation of the maximum permissible property tax levy for certain units that fail to comply with certain budget and tax levy review and adoption procedures. Adds provisions that: (1) require the DLGF to increase the maximum permissible property tax levy for certain qualifying municipalities for property taxes first due and payable in 2025 to include all debt service levies of the qualifying municipality for property taxes first due and payable in 2025; (2) specify that the adjustment is a one time and permanent increase; (3) modify the: (A) local income tax trust account threshold percentage of a county that contains a qualifying municipality (for purposes of determining whether the county shall receive a supplemental distribution); and (B) certified share allocation determination for a qualifying municipality; and (4) prohibit the use funds from the state general fund to make up certain local income tax related shortfalls. Provides temporary one time increases for the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levies for Shelby County and the Shelby County solid waste management district. Provides that the county treasurer is not required to mail or transmit a statement for property that is exempt from taxation and does not have a reported assessed value. Requires the DLGF, in a manner determined by the DLGF, to include on the coupon page of each property tax statement educational information regarding the eligibility and procedures for various property tax benefits available to certain taxpayers. Provides that a tract or item of real property owned by a political subdivision may not be sold at a tax sale. Removes a provision requiring the county executive to provide an annual report to the legislative council concerning certain tax sales. Provides that property tax assessment board of appeals members' terms must be staggered for a two year period and begin on January 1. Provides that a property tax payment made by a check processing company received after the due date for the property taxes is considered to be made on or before the due date if the taxpayer provides reasonable evidence that the payments were made on or before the due date. Reestablishes the deduction for aircraft entitling a taxpayer to a deduction from the assessed value of abatement property in each year in which the abatement property is subject to taxation for ad valorem property taxes. Provides a sales tax exemption for sales by agricultural commodity trade associations made at the state fair. Provides certain sourcing rules for the adjusted gross income of an investment partnership. Defines "investment partnership" and other related terms. Specifies that an electing entity or pass through entity shall be permitted to claim a credit for taxes withheld or paid on the entity's behalf. Allows an electing entity to make elections to claim certain state tax liability credits and sets forth requirements that apply to those elections. Expands the physician practice ownership tax credit against state tax liability to practicing physicians (instead of only primary care physicians) who have an ownership interest in a physician practice and meet other eligibility criteria. Limits the total amount of physician practice ownership tax credits that may be awarded in a state fiscal year. Specifies that a volunteer fire department that applies to the county adopting body for a distribution of local income tax revenue that is allocated to public safety purposes must do so through the fiscal officer of the unit served by the department. Allows the Fountain County council to adopt a resolution to make a one time

transfer from the county jail revenue fund to the county general fund to be used for specified purposes. Allows revenue generated from a special purpose local income tax rate in Starke County to be used to operate and maintain the county jail and related facilities. Increases the amount of the local collection assistance fee. Provides a presumption of reasonable cause exception to the penalty for failure to file a return in the case of certain small partnerships. Amends the provisions to conform to the reasonable cause exception applicable to the failure to file penalty available under federal tax procedures (IRS Rev. Proc. 84-35, 1984-1 C.B. 509). Authorizes numerous local units to impose food and beverage taxes. Allows the town of Shipshewana to increase its food and beverage tax. Removes language excluding transactions that occur at a historic hotel from the Orange County food and beverage tax and amends provisions that apply to the uses of the tax revenue. Repeals provisions authorizing the imposition of food and beverage taxes in Wayne County. Reallocates the amounts of revenue received from the Vanderburgh County innkeeper's tax that is deposited in certain funds. Authorizes certain counties to impose an innkeeper's tax under separate enabling statutes. Allows Brown County to increase its innkeeper's tax rate. Prohibits the deposit or transfer of money in an innkeeper's or food and beverage tax fund into any other fund, or deposit or transfer of money from any other fund into an innkeeper's or food and beverage tax fund. Requires a local unit that imposes a food and beverage tax (as part of its required annual reporting) to provide to the state board of accounts a consolidated financial statement for the preceding year. Requires the state board of accounts to: (1) determine whether or not local units imposing a food and beverage tax, and other entities that receive a distribution of food and beverage tax revenue, are in compliance with current reporting requirements and applicable statutory requirements; and (2) submit a report of its findings to the legislative council. Provides for a reduction of the percentage of gross revenue to be paid to a unit of local government by a holder of a cable franchise. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for an amendment to each home and community based services Medicaid waiver for certain eligibility criteria related to asset limit thresholds. Specifies that certain school corporation property tax referenda are eligible to be on the ballot in an election held in the fall of 2025. Applies certain access to financial data requirements to charter schools. Restores language in a provision amended by Senate Bill 1 regarding optional revenue sharing with charter schools. Specifies that a minimum population for application of certain provisions concerning: (1) the assessment of industrial facilities; (2) the general government of counties; and (3) the division of powers of certain counties; is 450,000 (instead of 400,000). Allows a county fiscal body to make loans of money for not more than 10 years (rather than five years under current law) and issue notes for the purpose of refunding those loans. Allows a person who is: (1) engaged in the business of renting or furnishing, for periods of less than 30 days, certain lodging facilities located within an economic development district; and (2) liable for a special benefits assessment for the property; to charge a fee of not more than \$1 per night. Provides that the northwest Indiana regional development authority must be reimbursed for amounts deposited in the blighted property demolition fund not later than July 1, 2027 (instead of July 1, 2026). Requires local units to make semiannual fire service reports to the state fire marshal which, in turn, is required to submit the data reported to the legislative council. Provides for funding for cultural institutions. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the task of studying certain issues relating to property exempt for charitable purposes. Amends a 2025 law requiring certain disclosures concerning appointed officers to provide that if

an appointed board is a subgroup of an elected body that is appointed entirely: (1) from the body's elected members; and (2) by a member or members of the elected body; the appointed board may publish a board member's name and elected title in the board's meeting notice or agenda with a link or web address to the website where information of each board member's appointment and term is published. Removes provisions enacted by HEA 1001-2025 that: (1) treated the local government investment pool as a financial institution; and (2) considered the seven day yield published weekly by the treasurer of state to be a quote for purposes of the law governing the deposit and investment of public funds. Provides that money in the Pokagon Band Tribal-state compact fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes of the fund. Provides that funding to a local board of health from the local public health fund may only be used for Indiana residents who are lawfully present in the United States. Resolves conflicts.

DIGEST OF HB 1441 (Updated March 27, 2025 3:15 pm - DI 140)

Bank accounts for foster and emancipated youths. Provides that a foster youth or emancipated youth is legally competent to enter into a contract with a depository financial institution to open a savings or checking account in the youth's name with the consent of a juvenile court with jurisdiction over the youth.

DIGEST OF HB 1448 (Updated April 7, 2025 3:25 pm - DI 140)

Supplemental payments to qualified cities. Changes the effective date of the supplemental payments to qualified cities statute. Requires the state comptroller to distribute annual supplemental payments to qualified cities, that were not previously paid, using money sourced from a combination of: (1) amounts to be deducted from the amount payable to Gary under the disposition of tax revenue statute; and (2) money appropriated by the general assembly. Requires the city of Gary to repay to the state the amounts the state appropriates for the supplemental payments, once the total amount of supplemental payments has been made to qualified cities, through continued monthly deduction of Gary wagering tax, and until the full amount appropriated by the state is repaid.

DIGEST OF HB 1453 (Updated April 15, 2025 5:14 pm - DI 140)

Cancer research and treatment grants. Provides that a program may be established to provide grants to cancer centers in Indiana to increase breast cancer research projects or breast cancer clinical trials. Provides that a pediatric cancer research and treatment grant program may be established. Establishes the breast cancer research fund and the pediatric cancer research and treatment fund. Prioritizes use of the funds to be on innovative research and treatments with the potential of resulting in novel therapies for pediatric cancer. Requires the state department to submit an annual report to the governor and legislative council concerning the grant program and publish the report on the state department's website.

DIGEST OF HB 1457 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:38 pm - DI 140)

Indiana department of health. Specifies that provisions of law governing the office of administrative law proceedings apply to the Indiana department of health (state department) in matters concerning the involuntary transfer or discharge of a resident of a health facility. Specifies conditions for the use of updated publications for design enforcement by the state department in the regulation of hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers. Amends the list of crimes or acts that preclude a home health aide, nurse aide, or other unlicensed employee from employment at a home health agency and certain health care facilities. Amends the list of crimes that preclude a person from operating a home health agency or personal services agency. Requires the state department to: (1) investigate any report that a nurse aide or home health aide has been convicted of a certain crime; and (2) remove the individual from the state nurse aide registry. Makes it a Class A infraction for a person convicted of a certain crime to knowingly or intentionally apply for a job as a home health aide or other unlicensed employee at a home health agency or certain health care facilities. For provisions concerning the women, infants, and children nutrition program (WIC program), defines "WIC vendor agreement". Requires the state department to: (1) select WIC program vendors based on selection criteria set forth in federal regulations; (2) review the selection criteria annually; (3) include the selection criteria in the WIC state plan; and (4) publish the selection criteria on the state department's website. For purposes of submitting a death record of a stillborn, requires the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) last in attendance to initiate the document process unless the physician, physician assistant, or APRN was not present upon the deceased. Includes reporting to local child fatality review teams, the statewide child fatality review committee, local fetal-infant mortality review teams, and suicide and overdose fatality review teams for the release of mental health records without the consent of the patient. Requires the state department to: (1) approve courses concerning auto-injectable epinephrine that meet criteria established by the state department (rather than courses offered by an approved organization as defined in current law); and (2) publish the criteria on its website. Removes a provision allowing the state department to contract with a third party to create a certificate of completion for a course. Removes the expiration of the statewide maternal mortality review committee. Amends the membership of the statewide child fatality review committee.

DIGEST OF HB 1459 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:28 pm - DI 140)

Water and wastewater utility asset management. Provides that beginning January 1, 2026, a water or wastewater utility (utility) that is not under the jurisdiction of the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) for the approval of rates and charges shall submit a report on the utility's asset management program (program) to the IURC on a quadrennial basis according to a schedule prescribed by the IURC. Provides that a utility's report must include information: (1) demonstrating the utility's efforts to implement the Indiana finance authority's guidelines for asset management programs; and (2) certifying that: (A) the utility has the technical, managerial, legal, and financial capability to support those efforts; and (B) for a report submitted after December

31, 2026, the governing body of the utility has completed a training or continuing education program, as required under the bill, at least one time during the four year reporting period. Provides that evidence that a utility has submitted an asset management program to the Indiana finance authority (IFA) in connection with an application for a grant, loan, or other financial assistance may be provided by the utility to satisfy the requirement to demonstrate the utility's efforts to implement the IFA's guidelines for asset management programs. Requires the IURC to adopt before October 1, 2025, a general administrative order (GAO) setting forth the: (1) information required to be included in a utility's report; (2) procedures for submission of the report, including a simplified alternative reporting form that a utility with less than 1,000 customers may elect to submit; (3) quadrennial reporting schedule for submitting a report; and (4) criteria to be used by the IURC in making certain determinations about a utility's asset management program. Provides that the IURC shall verify on a quadrennial basis: (1) the sufficiency of each utility's program; and (2) the program's compliance with the IURC's GAO. Provides that if the IURC determines that specified deficiencies exist with respect to a utility's program, the IURC: (1) shall notify the utility of the deficiency and provide the utility a time frame in which the utility must correct the deficiency; and (2) may require the utility to undergo an informal rate review. Provides that if a utility receives two consecutive notices of a deficiency from the IURC: (1) the IURC shall assert jurisdiction over the rates and charges of the utility; and (2) the utility must undergo base rate cases under the statutory procedure that applies to wastewater utilities that have been issued two enforcement orders by the department of environmental management. Provides that if a utility receives three consecutive notices of a deficiency over the course of three consecutive verifications, the IURC may initiate a receivership proceeding with respect to the utility. Authorizes the IURC to enter into an agreement with: (1) the department of environmental management; and (2) the Indiana finance authority; to carry out these requirements. Authorizes the IURC to delegate its authority to: (1) review reports submitted by utilities under the bill's provisions; and (2) issue determinations and notices of deficiency; to technical staff, subject to the right of a utility to appeal a determination by technical staff to the full IURC. Provides that beginning January 1, 2027, the governing body of a utility must, on at least a quadrennial basis, complete a training or continuing education program that: (1) includes instruction on specified topics; and (2) is offered by: (A) the IURC; (B) the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure research and extension program; or (C) a statewide not-for-profit association for rural water or wastewater utilities.

DIGEST OF HB 1460 (Updated March 18, 2025 2:51 pm - DI 140)

Drainage systems. Requires a unit to use data from the most recent: (1) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and (2) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atlas; to calculate and regulate storm water runoff from a developed or undeveloped plat. Authorizes a unit to use data from the neighboring state in closest proximity to the developed or undeveloped plat under consideration. Requires a plan commission or plat committee to take action on a plat application, including meeting with any stakeholders with a financial interest in the application, not later than 30 days after receiving the application.

Provides that if a plan commission or plat committee fails to make written findings and a decision granting or denying primary approval to a plat not later than 60 days after a public hearing, then the plat is considered to have received primary approval.

DIGEST OF HB 1461 (Updated April 15, 2025 5:14 pm - DI 140)

Road funding. Makes various changes to provisions concerning roads and transportation. Allows a taxpayer to claim a credit against state income tax liability for certain qualified railroad expenditures and qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures. Specifies the amount of the credit. Limits the total amount of credits that may be allowed in a state fiscal year and provides for the expiration of the credit. Increases the maximum rate a county containing a consolidated city (consolidated city) may impose for the county wheel tax and the county vehicle excise tax and specifies the purposes for which the proceeds of those taxes must be appropriated. Beginning in 2026, lowers the percentage of funds distributed to counties, cities, and towns (local units) from the motor vehicle highway account that must be used for construction, reconstruction, and preservation of a local unit's highways if certain conditions related to pavement quality are satisfied. Amends provisions pertaining to the Indiana finance authority's authorization to issue revenue bonds or notes, including grant anticipation revenue bonds or notes, to finance highway and road construction projects. Allows the Indiana department of transportation (department) to submit a request to the Federal Highway Administration for a waiver to toll lanes on interstate highways. Provides that, if a request for a waiver to toll lanes on interstate highways is granted, the general assembly is not required to enact a statute before tolling may occur. Allocates responsibility for bridges in a county between that county and a municipality based on the size and location of the bridge. Allows a local county road and bridge board to undertake low water crossing projects. Requires the department to ensure that information regarding funding sources for low water crossing projects is made available to county boards of commissioners and county highway departments. Provides that money in the local road and bridge matching grant (matching fund) must be allocated, transferred, and distributed for specified purposes. Specifies the timing of those allocations, transfers, and distributions. Imposes conditions on the allocations, transfers, and distributions made from the matching fund, including, in state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2027, limitations on the ability of a local unit to apply for a grant in certain circumstances. Allows local units to use grants from the matching fund for low water crossing projects. Reduces the required local matching amounts and increases the population thresholds that apply to certain local units, if the department approves a grant from the matching fund. Restates a provision allocating 50% of the amount available in the matching fund to local units with a population of less than 50,000. Increases the speed limit on Interstate Highway 465. Requires all townships to annually adopt a capital improvement plan, which must include the balance of all unrestricted funds that exceed the township's budget for the following year. Provides that a township must transfer 30% of the amount of the balance of all unrestricted funds that exceed the township's budget for the following year to the township roads and infrastructure fund. Requires a township board to adopt a resolution in favor of providing money for the improvement and maintenance of roads and infrastructure within the township before a township

transfers money for such projects. Provides, for purposes of the provisions regarding township capital improvement plans and township roads and infrastructure funds, that unrestricted funds are cash reserves that are not obligated, committed, encumbered, or restricted for specified purposes. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on roads and transportation the study of appropriate road funding formulas. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1466 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:38 pm - DI 140)

Various agency administrative procedures. Provides that the department of natural resources is subject to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative law proceedings. Provides that the secretary of family and social services is the ultimate authority for Medicaid applicants and recipient eligibility appeals. Provides that in Medicaid applicant eligibility cases, except in certain circumstances, the order from the administrative law judge is final after 61 days without further affirmation from the ultimate authority. Provides that the review of certain professional disciplinary reviews are not subject to the office of administrative law proceedings. Sets forth the process to select a hearing officer for the professional disciplinary reviews. Makes changes to motor vehicle dealer services statutes to be consistent with the jurisdiction of the office of administrative law proceedings. Provides that the department of child services (DCS) is the ultimate authority of the review of decisions concerning residential child care base rates. Removes the duty of DCS to adopt rules concerning the administrative review by DCS of a proposed or approved substantiated report of child abuse or neglect, before or after an administrative hearing is available or conducted. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical corrections and conforming amendments required by HEA 1003-2024 concerning the office of administrative law proceedings.

DIGEST OF HB 1467 (Updated March 24, 2025 3:42 pm - DI 140)

Campaign finance. Prohibits a foreign national from making a contribution in connection with a public question. Prohibits a political action committee from: (1) knowingly or willfully; and (2) directly or indirectly; accepting a contribution or expenditure from a prohibited source. Prohibits a foreign national from taking certain actions concerning a public question. Specifies reporting and disclosure requirements that apply to a political action committee and a person who makes an independent expenditure.

DIGEST OF HB 1468 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:38 pm - DI 140)

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco. Allows the holder of a tobacco sales certificate (holder) to obtain a supplemental cigar sales certificate (cigar certificate) that allows the holder to sell cigars on a temporary basis at a function or event. Provides the fee for a cigar certificate is \$1,000 and has a term of three years. Requires the holder to give written notice to the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) of the date and location of the function or event where the holder proposes to sell cigars. Provides that the commission's approval of the location does not authorize smoking in violation of: (1) state laws prohibiting smoking in public places; or (2) any county, city, or town smoking ordinance. Allows a restaurant proprietor who holds an alcoholic beverage retailer's permit to establish a segregated room where cigar consumption may occur, if

the proprietor has the permission of the local government entity that enforces local smoking ordinances.

DIGEST OF HB 1471 (Updated March 24, 2025 3:45 pm - DI 140)

Law enforcement officer impeachment evidence. Establishes the procedure for placing a law enforcement officer's name on a Giglio list. Provides notice and reconsideration procedures. Provides requirements for prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement officers. Provides civil immunity to prosecuting attorneys for acts related to a Giglio list.

DIGEST OF HB 1474 (Updated April 15, 2025 5:14 pm - DI 140)

FSSA matters. Adds additional duties to a workgroup currently organized concerning the pathways for aging risk based managed care program (program). Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) to determine the base reimbursement rate structure, methodology, and reimbursement rates for provider payment by managed care organizations under the program. Allows the office of the secretary to perform claims reviews of claims under the program. Requires a managed care organization participating in the program to do the following: (1) Contract with nursing facilities if certain conditions are met under the same terms for a specified time frame. (2) Submit monthly reports for claims that had a denial rate of at least five percent in the previous month. (3) Pay minimum reimbursement rates to providers. (4) Pay interest on unpaid claims that are later determined to be clean claims. Sets forth the powers and duties of the office of the secretary concerning Medicaid home and community based services waivers. Requires a provider of services under a home and community based services waiver to follow any waiver requirements under federal law and developed by the office of the secretary. Establishes requirements for home and community based services waivers. Relocates provisions requiring reimbursement for assisted living services for individuals who are aged and disabled and receiving services under a Medicaid waiver. Specifies that: (1) these provisions apply to a home and community based services waiver that included assisted living services as an available services before July 1, 2025; (2) these provisions apply to an individual receiving services under a home and community based services waiver; and (3) reimbursement is required for certain services that are part of the individual's home and community based service plan. Relocates provisions establishing limitations concerning assisted living services provided in a home and community based services program. Relocates a provision requiring the office of the secretary to annually determine any state savings generated by home and community based services. Removes a provision allowing the division of aging to adopt rules concerning an appeals process for a housing with services establishment provider's determination that the provider is unable to meet the health needs of a resident and allows the office of the secretary to adopt rules concerning the appeals process. Requires an individual who provides attendant care services for compensation from Medicaid to register with the office of the secretary. Removes the requirement that the division of aging administer programs established under Medicaid waivers for in-home services for treatment of medical conditions. Provides that provisions of law concerning the statewide waiver ombudsman apply to an individual who has a disability and receives services administered by the bureau of disabilities

services. (Current law specifies that these provisions apply to an individual who has a developmental disability and receives services under the federal home and community based services program.) Specifies that these provisions do not apply to an individual served by the long term care ombudsman program. Changes references from "statewide waiver ombudsman" to "statewide bureau of disabilities services ombudsman". Requires the unit of services for the deaf and hard of hearing and the division (rather than the unit and the board of interpreters) to adopt rules creating standings for interpreters. Removes provisions concerning the board of interpreters. Repeals a provision providing that licensed home health agencies and licensed personal services agencies are approved to provide certain services under a Medicaid waiver granted to the state under federal law that provides services for treatment of medical conditions. Repeals language concerning a long term care services eligibility screen for purposes of the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled program (CHOICE). Authorizes the division of disability and rehabilitative services to charge an authorized service provider that employs a direct service professional an annual fee. Establishes the direct support professional training program fund and appropriates money in the fund.

DIGEST OF HB 1477 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:33 pm - DI 140)

Mobile home communities and manufactured homes. Provides that, for purposes of the Indiana department of health's enforcement of statutes governing mobile home communities, if the owner of a mobile home community is provided written notice from a water utility that the mobile home community will be disconnected from water service, the mobile home community is in violation of the mobile home community's statutory obligation to provide water as of the date on which the owner is provided the notice. Provides that the owner of the mobile home community and the Indiana department of health must receive written notice at least 30 days before the notice that the water service will be disconnected. Authorizes a court to appoint a receiver upon request by a utility providing electric, gas, water, or wastewater utility service to a mobile home community when the property owner has failed to pay: (A) invoiced utility bills for a period greater than 90 days from the due date; or (B) amounts due under a curative payment plan for a period of at least 60 days from the initial due date prescribed under the payment plan. Specifies that a comprehensive plan or ordinance adopted by a county, city, or town may not categorically preclude installation of all manufactured homes that meet specified requirements as permanent residences on a lot on which any other type of dwelling unit may be placed. Provides units may adopt standards and requirements in the comprehensive plans and ordinances that preclude manufactured homes that exceed 12 feet in width and 500 square feet of occupied space but may not preclude manufactured homes that exceed the standards and requirements in current law of 23 feet in width and 950 square feet of occupied space.

DIGEST OF HB 1478 (Updated April 7, 2025 3:27 pm - DI 140)

Pro bono legal services fee. Removes the sunset provision for pro bono legal services fees.

DIGEST OF HB 1489 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:34 pm - DI 140)

Indiana-Ireland trade commission. Establishes the Indiana-Ireland trade commission (commission) to advance bilateral trade and investment between Indiana and Ireland and other related matters. Specifies the membership of the commission and certain requirements for the operations of the commission. Requires the commission to provide an annual report of its activities. Provides for the expiration of the commission.

DIGEST OF HB 1490 (Updated March 24, 2025 3:49 pm - DI 140)

Equine dentistry at horse racing tracks. Allows the horse racing commission (commission) to issue a license for certain individuals to provide teeth floating on a licensed horse race track in Indiana. Provides an exception to the licensing and special permits requirements of veterinary medicine for certain individuals who are licensed by the commission.

DIGEST OF HB 1498 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:38 pm - DI 140)

School accountability. Repeals certain provisions regarding statewide assessment scores and the establishment of categories or designations of school performance. Requires the state board of education to establish a new methodology for designating school performance. Extends the expiration of certain provisions regarding the posting of school information. Provides that the proposals to align diploma waiver statutes with new diploma requirements may include a proposal to eliminate diploma waivers.

DIGEST OF HB 1499 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Education matters. Provides that certain students have the opportunity to retake the determinant evaluation of reading skills at least twice in the summer before grade 3 retention requirements apply. Requires the department of education to establish a registration process for schools to exempt certain English language learners from compliance with grade 3 retention requirements until the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year. Allows required career fairs to be held off of school property if the school provides transportation. Amends agreement requirements with regard to the employment aid readiness network (EARN) Indiana program. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1509 (Updated March 24, 2025 3:51 pm - DI 140)

Appointed officials. Requires disclosure of the appointing authority and term of an appointed public officer: (1) in the meeting notice and agenda of the board on which the public officer is appointed to serve; and (2) on the board's website or appointing authority's website, if any. Provides that if the appointing authority or board does not have a website, the information must be published on the Internet through the computer gateway administered by the office of technology.

Education and higher education matters. Provides that accredited nonpublic schools are eligible to participate in the following: (1) The establishment of police departments. (2) The science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teacher recruitment grants. (3) The principal institute. Provides that charter schools are eligible to receive science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teacher recruitment grants. Establishes, for three school years: (1) a centralized school facilities pilot program; and (2) a student transportation pilot program. Allows: (1) not more than three applications, as selected by the department of education (department), to participate in the centralized school facilities pilot program; and (2) not more than three applications, as selected by the department, to participate in the student transportation pilot program (pilot programs). Establishes a: (1) local centralized school facilities board; and (2) local student transportation board; for participating school corporations and schools and grants the local boards certain powers and duties. Allows school corporations and schools to opt out of the pilot programs by providing a one year notice. Requires the department of local government finance, in consultation with the department, to prepare and submit reports that include certain recommendations. Establishes a mastery based education pilot program administered by the department. Establishes the Indianapolis local education alliance and requires the alliance to conduct a school facilities assessment and establish a school facilities and transportation implementation plan. Allows a parent of a choice scholarship student or an eligible choice scholarship school on behalf of a parent to petition the department to reconsider the eligibility of a choice scholarship student enrolled in the school if the parent has reason to believe that the student was determined ineligible due to enrollment data inaccuracies reported by a school. Provides that a student must be withdrawn from enrollment in a school corporation's virtual education program if the student accumulates 10 consecutive or 18 cumulative unexcused absences (instead of the number of unexcused absences sufficient to result in the student's classification as a habitual truant). Amends eligibility requirements for the high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant. Establishes the: (1) county deputy prosecuting attorney and public defender scholarship program; and (2) county deputy prosecuting attorney and public defender scholarship fund. Provides that a land use application for any approval that is required by a unit for a public or nonpublic school may not be denied for the sole reason that the requesting entity is seeking to establish a public or nonpublic school. Provides that, if Vigo County transfers or gifts any unencumbered funds to a school corporation, the county executive may establish a local board to have oversight and manage the use of the funds. Provides that the expenses of the local board shall be paid by the county. Requires certain individuals and certain schools to ensure that an AED is operational and present at certain events, and that individuals present at certain events are aware of the location of the AED and emergency plans regarding the use of the AED. Adds a requirement regarding certain school emergency action plans for sudden cardiac arrest. Removes certain sudden cardiac arrest training and certificate of completion requirements. Establishes requirements regarding a standardized admissions test for state educational institutions that offer certain health education programs. Requires a public school provide written notification to an employee and parent of a student not later than 14 days regarding certain unsubstantiated or otherwise dismissed allegations. Requires the department to submit a report to the general

assembly on the academic readiness of students who enroll in a virtual school or program. Provides that the state board shall adopt rules regarding financial reporting and oversight required by a school corporation and a vendor who enter into or renew a contract relating to the operation of a dedicated virtual education school. Resolves conflicts.

DIGEST OF HB 1518 (Updated March 27, 2025 3:16 pm - DI 140)

Purchase of vehicles by state entities. Provides with certain exceptions, that if a state entity purchases or leases a vehicle, the vehicle: (1) must be a government model, base model, or standard model vehicle; and (2) may not be from a luxury or semi-luxury brand if a nonluxury brand alternative exists that uses the same underlying vehicle platform.

DIGEST OF HB 1521 (Updated April 10, 2025 5:55 pm - DI 140)

Consumer genetic testing providers. Provides that a person may not discriminate against an individual on the basis of the individual's solicitation and use of consumer genetic testing services or on the basis of the results of genetic testing performed by a provider of consumer genetic testing services (provider). Requires a provider to disclose specified information to an individual who submits biological material to the provider for genetic testing. Prohibits a provider that performs, or causes to be performed, genetic testing on an individual's biological material from: (1) taking specified actions with regard to: (A) the biological material; or (B) data resulting from genetic testing performed on the biological material; unless the provider has solicited and received the individual's consent to the action; or (2) providing data, other than deidentified data, resulting from genetic testing performed on the individual's biological material to: (A) an insurer; (B) a business that provides information or data to insurers for the purposes of underwriting or rating of risks; or (C) the individual's employer. Imposes requirements on a provider with respect to: (1) controlling access to an individual's biological material and data; (2) complying with the individual's revocation of consent with regard to the individual's biological material and data; and (3) marketing or advertising sent to the individual as a result of the individual's solicitation and use of the provider's genetic testing services or use of a website or other remote or virtual service associated with the provider's genetic testing services. Provides that a provider may not charge a fee for the provision of biological material or data resulting from genetic testing performed on biological material: (1) to a law enforcement agency on the basis of a search warrant; or (2) as required by a court order; that is more than the provider's actual cost of providing the material or data. Provides for enforcement of the bill's provisions by the attorney general.

DIGEST OF HB 1554 (Updated March 17, 2025 2:45 pm - DI 140)

Driving with suspended driving privileges. Specifies that the penalty for operating a motor vehicle while under a lifetime forfeiture of driving privileges is: (1) a Level 6 felony, if the forfeiture occurred before July 1, 2015; and (2) a Level 5 felony, if the forfeiture occurred after June 30, 2015.

DIGEST OF HB 1555 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:36 am - DI 153)

Licensure of foreign trained physicians. Establishes a limited medical license for individuals who: (1) have graduated from certain international medical programs; (2) obtain a health care facility sponsor in an underserved area; and (3) meet certain other criteria. Provides that a limited medical license authorizes the recipient to practice medicine only at a health care facility in an underserved area. Enables the medical licensing board of Indiana (board) to revoke a limited medical license if the recipient stops working as a physician at a health care facility in an underserved area. Provides that a limited medical license may be converted to an unlimited license. Allows the board to require a comprehensive evaluation to determine the individual's competency before issuing an unlimited medical license. Allows, until June 30, 2027, an applicant for an unlimited license to practice osteopathic medicine to take all levels of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination not later than ten years from the date the applicant first passes level 1 of the examination.

DIGEST OF HB 1557 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:35 pm - DI 140)

Prescribed burning. Defines "prescribed burn". Provides for the following: (1) Requirements to be met before a person conducts a prescribed burning. (2) That a certified prescribed burn manager and a completed prescribed burn plan must be present during a prescribed burning. (3) Certain civil liability immunities related to conducting a prescribed burn and the prescribed burn certification program. (4) Under certain conditions, exemption of prescribed burning from certain local regulations. (5) That a prescribed burning and the smoke produced by the prescribed burning do not constitute a nuisance. (6) That the division of forestry shall administer the training and certification program for prescribed burning. Limits damages for injuries or losses as result of a prescribed burn to actual damages.

DIGEST OF HB 1558 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Employment of minor league baseball players. Provides that a person who has entered into a contract to play baseball at the minor league level and is compensated under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement is excluded from the definition of "employee" for purposes of the minimum wage law. Provides that a record of daily and weekly hours and wages is not required for any person who has entered into a contract to play baseball at the minor league level and is compensated under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

DIGEST OF HB 1559 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:39 pm - DI 140)

Construction manager as constructor. Provides that when a public agency chooses to employ a construction manager as constructor (CMc) on a public works project, the applicable contract award standard for the project is "lowest and best". Increases the maximum amount of work a CMc may perform on a project from 20% of the total value of a project to 30% of the total value of a project.

DIGEST OF HB 1572 (Updated March 20, 2025 2:45 pm - DI 140)

Hearing aids and speech-language pathologists. Adds speech-language pathology assistant to the definition of "practitioner" for purposes of the provision of telehealth. Specifies services included in the definition of "audiology". Allows for the sale, use, provision of customer service, or distribution of an over-the-counter hearing aid without the fitting of the hearing aid by a hearing aid dealer who has been issued a certificate of registration or a licensed audiologist. (Current law does not differentiate between a prescription hearing aid and an over-the-counter hearing aid concerning the fitting of the hearing aid.)

DIGEST OF HB 1577 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:15 pm - DI 147)

Mobile retail food establishment licenses. Requires the Indiana department of health (state department) to establish: (1) a statewide mobile retail food establishment license (license); (2) standards for the licensure, inspection, and operation of a mobile retail food establishment; and (3) license fees and inspection fees. Requires the state department to establish a workgroup to collaborate with in implementing specified provisions. Beginning January 1, 2027, requires a local health department to: (1) receive applications for licenses; (2) collect annual license and inspection fees; (3) issue licenses; and (4) conduct semiannual inspections of a mobile retail food establishment that is issued a license. Provides that an owner or operator of a mobile retail food establishment issued a license is not required to obtain a county or local license or permit, nor required to pay a county or local inspection fee or a license or permit fee. Provides that beginning January 1, 2027, a person may not operate a mobile retail food establishment in Indiana unless the person obtains a license. Requires the state department to adopt rules to implement these provisions. Repeals provisions of law governing mobile retail food establishment permits effective January 1, 2027.

DIGEST OF HB 1587 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:16 pm - DI 141)

Insurance matters. Provides that the director of the state personnel department may make a determination to provide coverage under the state employee health plan for emergency medical services as part of a mobile integrated healthcare program. Provides that the requirement for a policy of accident and sickness insurance and a health maintenance organization contract to provide reimbursement for emergency medical services includes emergency medical services that are performed or provided as part of a mobile integrated healthcare program. Repeals a provision that requires the department of insurance to maintain an electronic system for the collection and storage of information concerning transactions involving residential property. Provides that the article regarding consumer data protection does not apply to any organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that is: (1) established to detect or prevent insurance related crime or fraud; and (2) subject to a memorandum of understanding with a statewide law enforcement agency. Changes the deadline for the Indiana Public Employers' Plan, Inc., to apply to the insurance commissioner for a certificate of authority to transact business as a domestic tax exempt reciprocal insurance company from before December 31, 2026, to before December 31, 2030. Repeals the statute requiring carriers of health insurance

plans to conduct annual public forums. Provides that provisions requiring a notice of material change apply to personal automobile or homeowner's policies that are issued, delivered, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2026. Amends the definition of "small employer" in the chapter regarding small employer group health insurance. Makes corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1593 (Updated March 27, 2025 3:16 pm - DI 140)

Fraud prevention. Amends the definition of "principal office" for purposes of the statutes governing business entities. Provides that if a person submits a biennial report on behalf of another person, the person submitting the biennial report must take reasonable steps to verify the identity of the person for whom the submitting person is submitting the biennial report. Provides certain requirements for a person operating a commercial mail receiving agency. Provides that a domestic filing entity may apply for reinstatement more than five years after the entity is administratively dissolved if the entity describes the: (1) reason the entity is requesting reinstatement; and (2) the intended future activities of the entity.

DIGEST OF HB 1595 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:39 pm - DI 140)

Long term care insurance partnership program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to reapply before September 1, 2025, for a Medicaid state plan amendment that provides for the establishment of the long term care partnership program and the discontinuance of the current long term care program.

DIGEST OF HB 1601 (Updated April 15, 2025 5:26 pm - DI 140)

Quantum research tax incentives. Amends the state sales and use tax exemption for data centers to include projects for investments in a quantum computing research, advanced computing, and defense infrastructure network that result in a minimum qualified investment within five years of at least \$50,000,000.

DIGEST OF HB 1604 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:36 am - DI 141)

Cost sharing; out-of-pocket expense credit. Requires an insurer, an administrator, and a pharmacy benefit manager to apply the annual limitation on cost sharing set forth in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act under 42 U.S.C. 18022(c)(1) to prescription drugs that: (1) are covered under a health plan; (2) are life-saving or intended to manage chronic pain; and (3) do not have an approved generic version. Provides that an insurer, an administrator, and a pharmacy benefit manager may not directly or indirectly set, alter, implement, or condition the terms of health insurance coverage based in part or entirely on information about the availability or amount of financial or product assistance available for a prescription drug. Requires, before December 31 of each year, each insurer and administrator to certify to the insurance commissioner that the insurer or administrator has fully and completely complied with the cost sharing requirements during the previous calendar year. Requires a health plan to credit toward a covered individual's deductible and annual maximum out-of-pocket expenses any amount the covered individual pays directly to any health care provider for a medically necessary covered health care service if a claim for the health care service is not submitted to the health plan and the

amount paid by the covered individual to the health care provider is less than the average discounted rate for the health care service paid to a health care provider in the health plan's network. Requires a health plan to: (1) establish a procedure by which a covered individual may claim a credit; and (2) identify documentation necessary to support a claim for a credit.

DIGEST OF HB 1605 (Updated April 3, 2025 3:30 pm - DI 140)

Juvenile law matters. Requires the family and social services administration (FSSA) to provide address information to the department of child services (department) under specified circumstances subject to federal approval of a state plan amendment or waiver allowing FSSA to do so. Provides that it is the policy of the state of Indiana and the purpose of Indiana family and juvenile law to: (1) recognize the responsibility of the state and of the department for the safety of children who are abused or neglected; (2) recognize that a parent's interest in receiving services at the time and expense of the state for purposes of reunification is limited; (3) promote the safety of all children involved in the juvenile justice system; and (4) ensure timely placement of children in foster care into permanent homes. Provides that a procedural deadline in a: (1) child in need of services (CHINS) proceeding; or (2) termination of parent-child relationship (TPR) proceeding; is not subject to waiver by a party to the proceeding, except as permitted in specified circumstances under current law. Provides that an individual with whom a child is placed during CHINS proceedings is entitled to attend, in its entirety, any hearing conducted as part of: (1) the CHINS proceedings; or (2) TPR proceedings resulting from a TPR petition filed with regard to the child during the CHINS proceedings. Provides that a court shall allow an individual who is providing care and supervision of a child as: (1) a foster parent; (2) a long term foster parent; or (3) an unlicensed kinship caregiver; at the time the child is the subject of a CHINS proceeding or TPR proceeding to intervene as a party during any stage of the proceeding if the court makes specified findings. Provides that a court shall allow an individual who is providing care and supervision for a child to intervene in a TPR proceeding concerning the child. Provides that a child is a CHINS if, before the child becomes 18 years of age: (1) the child's physical or mental health is seriously endangered due to failure of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to protect the child from exposure to the use, possession, sale, or manufacture of illegal drugs; and (2) the child needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that the child is not receiving and that is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court. Removes a rebuttable presumption in current law that a child's physical or mental health is seriously endangered based on evidence of illegal manufacture of a drug or controlled substance occurring at the child's residence and provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that a child is a CHINS if the court finds that the child's parent, guardian, or custodian willfully or knowingly: (1) exposed the child to the illegal manufacture or distribution of a legend drug or controlled substance; or (2) exposed the child to: (A) methamphetamine; (B) fentanyl; or (C) a fentanyl containing substance; for which the parent, guardian, or custodian did not have a valid prescription. Amends the factors a court must consider when determining whether to detain a child who has been removed from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to include considerations relating to exposure of the child to a fentanyl containing substance or fentanyl related substance. Provides that the rights of the: (1) child; (2) child's parents, guardian, or

custodian; (3) department; and (4) guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate; as parties to a proceeding regarding the child under Indiana juvenile law include rights of discovery, subpoena, examination of witnesses, and presentation of evidence at any hearing in the proceeding. Provides that the statutory deadline for holding of a factfinding hearing in a CHINS proceeding may be extended if the court finds that the extension is necessitated by: (1) unanticipated, emergent circumstances; (2) the circumstances of the case; or (3) the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. Provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that a child is a CHINS if the court finds that the child lives in the same household as an adult who is subject to an order issued in a CHINS proceeding that requires the adult to participate in a program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation. Adds factors that a court must consider in determining appropriate reunification services in which a child's parent, guardian, or custodian will be required to participate under the child's dispositional decree. Provides that: (1) a dispositional decree that: (A) is entered under specified circumstances; and (B) requires a parent, guardian, or custodian to complete reunification services; may not provide for the parent, guardian, or custodian to receive the reunification services for more than a specified length of time, subject to extension for specified causes; and (2) a court reviewing the dispositional decree shall consider the amount of time remaining for the parent, guardian, or custodian to complete the reunification services. Specifies that the requirement that a court reviewing a dispositional decree must determine whether the department has made reasonable efforts to provide family services does not apply if a finding has been made that reasonable efforts for family preservation or reunification are not required. Provides that in determining the extent to which reasonable efforts to reunify or preserve a family are appropriate, the child's welfare (in addition to the child's health and safety, under current law) is of paramount concern. Provides that if the department conducts a criminal history check of: (1) a parent, guardian, or custodian; or (2) a household member of the parent, guardian, or custodian; before reunifying a child with the parent, guardian, or custodian, the department shall (rather than may, under current law) use the results of the criminal history check to decide whether it is safe for the child to return home and shall provide the results of the criminal history check to the court. Requires a court to hold a permanency hearing for a child: (1) who has been removed from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian for at least 12 months; or (2) with regard to whom at least 12 months have expired since a dispositional decree was entered; at the request of any party to the CHINS proceeding that requests a permanency hearing on the basis that continuation of efforts to reunify or preserve the child's family are inconsistent with the best interests of the child. Provides that if a child has, at the time of a permanency hearing, been removed from the child's parent for at least 12 of the most recent 22 months, the permanency plan for the child must include at least one intended permanent or long term care and custody arrangement that would not return the child to the care and custody of the parent, guardian, or custodian from whose care and custody the child has been removed. Provides that if a child is less than 16 years of age, the intended permanent or long term care and custody arrangement for the child may be guardianship or placement with a permanent custodian only if the proposed guardian or custodian appears before the court and testifies as to the individual's willingness to assume custody of the child. Provides that: (1) if a court approves a permanency plan for a child under which adoption is the only intended permanent or long term care and

custody arrangement, the department shall publish specified information regarding the child to facilitate adoption of the child; and (2) the information published by the department to facilitate adoption of a child who is: (A) a CHINS; and (B) a hard to place child; may include the child's first name and picture. Requires a court to hold an initial hearing on a TPR petition not later than 30 days after the petition is filed. Provides that under specified circumstances, a TPR petition regarding a child and the child's parent: (1) must be filed by the department; and (2) may be filed by: (A) the child's guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate; or (B) an individual: (i) with whom the child is placed during the CHINS proceedings; and (ii) who is an intervenor in the CHINS proceedings. Amends the allegations that may be asserted in a TPR petition. Removes a provision requiring a person that files a TPR petition to also file a: (1) copy of the order approving the permanency plan for the child; or (2) permanency plan for the child. Provides that the deadline for holding a hearing regarding a TPR petition may be extended if the court finds that extension of the deadline is necessitated by: (1) unanticipated, emergent circumstances; (2) the circumstances of the case; or (3) the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. Provides that a representative of a licensed child placing agency that is providing services to a child during child in need of services (CHINS) proceedings is entitled to attend, in its entirety, any hearing conducted as part of: (1) the CHINS proceedings; or (2) termination of parent-child relationship (TPR) proceedings resulting from a TPR petition filed with regard to the child during the CHINS proceedings. Provides that the requirement that DCS publish specified information regarding a child to facilitate adoption of the child does not apply if the child is already in a pre-adoptive placement in a proposed adoptive home. Makes conforming and technical changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1616 (Updated April 15, 2025 5:32 pm - DI 140)

Department of natural resources. Establishes a procedure to be followed when there are unpaid taxes assessed on a mineral interest. Adds a \$10,000 cap on a tax credit for a taxpayer who completes preservation or rehabilitation of a historic property. Establishes that the department of natural resources can not certify credits into future years, but may maintain credits previously certified (credits granted before March 10, 2025 for expenditures incurred before July 1, 2024). Provides conditions and guidelines under which the department of natural resources may establish submerged lands preserves. Asks the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the topic of studying the economic value of public land for recreation in Indiana.

DIGEST OF HB 1626 (Updated March 11, 2025 2:47 pm - DI 140)

Child custody orders. Requires the following to be included in a custody order: (1) a trial court shall include the court's findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the custody order is based; and (2) an appellate decision shall include the facts upon which the appellate court relied to affirm or reverse an order.

DIGEST OF HB 1633 (Updated April 7, 2025 4:06 pm - DI 140)

Study of election issues. Requires the secretary of state to do the following: (1) Study scheduling of local elections and requiring all counties to use vote centers. (2) Conduct at least three public

meetings on the topics studied. (3) Report the results of the studies to the legislative council before November 1, 2025.

DIGEST OF HB 1634 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:39 pm - DI 140)

Math education. Requires each school corporation and charter middle school to automatically enroll a student who meets certain conditions in a middle school advanced math course. Allows a parent of a student to opt out of automatic enrollment. Requires the department of education to submit a report to the legislative council that includes certain middle school advanced math course student percentage information. Establishes requirements regarding: (1) mathematics screening, evaluation, and intervention; and (2) teacher preparation program math curriculum and content.

DIGEST OF HB 1637 (Updated April 24, 2025 8:44 pm - DI 116)

School and public safety matters. Expands the eligibility requirements for admission to the Indiana Veterans' Home. Provides that the department of natural resources shall provide staff support for the Indiana semiquincentennial commission (commission). (Current law provides that the Indiana department of veterans' affairs provides staff support for the commission.) Adds a definition of an "eligible person" for purposes of administering grants for veteran services (GVS). Provides that a qualified entity may receive a GVS to provide certain services to support an eligible person. Makes changes to the qualifications to receive a veteran's burial allowance. Establishes the Medal of Honor license plate. Restores a provision of current law concerning certain disability ratings, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and educational cost exemptions. Updates references throughout the Indiana Code relating to the armed forces of the United States or uniformed services to include the United States Space Force. Changes references relating to military discharges. Makes technical changes to various references relating to the components of the armed forces of the United States. Provides that Hamilton County is not subject to the political party membership requirements for a board of aviation commissioners or an airport authority. Establishes the office of school safety within the department of homeland security (department) for the purpose of coordinating and administering school security and safety resources. Changes the composition of the secured school safety board. Requires a school corporation or charter school to comply with certain safety related requests by the office of school safety. Authorizes the department to issue enforcement orders in accordance with rules adopted by the board of firefighting personnel standards and education. Removes emergency medical services enforcement authority from the state fire marshal's management authority. Provides that the department, a fire department, an airport fire department, or a volunteer fire department may open burn for fire training purposes if certain conditions are met. Makes various changes to provisions relating to the department's enforcement authority pertaining to the administrative adjudication of building fire and safety laws. Amends the definition of "law enforcement officer" to include the state fire marshal and the executive director or fire investigator of the department. Provides that the fire prevention and building safety commission, with certain exceptions, may not adopt a final rule for more than three building codes during any 12 month period. Defines "correctional services provider" and adds correctional

services providers to the definition of "covered person" for purposes of restricting access to a covered person's address on a public property data base website. Provides that a school resource officer who has completed Tier I or Tier II basic training has statewide jurisdiction. Provides that a school resource officer may pursue a person who flees from a school resource officer after the school resource officer has, by visible or audible means, including the operation of the school resource officer's siren or emergency lights, identified themselves and ordered the person to stop. Increases the penalty for criminal recklessness from a Class B to a Class A misdemeanor. Specifies that the immunities and limitations on liability that apply to a law enforcement officer (and the officer's employing agency) acting within the officer's jurisdictional area also apply to an officer (and employing agency) acting outside the jurisdictional area under certain circumstances. Makes pointing a firearm by a passenger in a vehicle whose driver is committing criminal recklessness a Level 6 felony under certain circumstances. Adds a hospital police department to the definition of police departments required to provide police officers with certain rights. Repeals the provision establishing the department of education's division of school building physical security and safety. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1641 (Updated April 15, 2025 5:32 pm - DI 140)

County government matters. Allows an executive session to be held to communicate with an attorney, subject to the attorney client privilege. Excludes conveyances to a unit from the definition of a "conveyance document". Amends requirements for local ordinances concerning the operation of a golf cart or an off-road vehicle. Provides that if a body is to be transported by common carrier, the person in charge of interment shall secure a burial transit permit in duplicate from certain individuals. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may enter into a public-private agreement for the construction or renovation of school buildings under the statutes governing public-private agreements. Provides that certain fees collected by the county recorder are deposited in the county recorder's records perpetuation fund. Provides that a fee for recording a mortgage assumption is the same as the fee for recording a mortgage. Prohibits a county employee from taking action on a county contract, unless permitted by a county ordinance. Amends the definition of "residential property" used for an allocation area established after June 30, 2025. Provides that, after June 30, 2025, no action shall be brought with respect to jail or prison conditions under state law by an offender until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted.

DIGEST OF HB 1660 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:35 pm - DI 140)

Excused absence from school. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of a school student if the student participates in certain events offered by the National FFA Organization, the Indiana FFA Association, or a 4-H club. Provides that a student's excused absences may not exceed six days in a school year. Provides that the student must be in good academic standing.

DIGEST OF HB 1666 (Updated April 23, 2025 12:02 pm - DI 147)

Ownership of health care providers. Requires reporting of certain ownership information by: (1) a hospital to the Indiana department of health (state department); (2) certain health care entities to the secretary of state; and (3) an insurer, a third party administrator, and a pharmacy benefit manager to the department of insurance. Requires the secretary of state and the department of insurance to provide the ownership information to the state department. Requires the state department to annually publish a report concerning the ownership information. Amends the definition of "health care entity" for provisions governing health care entity mergers and acquisitions. Allows the office of the attorney general to investigate the market concentration of a health care entity.

DIGEST OF HB 1679 (Updated April 24, 2025 7:02 pm - DI 144)

Various elections matters. Modifies the definition of "candidate". Provides that certain documents and material generated for or used by a political party caucus to select a person to fill a vacancy in an elected office are the property of the political party. Provides that the office of the circuit court clerk must remain closed on primary election day and general election day. Provides that the circuit court clerk shall perform required duties to conduct elections on primary election day and general election day. Specifies that the circuit court clerk is not required to perform on primary election day and general election day a duty other than conducting elections. Requires a county, city, town, township, or school to provide to an employee of a local government office who requests leave to serve: (1) on primary election day or general election day; and (2) as a precinct election officer; a paid day of leave to serve as a precinct election officer. Specifies an exception. Requires certain redistricting authorities to redistrict election districts or recertify existing election districts within the statutory deadlines and withholds payment to a member of a redistricting authority for failure to do so. Prescribes fees to be charged by the election division for particular products and services. Changes the manner in which a copy of a complaint is to be provided to members of the Indiana election commission. Specifies the term of a chairman of a county election board, circumstances under which the chairman is considered to have vacated the office, and the process for electing a member of the board to serve as chairman following a vacancy. Provides that a person must: (1) be at least 18 years of age at the next general, municipal, or special election; (2) be a United States citizen; and (3) reside in a precinct continuously before a general, municipal, or special election for at least 30 days; to register to vote in that precinct and may, upon making a proper application, register to vote in that precinct. Requires absentee activity reports and other election day reports to be provided by a certain time and provides exceptions. Requires the county voter registration official to take certain actions concerning potential nonresidential addresses not later than August 1 of each year. Provides that the county voter registration official may not enter a nonresidential address into the statewide voter registration system as a voter's registration address. Provides that the spouse of a service member may elect to use the same residence as the member. Requires a county voter registration office to conduct a voter list maintenance program within 48 hours of receiving certain information. Allows a county voter registration office to use, for purposes of voter list maintenance: (1) information received by the county voter registration office indicating that a

voter has moved to another state; (2) the return of an absentee ballot sent by the county election board to a voter because of an unknown or insufficient address. Requires a county voter registration office that receives information indicating that a voter has moved to another state to mail a specified form to the voter. Specifies that a full-time employee of the department of homeland security who is prohibited from participating in political activities is disqualified from assuming or being a candidate for an elected office. Requires a write-in candidate for a school board office to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the county election board. Provides, for purposes of stating a candidate's affiliation with a political party in a declaration of candidacy, that if a candidate cast a nonpartisan ballot at an election held at either of the two most recent primary elections in which the candidate voted, a certification by the county chairman is required. Provides that, under certain circumstances, a county election board is not required to compile: (1) the addresses of persons for whom declarations of candidacy have been filed; or (2) information concerning precinct committeemen or state convention delegates. Specifies that a circuit court clerk who is required to conduct a special election is not required to publish the address of a candidate. Requires candidates for school board office and their candidate's committees to file required instruments with the county election board. Requires the names of all: (1) candidates for presidential electors and alternate presidential electors; and (2) nominees for President and Vice President of the United States; to be certified to the election division not later than noon September 1 before the general election. (Current law requires certification not later than noon on the second Tuesday in September before the general election.) Allows the county election board, by unanimous vote of the board's entire membership, to use bound materials instead of a paper envelope or bag in certain circumstances. Requires a voter registration application or absentee ballot application requested through electronic mail by a voter with print disabilities to be provided by electronic mail. (Current law permits providing these documents by fax or mail in certain circumstances.) Allows an individual to submit: (1) a replacement ballot statement request; and (2) a written replacement ballot request; by electronic mail. Repeals a provision that prohibits a voter from: (1) taking a digital image or photograph of the voter's ballot while in a polling place, except in specified circumstances; and (2) distributing or sharing the image using social media or by any other means. Requires that a voter entitled to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board mark the voter's political party ballot selection on the electronic poll book instead of communicating the selection to the poll clerks. Permits a vendor to dispose of a voting system unit or an electronic poll book unit by transferring possession of the unit to a state or county historical society in Indiana. Specifies circumstances in which a candidate filing a petition for a recount or contest is liable for the expenses chargeable to another party. Provides that a petition for a recount or contest may not be filed earlier than noon 10 days after election day. Specifies, with regard to filling a candidate vacancy for a local office, that an authorization to fill vacancies given to a county chairman or a county committee expires at the time of the next election for precinct committeemen for the party with which the county chairman or county committee is affiliated. Provides that action to fill an early candidate vacancy must be taken not earlier than May 8 after the primary election if the vacancy exists on a general or municipal election ballot. Provides that if only one person seeks to fill a vacancy in a local office held by a major political party, a caucus vote is not required and the county chairman may

select that person to fill the vacancy. Provides that certain state officers are liable to impeachment for crime, incapacity, or negligence in office. (Current law provides that these officers are liable to impeachment for any misdemeanor in office.) Specifies, for purposes of nepotism provisions, that the performance of certain duties of an absentee voter board, an absentee ballot counter, a provisional ballot counter, or an absentee ballot courier is not considered employment by a unit.

DIGEST OF HB 1680 (Updated April 23, 2025 6:06 pm - DI 144)

Various elections matters. Modifies the definition of "auxiliary party organization". Specifies that the definition of "contribution" includes certain donations of property through a payment platform that acts as a conduit. Requires each county to submit to the secretary of state (secretary) information concerning the county's information technology provider. Repeals a provision that allows the Indiana election commission (commission) to issue advisory opinions. Provides that an advisory opinion issued by the commission before July 1, 2025, is void. Permits a pollbook holder, challenger, or watcher to enter, leave, and reenter multiple polling places at any time on election day. Requires the county voter registration official to send a notice requesting proof of citizenship to an individual who uses an identification number from a temporary credential as part of the individual's voter registration application. Provides that an applicant may not list on the voter registration form a post office box or a commercially available mailing box as the residence address of the applicant. Prohibits, with some exceptions, an individual from printing or setting forth information on any part of a voter registration form that will be mailed to another individual. Requires a person who receives a completed petition for nomination of a candidate and has reason to believe that the petition is materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent to deliver the petition to a county election board. Requires the county election board to take certain actions to determine if a violation of election law has occurred. Provides that certain paid political advertising or campaign material does not falsely represent that the candidate is or has been an officeholder. Requires the reporting of certain information if a contribution is made through a payment platform that acts as a conduit. Allows a voter who resides in any precinct to challenge a voter or person who offers to vote at a primary election. Provides that an absentee ballot affidavit that does not contain an accurate date of signature is insufficient and must be rejected. Permits the secretary to conduct a procedure audit of a primary or general election after the election occurs. Requires the secretary to issue orders concerning procedure audits. Specifies the deadlines by which procedure audits must be completed. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor to circulate or publish material in an election without printing a certain statement on the envelope of an absentee ballot application that a person sends to an individual.

DIGEST OF HB 1682 (Updated April 24, 2025 4:14 pm - DI 106)

General legislative matters. Eliminates certain duplicate section headings. Defines "SECTION". Specifies when a SECTION of an act is effective. Repeals a chapter that concerns the effective date of a bill that is passed by the general assembly over the governor's veto. Removes obsolete provisions and conforms certain statutory provisions to the rules of the house and senate. Specifies that a bill passed during a regular or special legislative session must be presented to the

governor within seven days of sine die adjournment. Specifies when bills passed over the governor's veto take effect.

DIGEST OF HB 1687 (Updated March 24, 2025 3:53 pm - DI 140)

Probation transfers for sex or violent offenders. Prohibits the transfer of a sex or violent offender's probation jurisdiction to another county in Indiana while the offender is required to register as an offender unless certain conditions are met. Prohibits a sexually violent predator or an offender against children from working in any setting where the predator or offender: (1) has more than incidental and occasional contact with a child who is not accompanied by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; (2) has supervisory or disciplinary power over a child; or (3) is expected to touch a child on a more than incidental and occasional basis.

DIGEST OF HB 1689 (Updated April 23, 2025 5:48 pm - DI 104)

Human services matters. Provides that provisions of law concerning the statewide waiver ombudsman apply to an individual who has a disability and receives services administered by the bureau of disabilities services. (Current law specifies that these provisions apply to an individual who has a developmental disability and receives services under the federal home and community based services program.) Specifies that these provisions do not apply to an individual served by the long term care ombudsman program. Changes references from "statewide waiver ombudsman" to "statewide bureau of disabilities services ombudsman". Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) to prepare an annual report on the provision of Medicaid home and community based waiver services. Specifies the information that must be included in the report. Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services advisory council to provide recommendations to the division of disability and rehabilitative services to ensure the delivery of appropriate high quality services to recipients. Requires the office of the secretary to provide to the division of disability and rehabilitative services advisory council reports on the office of the secretary's plans to provide services to individuals who require extraordinary care and specifies the timing of the reports.

DIGEST OF SB 1 (Updated April 10, 2025 12:40 pm - DI 140)

Local government finance. Places restrictions on the issuance of certain general obligation bonds. Amends a capitalization rate percentage under the statewide agricultural land base rate determination. Provides that the percentage cap used to determine the maximum levy growth quotient is 4% in 2026. Provides that, notwithstanding any growth in a political subdivision's assessed value (AV) in the previous year, a political subdivision's ad valorem property tax levy shall not exceed the ad valorem property tax levy for its last preceding annual budget, unless the fiscal body of the political subdivision adopts an affirmative tax rate and tax levy increase by ordinance following a separate public hearing. Requires a resulting decrease in tax rates for each political subdivision in which there was an increase in the political subdivision's AV in the previous year, subject to any affirmative tax rate and tax levy increase adopted by the fiscal body of the political subdivision. Phases out the authority for the department of local government finance (department) to permit an excess tax levy that is based on AV growth, school

transportation costs, and other circumstances. Retains the provisions that permit an excess tax levy if the civil taxing unit cannot carry out its governmental functions in the case of annexation, a natural disaster, an accident, or an emergency. Phases in an increase in the acquisition cost threshold for the business personal property tax exemption from \$80,000 to \$2,000,000. Provides that the 30% minimum valuation limitation does not apply to business personal property placed in service after January 1, 2025. Phases down the homestead standard deduction over five years to zero beginning for taxes due and payable in 2031. Phases in an increase in the supplemental homestead deduction to 2/3 of the AV of the homestead. Phases in an AV deduction for all property that is subject to the 2% circuit breaker credit for excessive property taxes for assessment dates beginning in 2025 up to a 1/3 AV deduction for taxes due and payable in 2031, and each taxable year thereafter. Expires certain property tax deductions allowed in current law, and instead allows a credit against local property taxes in certain instances. Makes certain changes to the qualification requirements and credit amount for the over 65 circuit breaker credit. Provides a supplemental homestead tax credit for property taxes for a person's homestead if the person qualifies for a standard homestead deduction for the same homestead property. Provides that specified referendums may be placed on the ballot only at a general election. Amends the ballot language for controlled project, school operating, and school public safety referendums. Provides that a school corporation may not adopt a resolution to place a controlled project referendum on the ballot during the second calendar year after the final calendar year in which a previously approved controlled project referendum levy is imposed. Modifies the threshold amounts used for determining whether a political subdivision's project is a controlled project and whether the petition and remonstrance process or the referendum process applies based on the political subdivision's total debt service tax rate. Adds provisions to authorize a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to establish a property tax payment deferral program (program). Provides that a qualified individual participating in the program may defer the payment of part of the property taxes that would otherwise be due on a homestead. Provides that property taxes deferred under the program are due after the occurrence of a deferral termination event. Provides that the maximum amount of taxes that may be deferred cumulatively year over year may not exceed \$10,000. Increases, beginning in 2028, the maximum local income tax (LIT) expenditure rate for all counties to 2.9%. Authorizes a city or town to impose a municipal LIT rate beginning in 2028 not to exceed 1.2%. Provides that within a county's total expenditure rate, the county may adopt: (1) up to a 1.2% rate for county general purpose revenue; (2) up to a 0.4% rate for fire protection and emergency medical services; (3) up to a 0.2% rate for nonmunicipal civil taxing unit general purpose revenue; and (4) up to 1.2% for certain cities and towns that are not eligible to adopt a municipal LIT rate. Eliminates provisions that provide for a distribution of LIT expenditure rate revenue to schools and civil taxing units in counties that imposed a rate under the prior county adjusted gross income tax. Authorizes a county fiscal body to impose a local income tax expenditure rate to provide property tax relief for property tax liability attributable to homesteads in the county before January 1, 2028. Expires the authority to impose a property tax relief rate under the LIT and repeals the levy freeze rate. Provides that, in order to continue to impose an expenditure tax rate after 2027, each county must adopt a new ordinance on or before October 1, 2027, to impose the rate. Provides that, for counties that fail to adopt an ordinance to

renew an existing expenditure tax rate in 2027, the expenditure tax rate for the county in 2028 shall be the minimum tax rate necessary for existing debt service. Specifies that this does not prevent the county from renewing, imposing, or modifying an expenditure tax rate in subsequent years. Eliminates local income tax councils beginning July 1, 2027, and instead provides that the county fiscal body is the adopting body in all counties for purposes of the county LIT, and the city or town fiscal body is the adopting body in the case of a municipal LIT. Establishes the state and local income tax holding account within the state general fund for purposes of LIT distributions. Requires the budget agency to maintain an accounting for each county imposing a county LIT based on annual returns filed by or for county taxpayers (same as current law). Requires undistributed amounts so accounted to be held for purposes of the state and local income tax holding account beginning after December 31, 2026. (Under current law, undistributed amounts are required to be held in reserve separate from the state general fund.) Requires the budget agency to present each December to the budget committee a report of the following: (1) An estimate of the monthly certified distribution amounts for the immediately succeeding calendar year. (2) A description of the method used to determine the monthly estimates. Beginning in 2028, requires the budget agency to make monthly transfers to the state and local income tax holding account of the amount determined for the month in the budget agency's report to the budget committee. Repeals a provision that requires the budget agency to adjust the certified distribution of a county for the succeeding year following a tax rate change. Requires the department to develop and maintain a property tax transparency portal through which taxpayers may: (1) compare the property tax liability in their current tax statement compared to their potential property tax liability based on changes under a proposed tax rate; and (2) provide taxpayer feedback to the department. Prohibits the northern Indiana commuter transportation district from issuing new bonds after May 9, 2025, that are payable in whole or in part from amounts distributed from the commuter rail service fund or the electric rail service fund. Requires all school corporations that adopt a resolution for an operating referendum tax levy that is imposed for the first time with property taxes first due and payable beginning after 2027 to share revenue with certain charter schools. Requires, beginning with distributions in 2028, that all school corporations begin sharing revenue from the school corporation's operations fund levy with certain charter schools. Provides for the phasing in of the sharing of revenue with certain charter schools from the school corporation's operations fund levy. Provides for the appointment of additional board members to the governing board of a charter school that receives property tax revenue. Sets forth additional procedures related to the closure of a charter school. Dissolves the Union School Corporation. Provides that for a fire protection territory established after January 1, 2025, each unit in a territory may not impose a tax rate that exceeds \$0.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical corrections. Makes an appropriation.

DIGEST OF SB 2 (Updated April 8, 2025 3:35 pm - DI 140)

Medicaid matters. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to report specified Medicaid data to the Medicaid oversight committee. Requires the office to annually prepare and present a report to the budget committee concerning the enforcement of the

Medicaid five year look back period. Prohibits specified persons from advertising or otherwise marketing the Medicaid program. Provides that the office may adopt rules concerning permissible advertising or marketing indicating participation in the Medicaid program by a person that has contracted with the office. Allows the office to reimburse medical providers at the appropriate Medicaid fee schedule rate for certified medical claims prior to the beginning of benefits, provided the claims satisfy certain conditions. Repeals language allowing for marketing of the Medicaid program. Requires the office to receive and review data from specified federal and state agencies concerning Medicaid recipients to determine whether circumstances have changed that affect Medicaid eligibility for recipients and to perform a redetermination. Requires the office to establish: (1) performance standards for hospitals that make presumptive eligibility determinations and sets out action for when hospitals do not comply with the standards; and (2) an appeals procedure for hospitals that dispute the violation determination. Sets out a hospital's responsibilities when making a presumptive eligibility determination. Imposes corrective action and restrictions for failing to meet presumptive eligibility standards. Specifies requirements, allowances, and limitations for the healthy Indiana plan.

DIGEST OF SB 3 (Updated March 31, 2025 3:50 pm - DI 140)

Fiduciary duty in health plan administration. Provides that any third party administrator or pharmacy benefit manager acting on behalf of a plan sponsor owes a fiduciary duty to the plan sponsor.

DIGEST OF SB 4 (Updated April 1, 2025 2:48 pm - DI 140)

Water matters. Prohibits a water utility from constructing a long haul water pipeline unless the water utility first obtains a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) from the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC). Sets forth specified information that an application for a CPCN must include. Sets forth specified findings that the IURC must make before granting a CPCN. Sets forth conditions under which a water utility may recover through rates the actual costs the water utility incurs in reliance on a CPCN issued by the IURC. Provides that a person that transfers, sells, or leases a long haul water pipeline must provide written notice to the IURC of the transfer, sale, or lease not later than 60 days after the transfer, sale, or lease is finalized. Prohibits a person that transfers or proposes to transfer: (1) more than an annual average of 30,000,000 gallons of water per day out of a basin; or (2) water from a restricted use area; from transferring water out of a basin, or supplying water to another person that the person knows will transfer more than 100,000 gallons of water out of a basin, without first obtaining a transfer permit from the department of natural resources (department). Sets forth specified information that must be included in an application for a transfer permit. Provides that a transfer permit is required for an existing or ongoing interbasin transfer (as of July 1, 2025) if the existing or ongoing transfer exceeds the capacity of any system engaged in the interbasin transfer in any 90 day period. Provides that the department shall approve an application for a permit if the department determines that the transfer: (1) will not result in a perennial overdraft of a ground water resource or in a perennial stream flow depletion; and (2) is in the public interest, as described in the Indiana Code section concerning beneficial uses of Indiana's surface water

resources. Provides that a transfer permit: (1) does not expire; and (2) may be renewed, revoked, suspended, or modified in certain circumstances. Provides that the department may assess a civil penalty for violations of these provisions.

DIGEST OF SB 5 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:54 am - DI 120)

State fiscal and contracting matters. Allows a state agency to use artificial intelligence software to prepare information and projections for the state budget. Requires a state agency to provide a quarterly report to the budget committee that details the requests submitted by the state agency for new federal funds or to participate in a new federal program. Provides that, in addition to the quarterly reports, a state agency may not immediately accept an award of new federal funds in certain circumstances or participate in a new federal program before a report has been reviewed by the budget committee. Specifies the contents of the report that must be submitted for budget committee review. Requires a state agency to provide the state comptroller with a contract for inclusion in the Indiana transparency website not later than 30 days after the contract is fully executed. Requires that permanent full-time positions which have been vacant for 90 days or more be reviewed and either reauthorized or eliminated by the budget director. Requires the budget director to provide a quarterly report to the governor's office regarding those positions that were reauthorized or eliminated by the budget director in the preceding three months. Requires a state agency to provide quarterly reports to the budget committee regarding the state agency's active contracts. Provides for the reversion of funds appropriated to a state agency for expenses related to a contract that are unused after the end of the contract term. Requires the department of administration (department) to develop certain contract language to be included in state contracts of \$500,000 or more. Requires a state agency to provide a report to the budget committee concerning amendments to a contract that: (1) increase the maximum contract amount by not less than \$500,000; or (2) for a contract with an initial maximum contract amount of not less than \$500,000, extend the term of the contract by not less than six months. Prohibits a state agency from entering into a nonpublic contract. Requires all contract opportunities of state agencies to be posted in the form of a request for proposals or a request for quotations on the department's website at least 30 days prior to the contract being awarded. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services and the office of Medicaid policy and planning to do the following: (1) Review monthly reports on the Medicaid program service utilization to identify trends and risks within the state Medicaid program. (2) Post publicly on the office of the secretary of family and social services's website monthly financial reports or expenditures and revenues for each state Medicaid program and commentary providing context for each monthly financial report. (3) Submit a quarterly report to the budget committee.

DIGEST OF SB 10 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:36 pm - DI 140)

Voter registration. Specifies that proof of identification may not include a document issued by an educational institution. Requires a county voter registration office to perform voter list maintenance within 48 hours of receiving information that requires voter list maintenance activity. Clarifies the circumstances under which an individual may be removed from the computerized list. Requires a county voter registration office to conduct a voter list maintenance

program concerning a voter who has not cast a vote in the two most recent general elections. Repeals obsolete provisions concerning a memorandum of understanding with the Kansas Secretary of State. Requires the secretary of state to contact each state to request that the state or a group of states execute an agreement to share certain information concerning voter information for the purpose of maintaining the statewide voter registration list. Requires the secretary of state to take certain actions with respect to these agreements and the information exchanged. Provides that a voter's consular report of birth abroad (CRBA) is proof of citizenship. Requires a local health officer to share certain records concerning all deaths, including all death certificates, within that officer's jurisdiction with the county voter registration office on a quarterly basis.

DIGEST OF SB 26 (Updated April 22, 2025 11:31 am - DI 151)

Signal jamming. Provides that a signal jammer may be seized. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally manufactures, offers for sale, imports, markets, sells, possesses, uses, or operates a signal jammer commits unlawful use of a signal jammer, a Level 6 felony. Provides that the offense is a Level 5 felony if a signal jammer is used to disrupt a component of a critical infrastructure facility or the communications of a public safety agency. Provides, for purposes of criminal statutes regarding offenses involving critical infrastructure, that a communications services facility includes wires and equipment used to provide communications service to a customer.

DIGEST OF SB 28 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:36 pm - DI 140)

Ground water emergencies. Allows the owner or operator of a significant ground water withdrawal facility to file a complaint with the director of the department of natural resources (director) that a water well on the property of the owner of the significant ground water withdrawal facility failed to furnish the well's normal supply of water or failed to furnish potable water. Requires the director to launch an investigation into a complaint of a well failure from a significant ground water withdrawal facility within three business days of the director receiving the complaint. Provides that the owner of a significant ground water withdrawal facility responsible for the failure or substantial impairment of a well shall provide timely and reasonable compensation to the owner of an impacted significant ground water withdrawal facility or nonsignificant ground water withdrawal facility.

DIGEST OF SB 43 (Updated March 27, 2025 11:14 am - DI 140)

Study of location of gambling operations. Requires the Indiana gaming commission (commission) to contract with an independent, qualified gaming industry research firm to conduct a study to identify the top two regions in the state where an owner's license for a riverboat could locate gaming operations. Requires the commission to present the results of the study to the state budget committee not later than November 1, 2025.

DIGEST OF SB 73 (Updated April 22, 2025 11:33 am - DI 151)

Sale of utility trailers. Amends the definition of "motor vehicle" for purposes of dealer services provisions governing unfair practices and the succession to franchise by designated family members. Amends the definition of "trailer" for certain instances. Specifies that the requirement that a dealer have an established place of business does not apply to a dealer selling trailers, unless the dealer is required to be licensed for any other purpose. Provides that a dealer selling trailers does not have to file certain information with the secretary of state.

DIGEST OF SB 74 (Updated March 20, 2025 11:47 am - DI 140)

Extension of lifeline law immunity. Provides that an individual who is: (1) reasonably believed to be suffering from a health condition which is the direct result of alcohol consumption; and (2) assisted by a person who requested emergency medical assistance for the individual; is immune from prosecution for certain crimes.

DIGEST OF SB 80 (Updated April 24, 2025 11:03 pm - DI 112)

Code publication. Makes Indiana Code publication amendments. Repeals and relocates specific Indiana Code definitions chapters for organization of the defined terms by alphabetical order and to provide for future expansion of the chapters. Makes conforming cross-reference updates. Makes technical amendments to remove tabulation designations from the certain criminal law and procedure sections for consistency with similar statutes and to streamline amendment of those sections. Resolves technical conflicts between various enrolled acts passed during the 2025 legislative session.

DIGEST OF SB 95 (Updated March 20, 2025 11:50 am - DI 140)

Law enforcement training cost reimbursement. Allows the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision (public employer) to be reimbursed for the costs of employing and training a law enforcement officer by a public employer that subsequently employs the officer. Provides that the reimbursement amount decreases over time and is eliminated three years after the officer is certified by the law enforcement training board to act as an officer. Allows a public employer to require, as a condition of hiring, that the individual enter into a contract or agreement to reimburse the public employer for employment and training costs, if the individual is subsequently hired by a private or governmental employer that is not defined by statute as a public employer.

DIGEST OF SB 103 (Updated April 8, 2025 3:36 pm - DI 140)

Vehicle emissions. Requires IDEM to: (1) perform a comprehensive evaluation of ambient air quality within nonattainment areas in Indiana; and (2) identify air pollution reduction or regulatory relief strategies that could accomplish certain goals with respect to the federal Clean Air Act.

DIGEST OF SB 108 (Updated April 8, 2025 3:39 pm - DI 140)

Charity gaming. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a facility or location may not be used for the purpose of conducting a bingo event or a casino game night on more than three calendar

days per calendar week. Provides that a qualified organization may use the net proceeds from an allowable activity for any lawful purpose. Requires a qualified organization with an adjusted gross revenue with annual gross receipts of \$1,000,000 or more from casino game night activities to submit its records for an independent audit as part of its application for renewal. Requires a worker or operator conducting or assisting in the conducting of a casino game night to wear an identification card. Allows a qualified organization to conduct an electronic raffle, subject to certain requirements.

DIGEST OF SB 118 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:28 am - DI 147)

340B drug program report. Requires certain entities authorized to participate in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program to annually report specified data to the Indiana department of health (state department). Requires the state department to submit a report of the aggregated data to the legislative council and post the report on the state department's website.

DIGEST OF SB 119 (Updated April 7, 2025 2:44 pm - DI 140)

Certificate of public advantage. Prohibits the submission of an application for a certificate of public advantage (application) after May 13, 2025. Changes the time frame in which the Indiana department of health has to review and make a determination on an application filed during a specified time frame.

DIGEST OF SB 120 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:00 pm - DI 140)

DNA samples at time of arrest. Requires a sheriff to take a DNA sample of a person taken into custody for a felony. Provides that it is a Class C misdemeanor if a person refuses to provide a DNA sample to a sheriff.

DIGEST OF SB 127 (Updated March 25, 2025 1:54 pm - DI 140)

Battery charged security devices. Prohibits a county, city, or town from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that prohibits or imposes requirements on certain battery charged security devices.

DIGEST OF SB 137 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:38 pm - DI 140)

Voter registration. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles commission to notify the election division if the voter registration form being transmitted is for an applicant who applied for or was issued a temporary credential.

DIGEST OF SB 140 (Updated April 24, 2025 6:23 pm - DI 141)

Pharmacy benefits. Requires an insurer, a pharmacy benefit manager, or any other administrator of pharmacy benefits to ensure that a network utilized by the insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other administrator is reasonably adequate and accessible and file an annual report regarding the network with the commissioner of the department of insurance (commissioner). Sets forth certain limitations and requirements with respect to the provision of pharmacy or pharmacist services under a health plan. Allows any insured, pharmacy, or pharmacist impacted by an

alleged violation to file a complaint with the commissioner. Provides that the commissioner may order reimbursement to any person who has incurred a monetary loss as a result of a violation. Requires, if a pharmacy benefit manger is used with regard to a state employee health plan, the state personnel department to either create a pharmacy benefit manager or contract with an insurer, a pharmacy benefit manager, or other administrator. Prohibits a third party administrator from: (1) requiring, as a condition of a plan sponsor entering into a contract with the third party administrator, that the plan sponsor enter into a contract with a particular pharmacy benefit manager; or (2) charging a different fee for services provided by the third party administrator to a plan sponsor based on the plan sponsor's selection of a particular pharmacy benefit manager. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the task of studying the topic of contracts for pharmacy benefit coverage under the Medicaid program and a state employee health plan.

DIGEST OF SB 141 (Updated March 27, 2025 11:41 am - DI 140)

Eyewitness identification procedures. Establishes a procedure to be used by a law enforcement agency in conducting a lineup or in person witness identification.

DIGEST OF SB 142 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:40 pm - DI 140)

Eviction issues. Allows a court to order, upon its own motion, that certain eviction records may not be disclosed. Allows a tenant, in certain circumstances, to file a motion requesting that records related to an eviction action not be disclosed. Allows the court to issue an order without a hearing in certain circumstances. Specifies that a final judgment for the recovery of money or costs does not constitute a lien upon real estate and chattels real if certain eviction actions are prohibited from disclosure. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 143 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:38 pm - DI 140)

Parental rights. Provides that a governmental entity may not substantially burden certain parental rights unless the burden, as applied to the parent and the child, is required to advance a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of advancing the governmental interest. Prohibits a governmental entity from: (1) advising, directing, or coercing a child to withhold certain information from the child's parent; or (2) denying a child's parent access to certain information. Allows a parent to bring an action against a governmental entity for certain violations and provides for certain relief. Specifies that the parent of a child does not have a right to access certain medical care on behalf of the child if the child does not have an affirmative right of access to the medical care.

DIGEST OF SB 144 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:00 pm - DI 140)

County police force pension trust and trust fund. Requires in a county other than Marion County, that the county police department or a designee of the county police department make an annual presentation regarding the county police force pension trust and trust fund to the county council.

DIGEST OF SB 146 (Updated April 23, 2025 4:00 pm - DI 143)

Teacher compensation. Requires the department of education (department) to submit a report to the general assembly before November 1, 2025, that provides an analysis of the feasibility and cost of increasing school corporation employee health plan options. Creates the Indiana teacher recruitment program. Beginning June 30, 2025: (1) increases the minimum salary for a teacher employed by a school corporation to \$45,000 (current law requires \$40,000); and (2) requires a school corporation to expend an amount for teacher compensation that is not less than 65% of state tuition support (current law requires 62%). Amends the requirements for a school corporation and the department if the school corporation determines that the school corporation cannot meet minimum teacher salary requirements. Removes a provision that provides that the matrix rating system may not rank or compare teacher preparation programs.

DIGEST OF SB 151 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:40 pm - DI 140)

Statute of limitations. Specifies that a prosecution for rape as a Level 3 felony that is barred by the statute of limitations may still be brought within 10 years from the discovery of DNA evidence.

DIGEST OF SB 157 (Updated April 24, 2025 11:37 am - DI 151)

Protection of property rights. Defines "squatter" as an individual who occupies the property of another and who does not have and has never had: (1) a rental agreement; (2) permission of the owner; or (3) another legal interest in the property. Permits a property owner to execute an affidavit stating that a squatter is occupying the person's property, and requires a law enforcement agency to dispatch one or more law enforcement officers to remove the squatter within 48 hours (or a later period if necessary for reasons of public safety). Provides that a property owner can execute an affidavit at the time a law enforcement officer responds to a complaint that a squatter is occupying the owner's property. Requires a dispatched law enforcement officer to remove the squatter from the property unless the law enforcement officer discovers credible evidence that the person is not a squatter. Provides that a law enforcement agency may create a form affidavit. Provides certain immunities to a law enforcement agency and a law enforcement officer. Establishes a cause of action for wrongful removal from property.

DIGEST OF SB 159 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:00 pm - DI 140)

Procedures for obtaining a warrant. Specifies that a request for a warrant made orally by telephone, radio, or similar electronic means must be recorded and typed or transcribed. (Under current law, the judge is required to record the request, and the court reporter to type or transcribe it.) Permits certain warrant requests to be: (1) made electronically (where current law only allows this by radio or telephone); and (2) recorded electronically (where current law only permits the use of audio tape). Requires the prosecuting attorney and a law enforcement agency to maintain all requests for warrants, and to provide them to a defendant in discovery.

DIGEST OF SB 176 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:04 pm - DI 140)

Nursing matters. Adds members to the Indiana state board of nursing and changes the required qualifications for certain members. Amends the requirements that an individual applying for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse must meet. Provides that an applicant for a state accredited program of practical nursing (program) is not required to have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Requires a student of the program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent before completing the program.

DIGEST OF SB 178 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:00 pm - DI 140)

Natural gas and propane as clean energy resources. Provides that it is the continuing policy of the state to recognize natural gas and propane as "clean energy" or "green energy" for purposes of any state or federal program that provides funding or other incentives for: (1) clean energy initiatives or projects; (2) green energy initiatives or projects; or (3) any similarly designated initiatives or projects; in Indiana. Defines "clean energy" or "green energy" for these purposes. Specifies that the term: (1) includes natural gas and propane, wind energy, solar energy, photovoltaic cells and panels, hydropower, fuel cells, hydrogen, geothermal energy, and nuclear energy; and (2) does not affect certain existing definitions set forth in the Indiana Code.

DIGEST OF SB 182 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:03 pm - DI 140)

Adult protective services. Specifies that the adult protective services reporting applies to reports received through a statewide toll free telephone call or through online reporting. Requires an adult protective services unit (unit) to investigate and determine whether a report is to be referred to law enforcement or another agency for investigation. Removes language specifying entities to be informed of an endangered adult report. Removes language requiring the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana to concur on standards of practice concerning services provided by the unit. Removes language that required the division of aging to maintain nonidentifying statistical records concerning unsubstantiated reports about endangered adults. Authorizes the division to determine when endangered adult reports may be made available and only requires the alleged victim to give consent of the release. (Current law requires all parties to give consent.) Requires the unit to share appropriate information to coordinate and implement services. Removes language that allowed a prosecuting attorney or head of a governmental entity to give written permission for a unit or staff member to be designated as a representative.

DIGEST OF SB 187 (Updated March 31, 2025 4:04 pm - DI 140)

PTABOA appointments. Amends the eligibility requirements for service as a member on all county property tax assessment boards of appeal (PTABOA) to provide that any member appointed to the PTABOA must be a resident of Indiana for the entirety of the member's term. Provides that the term of an individual serving as a member on a PTABOA on June 30, 2025, who is not a resident of Indiana, expires July 1, 2025. Requires the appropriate county appointing authority to appoint the individual's successor.

DIGEST OF SB 193 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:40 pm - DI 140)

Inspection of CFOs. Requires the department of environmental management (department) to conduct an onsite inspection of a confined feeding operation (CFO) once within 45 days of an initial approval and once within 90 days of a renewal of an approval to verify compliance with certain requirements. Allows the department to conduct complaint based onsite inspections of a confined feeding operation at the department's discretion without providing notice. Provides that the department may delay an inspection of a CFO if the department determines that the additional time is needed to comply with the biosecurity procedures developed by the department. Provides that additional onsite inspections of a CFO may be conducted if there is a substantial need for the inspection. Provides that an onsite inspection of a CFO must be conducted in compliance with certain rules and procedures. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF SB 198 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:00 pm - DI 140)

Crime of swatting. Specifies that, for purposes of the crime of false informing, hindering a "law enforcement process" includes causing a law enforcement officer to be dispatched. Enhances the penalty for making a false report that a person is dangerous to a Level 6 felony if the offense would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, or threatened.

DIGEST OF SB 199 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:04 pm - DI 140)

Conduct of primary elections. Provides that two or more candidates of a political party may sign a written statement indicating their desire to name a watcher to be present at a county primary election. (Current law requires that 26% or more of all candidates of a political party must sign a written statement to indicate a desire to name a watcher.) Allows a county chairman of a political party to appoint a watcher to each precinct in which the political party has a candidate on the ballot if two or more candidates do not sign a written statement to request a watcher.

DIGEST OF SB 209 (Updated March 31, 2025 4:07 pm - DI 140)

Electronic pull tabs in charity gaming. Allows for the use of electronic pull tab games, electronic pull tab devices, and electronic pull tab systems in charity gaming by certain organizations. Provides for a maximum number of electronic pull tab devices that may be present, for purposes of charity gaming, in a permitted location.

DIGEST OF SB 211 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:10 pm - DI 140)

Clean water Indiana program. Permits the use of funds from the clean water Indiana fund to manage invasive plant species.

DIGEST OF SB 216 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:00 pm - DI 140)

Mental health professionals. Allows certain individuals to take the examination for licensure as a social worker before having completed the bachelor's degree. Makes the following changes in regard to marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, addiction counselors, and clinical addiction counselors: (1) Provides that an individual must be licensed as an associate

before obtaining the relevant experience hours, except in certain circumstances. (2) Amends provisions concerning experience hours and the expiration of a temporary license or permit. Removes certain provisions regarding first available examinations.

DIGEST OF SB 218 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:10 pm - DI 140)

Electronic monitoring. Amends the information that must be provided by a supervising agency in quarterly reports to the local justice reinvestment advisory council. Requires the statewide justice reinvestment advisory council to compile the quarterly reports and electronically transmit an annual report to the legislative council and to the judicial conference of Indiana not later than May 1 (instead of March 15) of each year.

DIGEST OF SB 219 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:10 pm - DI 140)

Trespass. Provides that a person who, not having a contractual interest in the property, knowingly or intentionally enters the real property of another person after having been denied entry by the other person, that person's agent, or a law enforcement officer acting on behalf of the other person or their agent, commits criminal trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Provides that a person who, not having a contractual interest in the property, knowingly or intentionally refuses to leave the real property of another person after having been asked to leave by the other person, that person's agent, or a law enforcement officer acting on behalf of the other person or the other person's agent, commits criminal trespass, a Class A misdemeanor.

DIGEST OF SB 221 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:06 pm - DI 140)

State comptroller. Changes certain references from "auditor of state" to: (1) "state comptroller (referred to as "auditor of state" in the Constitution of the State of Indiana)"; or (2) "state comptroller (auditor of state)". Requires "state comptroller (auditor of state)" to be listed on the 2026 general election ballot.

DIGEST OF SB 222 (Updated March 17, 2025 2:03 pm - DI 140)

Civil legal aid fund. Limits how a legal services provider may use funds from the civil legal aid fund. Relocates a provision concerning fund distribution. Repeals the distribution formula of the civil legal aid fund statute. Requires the office of judicial administration to annually report certain information regarding the civil legal aid fund to the state budget committee.

DIGEST OF SB 231 (Updated April 24, 2025 10:37 pm - DI 149)

Various corrections matters. Eliminates requirements that the department of correction: (1) maintain farm programs for offenders committed to the department; and (2) prepare a report calculating the savings realized as a result of sentencing changes. Replaces a reference to a rule repealed by the department of correction with a requirement that the custody and treatment of juveniles meet the standards and licensing requirements adopted in the administrative rules of the department.

DIGEST OF SB 249 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:25 pm - DI 140)

Teacher compensation. Amends provisions that allow school corporations to provide a supplemental payment to teachers in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan. Makes corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF SB 255 (Updated April 23, 2025 4:08 pm - DI 143)

Education matters. Requires the department of education (department) to grant an initial practitioner license to an individual who: (1) holds a bachelor's degree with a major in any combination of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; (2) successfully completes a total of at least nine academic credits regarding certain instruction in teaching; and (3) meets other specified requirements. Provides that the department may grant a license to teach a high school level course or grades 5 through 9 to an individual who completes a licensure pathway established by the department. Requires a principal to allow a student who is enrolled in a public secondary school to receive religious instruction for a period or periods that do not exceed the amount of time that is equivalent to attending one elective course at the public secondary school during the week. (Current law provides for a period or periods of not more than 120 minutes in total in any week.) Provides that a public secondary school may award academic credit to a student who attends religious instruction if: (1) the religious entity providing the instruction agrees to certain conditions; and (2) the governing body of the school corporation adopts a policy that allows the awarding of credit (current law only provides that a public secondary school may award academic credit to a student who attends religious instruction if the governing body of the school corporation adopts a policy that allows the awarding of credit). Changes certain requirements regarding the reporting of a bullying "incident" to the reporting of a bullying "investigation". Requires discipline rules to include a provision to make a reasonable attempt to notify both the parent of a targeted student and the parent of an alleged perpetrator that the school is investigating a possible incident of bullying or similar misconduct before the end of the next school day after the school becomes aware of the possible incident.

DIGEST OF SB 259 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:41 pm - DI 140)

Law enforcement procedures. Requires an affidavit for probable cause, or a person testifying at a probable cause hearing, to make certain disclosures relating to a possible conflict of interest. Specifies that a probable cause affidavit must be redacted under certain circumstances. Prohibits a law enforcement officer from directing, encouraging, or knowingly permitting a person who is not a law enforcement officer to question a person in custody under certain circumstances.

DIGEST OF SB 280 (Updated March 27, 2025 11:42 am - DI 140)

Deer hunting. Provides that, for a hunting season beginning after June 30, 2025, rifles may be used to hunt deer on public property subject to certain restrictions. Removes certain rifle case length limitations and provides that a hunter may use a rifle chambered for a centerfire rifle cartridge that fires a bullet that is at least five and fifty-six hundredths (5.56) of a millimeter in

diameter or larger to hunt deer. Prohibits the department of natural resources from adopting rules regarding centerfire rifle case length limitations.

DIGEST OF SB 281 (Updated March 27, 2025 11:48 am - DI 140)

Expungement. Specifies that certain records relating to juvenile offenses are accessible to a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the officer's duties, and requires persons having custody of these records to take steps to ensure that these records are available in a timely manner. Specifies that the juvenile court shall cooperate to ensure that certain records are available to the prosecuting attorney or a deputy. Allows the expungement of official misconduct if: (1) the person seeking the expungement is not an elected official; and (2) the prosecuting attorney consents. Permits disclosure to the state police department of certain sealed records if disclosure is required for the purpose of expunging or marking as expunged records in the central repository for criminal history information. Prohibits expungement for a person convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon. Requires the office of judicial administration, before July 1, 2025, to establish an electronic system for transmitting a chronological case summary to the state police department for purposes of expungement. Prohibits the expungement of certain records of a person holding a commercial driver's license or permit. Makes certain expungement provisions that apply to elected officials also apply to elected or appointed judicial officers.

DIGEST OF SB 287 (Updated March 31, 2025 5:24 pm - DI 140)

School board matters. Requires a petition of nomination for a school board office to state one of the following: (1) The candidate's political party affiliation. (2) That the candidate is an independent candidate. (3) That the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a political party and does not identify as an independent candidate. Specifies that unless a candidate who states a political party affiliation is challenged, the candidate's statement must be indicated on the ballot. Provides that the name of a candidate for school board office who does not run in affiliation with a political party or as an independent candidate must be printed with a blank space after the candidate's name signifying that the candidate elects not to disclose any affiliation with a political party or that the candidate is not affiliated with a political party and does not identify as an independent candidate. Specifies that a straight party vote does not count for any candidate for a school board office. Requires a school board vacancy to be filled by: (1) a caucus if the vacating member stated an affiliation with a major political party; and (2) the remaining members of the governing body if the vacating member did not state an affiliation with a major political party. Modifies the annual amount that the governing body of a school corporation may pay a member of the governing body from \$2,000 (under current law) to an amount not to exceed 10% of the lowest starting salary of a teacher employed by the school corporation.

DIGEST OF SB 289 (Updated April 24, 2025 1:41 pm - DI 106)

Unlawful discrimination. Repeals provisions concerning university diversity committees. Prohibits unlawful discrimination in education, public employment, and licensure. Allows participation in public contracts by a minority business enterprise, women's business enterprise, and veteran business enterprise, as currently authorized by law. Permits scholarships based on a personal characteristic of the recipient if the scholarship is not funded by state funds or resources, and permits the renewal of specified state funded minority teaching scholarships for those recipients who were initially awarded the scholarship before July 1, 2025. Changes the criteria for certain state funded teaching scholarships from minority status to residence in an underserved county and an agreement to teach in an underserved county. Prohibits requiring as a condition of licensure that a person affirm that a person with a certain personal characteristic: (1) is inherently superior or inferior to a person with a different personal characteristic; (2) should be blamed for actions committed in the past; or (3) has a moral character that is determined by a personal characteristic of the person. Prohibits a public employer from requiring training asserting that, or implementing the theory that, a person with a certain personal characteristic: (1) is inherently superior or inferior to a person with a different personal characteristic; (2) should be blamed for actions committed in the past; or (3) has a moral character that is determined by a personal characteristic of the person. Permits a person injured by a violation to bring a civil action for actual damages, court costs, and injunctive relief.

DIGEST OF SB 306 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:38 pm - DI 140)

Film and media production tax credit. Provides that a taxpayer may assign any part of the film and media production tax credit (credit) that the taxpayer may claim. Sets forth the procedure for a taxpayer to make the assignment. Establishes a limit of \$250,000 for any single tax credit provided. Limits the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be provided to \$2,000,000. Extends the credit's expiration date from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2031.

DIGEST OF SB 314 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:20 pm - DI 140)

Tax exemption for eligible events. Provides various tax exemptions for the Women's National Basketball Association All-Star Game, including ancillary events, when held in Indiana.

DIGEST OF SB 318 (Updated April 7, 2025 2:51 pm - DI 140)

Required disclosures and access of foreign media. Requires certain media entities operating in Indiana to disclose: (1) foreign ownership; (2) foreign funding; and (3) the use of foreign sourced or influenced content. Authorizes the secretary of state to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000 for a knowing or intentional violation of the disclosure requirements. Provides that the secretary of state shall publish a list of Indiana media entities that have complied with certain requirements. Requires certain media entities to obtain special accreditation from the department of administration to attend state media events, and allows the department of administration to revoke the special accreditation under certain circumstances.

DIGEST OF SB 324 (Updated April 24, 2025 7:04 pm - DI 151)

Criminal procedures. Increases the penalty levels of crimes related to fentanyl. Provides that a court shall consider requiring certain persons charged with a crime of domestic violence to wear a monitoring device as a condition of bail. Requires that a bail hearing for a violent arrestee or a repeat violent arrestee be held in open court and provides that before releasing a violent arrestee or a repeat violent arrestee on bail the court must review the probable cause affidavit or arrest warrant and impose money bail payable by surety bond or cash deposit. Provides that in accordance with IC 27-10-2-4.5(g)(2), a charitable bail organization may not pay money bail on behalf of a violent arrestee or a repeat violent arrestee. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 331 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:29 am - DI 137)

Amended registration. Provides that if a person changes the exterior color or appearance of their passenger vehicle from the color listed in the vehicle's registration through certain methods, the person must apply to amend their vehicle registration, and that a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning to a person who does not update the person's registration to reflect the color changes. Provides that a person commits a Class C misdemeanor if the person changes the color of a passenger vehicle after it was used in the commission of a crime and fails to amend the vehicle registration. Requires the BMV to require a person renewing a registration to indicate if the vehicle's color has changed.

DIGEST OF SB 351 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:28 pm - DI 140)

Municipal parks and recreation board. Allows a resident of the library district to be appointed to the parks and recreation board of a third class city or a town.

DIGEST OF SB 358 (Updated April 24, 2025 1:44 pm - DI 152)

Various education matters. Requires the department of education (department) to: (1) evaluate, approve, and publish a list of high quality curricular materials for use in English/language arts; and (2) collaborate with teachers in evaluating and approving the English/language arts curricular materials. Provides that the evaluation process for certain curricular materials must include the age appropriateness of the content. Specifies that the curriculum used by a school in which fewer than 70% of students achieved a valid passing score on the determinant evaluation of reading skills must be age appropriate. Requires, subject to available funding, certain schools to participate in the Indiana literacy cadre. Amends the definition of "eligible school" for purposes of the choice scholarship program. Provides that a parent who: (1) is an education scholarship account (ESA) participating entity; and (2) teaches a course or program only to an eligible student who is the parent's child and does not teach a course or program to any other eligible student; may not submit a claim for reimbursement of an ESA qualified expense of tuition and fees to teach the parent's child. Establishes penalties for certain violations by an ESA participating entity.

DIGEST OF SB 365 (Updated April 3, 2025 12:57 pm - DI 140)

Education matters. Requires the department of education (department), in collaboration with certain other state entities, to collect and maintain certain data and to publish on the department's website timely and relevant information about secondary education programs. Provides that the department shall administer and implement the comprehensive career navigation and coaching system developed by the commission for higher education and administer the career coaching grant fund (fund). Provides certain requirements for an eligible entity to receive a grant from the fund. Requires the department to prepare a report concerning career coaching and submit the report to the governor and general assembly. Requires the department of workforce development to update wage threshold data used to categorize career and technical education programs for use in the subsequent school year. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 366 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:41 pm - DI 140)

Education matters. Requires, not later than October 1, 2025, the secretary of education to compile and prepare a report concerning school bus driver safety education training. Makes certain changes concerning the process of filling a school board vacancy. Provides that a superintendent is preferred (current law says required) to hold a master's degree from certain institutions. Provides that certain covered school buildings are not required to revert to a school corporation if the building is subject to ongoing renovations. Provides that a superintendent must discuss a plan for annual performance evaluations with teachers (instead of teachers or the teachers' representative). Requires, not later than August 1, 2025, the early learning advisory committee, in coordination with the department of education, to assess certain prekindergarten program matters and submit a report to the legislative council. Removes a provision that contracts with certain superintendents must be in a form of a regular teacher's contract.

DIGEST OF SB 371 (Updated April 23, 2025 11:31 am - DI 153)

Workforce matters. Amends the definitions of "discharge for just cause", "employment", and "gross misconduct" for purposes of unemployment insurance. Provides that an unemployment claimant: (1) is required to verify the claimant's identity before a claim can be filed, and as a condition for continued eligibility; and (2) has the right to request a wage investigation and to appeal the results of the investigation to a liability administrative law judge. Allows an unemployment claimant or employing unit to appeal regarding the claimant's status as an insured worker. Requires that all hearings before an administrative law judge or the unemployment insurance review board concerning disputed unemployment claims be set as telephone hearings, unless an objection is made. Allows a disputed unemployment claim to be directly filed with a liability administrative law judge. Provides that administrative records of the department of workforce development (department) are self-authenticating and admissible in an administrative hearing. Provides that the department may release certain confidential records to the extent permitted by federal law. Makes certain changes regarding the reemployment service and eligibility assessment program. Makes various changes regarding extended unemployment benefits. Provides that repayment of a benefits overpayment may be waived if certain conditions

are met. Alters certain fee and payment provisions. Removes or alters notice and delivery requirements and extends certain deadlines. Requires the department to issue a written notice of violation to a person who fails to comply with certain authorization requirements. Provides that the department may assess a civil penalty against a person under certain circumstances. Requires civil penalties collected by the department to be deposited in the proprietary educational institution authorization fund. Establishes the unemployment insurance modernization fund (fund). Requires the department to annually submit a report to the budget committee detailing the expenditures made from the fund during the previous state fiscal year. Requires the department to annually submit a report to the budget committee concerning the status of the department's unemployment insurance program. Provides that the department may establish a reemployment pilot program. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 373 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:09 pm - DI 143)

Various education matters. Provides that the department of education (department) is the proper authority to accept federal funds appropriated to aid in the education of children with disabilities (current law provides that the state board of education is the proper authority). Removes the member of the Indiana Transportation Association from the list of nonvoting members on the state school bus committee. Provides that an individual seeking an initial practitioners license through an alternative certification path must successfully complete an applicable teacher licensing exam as approved by the state board of education (board) (current law requires the successful completion of a Praxis Subject Assessment). Provides that summer school funding may be differentiated based on the course or length of time of the program. Moves the establishment of the division of special education from the board to the department. Changes certain duties for the secretary of education and the director of special education. Provides that the department may suspend or terminate the certification of a scholarship granting organization if the department establishes that the organization has not granted a scholarship within certain time frames.

DIGEST OF SB 389 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:38 pm - DI 140)

Annexation of fire protection district territory. Provides the following with regard to certain annexations that include property within a fire protection district (district) for which the annexation ordinance was adopted on October 7, 2024, the annexed territory does not exceed 50 acres, and the annexed territory consists of vacant land and not more than one (1) residential property: (1) The annexation is effective at least 30 days after the annexation ordinance is adopted, published, and filed with state and county officials. (Under current law, with certain exceptions, an annexation of property within a district takes effect the second January 1 after the ordinance is adopted and filed with state and county officials.) (2) Exempts the municipality from provisions requiring the municipality to: (A) commence fire protection service to the annexed territory on the ordinance's effective date; and (B) notify the district within 10 days of commencing fire protection service to the annexed territory.

DIGEST OF SB 405 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:41 pm - DI 140)

Labor organization membership. Provides that if a governmental entity contracts with a private entity to manage or lease an asset owned by the governmental entity, the governmental entity may not require or consider, as a provision of the contract or as a condition of entering into the contract, that the employees of the private entity are members or nonmembers of a labor organization.

DIGEST OF SB 409 (Updated April 9, 2025 2:55 pm - DI 140)

Employee absence for certain meetings. Prohibits an employer from taking an adverse employment action against an employee as a result of the employee's absence from work to attend an attendance conference or a case conference committee meeting with respect to the employee's child, except under certain circumstances. Provides that an employer is not required to pay an employee for travel or attendance time with respect to a conference or meeting. Requires certain persons to provide documentation related to a conference or meeting under certain circumstances.

DIGEST OF SB 420 (Updated April 10, 2025 12:41 pm - DI 140)

Transfer of high risk persons from county jail. Establishes a procedure for the transfer of an inmate from a county jail to another county jail or the department of correction if the inmate: (1) poses a serious risk of escape; (2) demonstrates violent or aggressive behavior; or (3) needs to be protected from other inmates.

DIGEST OF SB 421 (Updated March 17, 2025 1:55 pm - DI 140)

IURC matters. Amends within the Indiana Code chapter governing publication procedures for political subdivisions the provision governing the publication of a notice of a hearing by the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) to reference the publication procedures for hearings set forth in the Indiana Code chapter governing the IURC. Amends the publication procedures within the statute governing the IURC to provide that if any newspaper of general circulation in which the IURC publishes a notice does not publish a print edition at least three times a week, the IURC may publish the notice in either: (1) the print edition; or (2) an electronic edition; of the newspaper or a locality newspaper that circulates within the county. Adds a definition of "court reporter" to the Indiana Code chapter governing the regulation of utilities. Replaces references to a "stenographer" with references to a "court reporter" throughout that chapter and in other instances in the Indiana Code in which a "stenographer" or "reporter" is referenced in the context of an IURC proceeding. Repeals all remaining provisions in the Indiana Code chapter concerning alternative energy projects by rural electric membership corporations following the repeal by the general assembly in 2024 of other provisions in that chapter that established a fund to provide incentives under a program that is no longer operational. Increases the civil penalties for violations of the state statute or rules governing pipeline safety: (1) from \$25,000 to \$200,000 per violation per day; and (2) from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for the

maximum civil penalty for a related series of violations; so as to conform Indiana's civil penalties with those prescribed by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

DIGEST OF SB 422 (Updated March 17, 2025 1:58 pm - DI 140)

Advanced transmission technologies. Defines "advanced transmission technologies" as software or hardware technologies that increase the capacity, efficiency, reliability, or safety of an existing or new electric transmission facility. Provides that in any integrated resource plan (IRP) filed with the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) after December 31, 2025, an electric utility that owns or operates a transmission or distribution system must include a description of the potential use of, or investment in, one or more advanced transmission technologies to enable the electric utility to safely, reliably, efficiently, and cost effectively meet electric system demand. Provides that in any IRP filed with the IURC after December 31, 2029, an electric utility that owns or operates a transmission or distribution system must include a description of the electric utility's transmission and distribution systems, as specified by the IURC. Requires the IURC to conduct a study to evaluate the potential use or deployment of advanced transmission technologies by public utilities. Sets forth specific topics that the IURC must evaluate as part of the study. Requires the IURC to include in its 2026 annual report the commission's findings with respect to the topics evaluated in the study. Provides that advanced transmission technologies qualify as eligible transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements for purposes of the statute that authorizes a public utility to recover eligible costs incurred in connection with investments made in such improvements.

DIGEST OF SB 423 (Updated April 15, 2025 2:47 pm - DI 140)

Small modular nuclear reactor pilot program. Establishes the small modular nuclear reactor partnership pilot program (program). Provides that certain electric utilities (eligible utilities) may partner with one or more other specified types of partners (eligible partners) to develop one or more small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs) at an eligible project site, subject to the approval of the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC). For purposes of these provisions, provides that an eligible project site is: (1) a location in Indiana; or (2) the site of a nuclear energy facility that supplies electricity to Indiana retail customers on July 1, 2011. Provides that an eligible utility that seeks to develop a project with one or more eligible partners may petition the IURC for approval to participate in the program. Sets forth the information that an eligible utility's petition must include. Sets forth the factors that the IURC must consider in reviewing a petition. Requires the IURC to issue a final order approving or denying a petition not later than 180 days after receiving the petition and the eligible utility's complete case in chief, subject to the IURC's right to extend the time for review if the eligible utility does not object to the extension. Provides that the IURC shall approve a petition if the IURC makes specified findings. Provides that an eligible utility may petition the IURC for approval to incur, before obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct an SMR under the program, eligible project development costs. Defines "eligible project development costs" as project development costs that: (1) have been, or are reasonably estimated to be, incurred by an eligible utility in the development of one or more SMRs under the program; and (2) have not been and will not be recovered by the eligible

utility through contributions of any money, services, or property provided at no cost to the eligible utility by any eligible partner, governmental agency, or other third party, regardless of whether the third party has entered into an eligible partnership with the eligible utility. Sets forth certain factors that the IURC must consider in reviewing an eligible utility's petition to incur eligible project development costs. Provides that if the IURC denies an eligible utility's petition to participate in the program, and the eligible utility seeks to pursue the development of an SMR outside the program, the eligible utility may: (1) proceed to develop an SMR under the procedures set forth under the existing Indiana Code section governing CPCNs for SMRs; and (2) request that the eligible utility's petition to incur eligible project development costs under bill's provisions be considered a petition to incur project development costs under the Indiana Code section governing CPCNs for SMRs. Provides that if an eligible utility receives approval to incur eligible project development costs, the eligible utility may petition the IURC for the approval of a rate schedule that periodically adjusts the eligible utility's rates and charges to provide for the timely recovery of eligible project development costs. Provides that an eligible utility that receives approval to recover eligible project development costs shall: (1) recover 80% of the approved eligible project development costs under the approved rate schedule; and (2) defer the remaining 20% of approved eligible project development costs for recovery as part of the eligible utility's next general rate case before the IURC. Provides that eligible project development costs that: (1) are incurred by an eligible utility; and (2) exceed the best estimate of eligible project development costs included in the IURC's order authorizing the eligible utility to incur eligible project development costs; may not be included in the eligible utility's rates and charges unless found by the IURC to be reasonable, necessary, and prudent in supporting the development of the project for which they were incurred. Provides that: (1) eligible project development costs incurred for a project that is canceled or not completed may be recovered by the eligible utility if found by the IURC to be reasonable, necessary, and prudently incurred; but (2) such costs shall be recovered without a return unless the IURC makes certain additional findings.

DIGEST OF SB 424 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:30 pm - DI 140)

Small modular nuclear reactor development costs. Amends as follows the Indiana Code section concerning certificates of public convenience and necessity (certificates) for small modular nuclear reactors: (1) Authorizes a public utility to petition the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) for approval to incur, before obtaining a certificate, project development costs for the development of one or more small modular nuclear reactors. (2) Sets forth certain factors that the IURC must consider in reviewing a public utility's petition to incur project development costs. (3) Requires the IURC to issue a final order approving or denying the petition not later than 180 days after receiving the petition and the public utility's complete case in chief, subject to the IURC's right to extend the time for review if the public utility does not object to the extension. (4) Provides that if a public utility receives approval to incur project development costs, the public utility may petition the IURC at any time before or during the development and execution of a small modular nuclear reactor project for the approval of a rate schedule that periodically adjusts the public utility's rates and charges to provide for the timely recovery of

project development costs. (5) Provides that after reviewing a public utility's proposed rate schedule, the IURC shall approve the recovery of project development costs by the public utility if the IURC finds that project development costs that have been or will be incurred are: (A) reasonable in amount; (B) necessary to support the construction, purchase, or lease of a small modular nuclear reactor; and (C) consistent with the commission's finding as to the best estimate of project development costs. (6) Provides that a public utility that is authorized to recover project development costs shall: (A) recover 80% of the approved project development costs under the approved rate schedule; and (B) defer the remaining 20% of approved project development costs for recovery as part of public utility's next general rate case before the IURC. (7) Provides that the recovery of a public utility's project development costs through an approved periodic rate adjustment mechanism must occur over a period that is equal to: (A) the period over which the approved project development costs are incurred; or (B) three years; whichever is less. (8) Provides that project development costs that: (A) are incurred by a public utility; and (B) exceed the best estimate of project development costs included in the IURC's order authorizing the public utility to incur project development costs; may not be included in the public utility's rates and charges unless found by the IURC to be reasonable, necessary, and prudent in supporting the construction, purchase, or lease of the small modular nuclear reactor for which they were incurred. (9) Provides that: (A) project development costs incurred for a project that is canceled or not completed may be recovered by the public utility if found by the IURC to be reasonable, necessary, and prudently incurred; but (B) such costs shall be recovered without a return unless the IURC makes certain additional findings. (10) Provides that if a public utility does not seek: (A) approval of; or (B) cost recovery for; project development costs under the bill's provisions, the IURC may approve the deferral and amortization of project development costs in accordance with the statutory procedures set forth for construction costs.

DIGEST OF SB 425 (Updated April 24, 2025 1:40 pm - DI 101)

Energy production zones. Provides that a project owner is not required to apply for or receive a zoning permit (permit), or any other land use or zoning approval, from a local authority for the construction of a facility, other than a wind power device or commercial solar energy system, for the generation of electricity (electric generation facility) if: (1) the Indiana utility regulatory commission (commission): (A) grants the project owner a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction; or (B) declines jurisdiction over the construction; (2) the electric generation facility will be located on a premise of land on which there was located as of January 1, 2025: (A) an existing electric generation facility with a generating capacity of at least 80 megawatts, regardless of whether the electric generation facility is operational; or (B) a former surface or underground mine; and (3) the project owner complies with specified notice and hearing requirements. Requires an applicant for a permit from a local authority to be given an extension of time if the applicant's failure to meet the application deadline was caused by unforeseen circumstances beyond the applicant's control. Provides that a deadline in an ordinance for commencing or completing a permitted use is tolled until two years after the conclusion of any litigation or regulatory proceeding regarding the granting of the permit. Sets deadlines for review of permit applications. Establishes requirements for development agreements. Provides

that certain legal restrictions in effect at the time a permit is issued continue to apply unless the development is not completed within 10 years. Specifies that certain legal restrictions in effect at the time a development agreement is entered into apply for the period specified in the development agreement. Provides that the statute governing the approval of permits concerning zoning does not authorize the impairment of any vested right or abrogate any rights vested under common law. Specifies when land use rights are considered vested. Imposes other requirements upon the permit approval process. Authorizes a political subdivision or a local authority to prohibit, for a period of not more than one year, the siting, construction, installation, permitting, or deployment of a project (other than a project undertaken by specified entities) that involves the siting, construction, or deployment of facilities, equipment, or infrastructure used in the generation of electricity. Provides that a prohibition may not be extended or renewed for any length of time, regardless of when the prohibition first takes effect. Provides that after an advisory plan commission certifies a proposal to adopt, amend, or partially repeal the text of a zoning ordinance, the legislative body must take final action to adopt, amend, or reject the proposal. (Current law provides that after the legislative body acts on the proposal, the proposal returns to the plan commission for further proceedings.)

DIGEST OF SB 426 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:59 pm - DI 140)

Water utilities. Includes water utilities within the scope of the statute that subjects wastewater utilities that: (1) are not under the jurisdiction of the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) for the approval of rates and charges; and (2) have been issued one or more enforcement orders by the department of environmental management; to a series of oversight actions by the IURC for each additional enforcement order, including rate review, rate regulation, and the initiation of a receivership proceeding. Makes a conforming amendment to the statute that governs the process by which water utilities and wastewater utilities may withdraw from the jurisdiction of the IURC. Amends the statute governing the acquisition of water utilities and wastewater utilities to require the IURC to consider and authorize mechanisms to allow utility companies to integrate into their systems, invest in, and earn on acquired utility assets, subject to a finding by the IURC that the proposed mechanism is just and reasonable and in the public interest. Amends the statute governing the recovery of costs for eligible infrastructure improvements made by water or wastewater utilities to provide that, in the case of a public utility (as defined in the Indiana Code), "infrastructure improvement costs" eligible for recovery include: (1) deferred depreciation expense; and (2) post in service carrying costs; for the eligible infrastructure improvements. Adds language to the Indiana Code chapter governing public water supplies to provide that a complaint: (1) seeking damages from a water utility; and (2) arising out of an alleged exposure to drinking water supplied by the water utility; is barred if the water supplied by the water utility met applicable regulatory standards under specified federal and state law. Amends the Indiana Code section prohibiting the department of natural resources (department) from regulating certain activities within the 100 year flood level of a water supply reservoir owned and operated by a municipality or a public utility for the purpose of providing water utility service to the public to also prohibit the department from ordering the closure or removal, or the partial closure or removal, of: (1) a dam that forms such a water supply reservoir;

or (2) a dam that forms or contains a body of water that is used to supply one or more private water wells; if the closure or removal, or the partial closure or removal, of the dam would impact the provision of water utility service to the public or the supply of water to one or more private water wells.

DIGEST OF SB 431 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:36 pm - DI 140)

Construction of data center by foreign adversary. Provides that after June 30, 2025, a foreign company may not construct or cause to be constructed a data center in Indiana unless the Indiana utility regulatory commission and the Indiana economic development corporation conduct a joint study of the anticipated electricity use of the prospective data center and certify to the governor and the general assembly that the electricity estimated to be used by the data center will be self-generated and will not affect the load supply of the regional transmission organizations whose service territory includes Indiana.

DIGEST OF SB 433 (Updated April 22, 2025 11:14 am - DI 116)

Veteran service officers. Makes changes to the duties of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs commission (commission). Makes changes to the duties of the director of the department of veterans' affairs (department). Requires, before January 1, 2026, the commission to establish and maintain certain standards for the state accreditation program. Requires, after June 30, 2026, each service officer employed by a county or city to maintain the accreditation standards to provide service on behalf of the county or city. Provides that a county executive shall employ a service officer and may employ service officer assistants. Provides, that with the approval of the commission, two or more counties may enter into an agreement to employ a service officer if each county demonstrates to the commission that the workload does not justify each county employing a separate county service officer. Requires every county or city official and department of the county or city to cooperate with the service officer and provide the service officer with information necessary in connection with the performance of the service officer's duties.

DIGEST OF SB 442 (Updated April 23, 2025 5:21 pm - DI 152)

Instruction on human sexuality. Provides that, if a school provides instruction on human sexuality or sexually transmitted infections, the instruction must include instruction concerning consent to sexual activity and a presentation on human growth and development during pregnancy. Provides that a school maintained by a school corporation may not use curricular materials to provide instruction on human sexuality that have not been approved by the governing body of a school corporation. Requires a school corporation to include certain information concerning instruction on human sexuality in the written consent forms provided to a parent of a student or a student, if the student is an adult or an emancipated minor, before the student may receive instruction on human sexuality. Requires the governing body of a school corporation to publish a list of materials used in connection with instruction on human sexuality on the school's website and to include a link to the list of materials on electronically formatted

written consent forms. Replaces references to "sexually transmitted diseases" with "sexually transmitted infections". Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 448 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:18 pm - DI 140)

Higher education and workforce development matters. Establishes additional duties for the governor's workforce cabinet and requires the cabinet to perform certain duties jointly with other state agencies. Requires the Indiana management performance hub, in collaboration with the department of education (department) and commission for higher education (commission), to: (1) collect and compile certain student income data; and (2) compile into a data product on the department's and commission's websites certain data. Requires the secretary of education to establish a plan to develop a market driven stackable credentials and qualifications framework and submit the plan to the general assembly. Provides that the commission shall (instead of may) approve or disapprove certain branches, campuses, centers, new colleges, new schools, degrees, or programs. Provides that before the commission approves or disapproves a degree or program, a state educational institution shall provide, and the commission shall consider, certain information regarding the degree or program. Requires the commission to: (1) review each degree or program for approval or disapproval at least one time every 10 years; (2) outline a process for degree and program monitoring, improvement, suspension, and closure; (3) publish certain information; and (4) take official action regarding the approval or disapproval of certain requests within 90 days. Requires a state educational institution to approve for admission Indiana residents who meet certain requirements. Requires the board of trustees of a state educational institution to do the following: (1) When reviewing tenured faculty members, assess and review the staffing needs of the institution based on the branches, campuses, extension centers, colleges, schools, and degree and programs of the institution. (2) Submit to the commission any review of, renewal of, or amendment to the process or criteria regarding the tenured faculty member review. Requires the commission to promptly review the process and criteria and provide feedback to a board of trustees. Requires the commission to prepare and submit an annual report to the legislative council regarding certain student enrollment data. Adds duties for the department of workforce development.

DIGEST OF SB 450 (Updated March 24, 2025 2:32 pm - DI 140)

Article V convention. Changes the defined term of "delegate" to "commissioner" in reference to an individual who is appointed to represent Indiana at an Article V convention. Specifies that an individual must satisfy the following requirements to be appointed as a commissioner or alternate commissioner: (1) have resided in Indiana for the past five years; (2) may not currently be registered as a lobbyist under certain regulations or have been registered within the past five years; and (3) may not have been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude or served any part of a felony sentence within the past 10 years. Provides that it is assumed the general assembly shall appoint three commissioners to represent Indiana at an Article V convention. Requires the commissioners to select a chair for the Article V convention. Prohibits a commissioner or alternate commissioner from accepting a gratuity while serving as a commissioner or alternate commissioner. Requires the general assembly to adopt a joint resolution prohibiting

commissioners and alternative commissioners from voting to amend certain provisions of the Constitution of the United States.

DIGEST OF SB 451 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:38 pm - DI 140)

Income tax rate. Provides for a decrease in the individual adjusted gross income tax rate beginning in 2030 depending on certain conditions being met.

DIGEST OF SB 453 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:26 pm - DI 129)

Various tax matters. Amends estimated quarterly tax payment provisions. Restructures tax collection requirements for kerosene to eliminate specialized tax filing. Streamlines the filing requirements for gasoline use tax to eliminate multiple filing requirements. Specifies the liability and remittance requirements for the gross retail tax, gasoline use tax, and other listed taxes in certain circumstances. Amends provisions that apply to passenger and household goods carriers. Amends the college savings tax credit. Replaces the term "college choice 529 education savings plan" with "Indiana529 plan". Makes a clarifying change to the closed system cartridge tax. Extends the renewal period from one year to two years for businesses licensed to collect the electronic cigarettes tax, closed systems cartridge tax, and other tobacco products tax. Specifies that the fiscal officer of an entity that has adopted an innkeeper's tax, a food and beverage tax, or an admissions tax must enter into an agreement with the department of state revenue (department) before the department provides certain information to the fiscal officer as required under current law. Specifies when certain tax information may be disclosed by the department. Provides for the transfer of certain funds from the bureau of motor vehicles commission fund to the motor carrier regulation fund. Provides that a person who commits a violation involving a consumer transaction entailing the transportation of passengers or household goods commits a deceptive act that is actionable by the attorney general and is subject to certain remedies and penalties. Specifies remittance procedures for the gasoline use tax. Specifies recapture procedures for certain reduced estimated tax payments. Makes corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF SB 457 (Updated March 20, 2025 12:59 pm - DI 140)

Carbon dioxide sequestration. Requires an applicant for a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline certificate to comply with certain guidelines adopted by the Indiana utility regulatory commission. Exempts a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline company (company) from obtaining a certificate of authority if the company's carbon dioxide transmission pipeline project meets certain criteria. Requires an applicant or the contractor or subcontractor of the applicant to submit evidence that the contractor or subcontractor of the applicant have the requisite experience constructing, operating, and maintaining a transmission pipeline for the department to grant the applicant a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline certificate of authority. Moves fee revenue collected for a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline certificate of authority from the oil and gas environmental fund to the state general fund. Provides that the filing fee for a permit for a carbon sequestration project is deposited in the state general fund. Provides that an involuntary integration order issued by the department of natural resources (department) is effective 15 days after the petitioner is issued a UIC Class VI permit. Amends the definition of "UIC Class VI

permit". Adjusts the filing fee for a carbon sequestration project permit. Requires a storage operator to pay the department a fee of \$0.08 per metric ton of carbon dioxide injected into a storage facility for the previous calendar year. Provides that a storage operator shall pay to the department a fee for the carbon dioxide injected into the storage facility. Expires the carbon dioxide storage facility trust fund and provides for the transfer of money in that fund to the state general fund. Directs the department to establish and issue a permit that allows a person to: (1) drill or operate a carbon dioxide investigatory well; or (2) convert an oil and gas well for use in carbon dioxide investigations. Describes circumstances in which the department may enter property to inspect and maintain a well or storage facility. Establishes civil penalties for violations of the statutes regulating carbon sequestration. Provides that civil penalties are deposited in the state general fund.

DIGEST OF SB 459 (Updated April 9, 2025 2:50 pm - DI 140)

Environmental matters. Provides that the environmental rules board may adopt rules establishing requirements for the reclamation and reuse of treated wastewater. Requires certain entities to: (1) conduct an annual public water system cybersecurity vulnerability assessment; (2) annually provide the office of technology with the name and contact information of any individual who will act as the primary reporter of a cybersecurity incident; (3) submit an annual certification to the department of environmental management via a secured portal verifying certain information; and (4) when an actual or suspected cybersecurity breach occurs, report the incident to the office of technology.

DIGEST OF SB 461 (Updated April 9, 2025 2:47 pm - DI 140)

Grain indemnity. Defines "revocation of a license". Creates a process in which the director of the Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing agency (agency) determines whether a building or other protected enclosure constitutes a single warehouse that requires one or more licenses. Specifies the documents a person who desires to conduct business as a grain buyer, warehouse operator, or buyer-warehouse (licensee) must submit to the agency to renew a license to operate. Specifies how a business as a licensee may renew its license. Specifies the types of licenses the agency shall issue and how a license may be relinquished. Establishes what information must be included in a financial statement submitted by a licensee to the agency. Removes the ability of the agency to temporarily suspend a licensee's license. Specifies various matters related to on-premises inspections. Permits the director of the agency (director) to call an informal meeting with a licensee. Provides when the director may revoke, and when the director shall revoke, a licensee's license and what information the director must share with the licensee. Establishes various notice requirements. Permits the agency to adopt rules. Requires the director to inspect and test all equipment used to test the moisture content of grain purchased from producers once per year. Requires the Indiana grain indemnity corporation board to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson and take on various new responsibilities. Addresses various issues with producer premiums. Provides that a grain buyer shall keep accurate and correct records of grain purchased from producers documenting the producer premiums paid by producers. Establishes storage fees to determine storage loss. Requires the office of the attorney general to provide legal assistance if

requested by the director. Requires the director to take possession of the bond or other security and all proceeds from a grain sale in the event a licensee has failed to meet its obligations under the grain indemnity chapter. Provides that the director shall provide informal conferences between agency representatives and persons who have or who appear to have grain deposited with the licensee in revocation. Makes technical and conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 462 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:42 pm - DI 140)

Behavior analysts. Reenacts an expired provision in the definition of "practitioner" as it relates to behavior analysts.

DIGEST OF SB 463 (Updated April 8, 2025 3:40 pm - DI 119)

Child care matters. Extends the availability of the employer child care expenditure tax credit through July 1, 2027. Provides that under specified circumstances, an individual who: (1) is at least 15 years of age; and (2) is a student at a school corporation that operates a child care program; may volunteer as a caregiver for the child care program before completing the statutory requirements for individuals to act as a volunteer caregiver at a child care program. Adds two representatives of out-of-school-time programs to the membership of the early learning advisory committee. Provides for purposes of regulation of licensed child care centers that the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) shall: (1) ensure that: (A) Indiana's staff to child ratio for a specified age range is not more stringent than the average of the staff to child ratios permitted for that age range under the laws of Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio; and (B) Indiana's maximum group size for a specified age range is not more stringent than the average of the maximum group sizes permitted for that age range under the laws of Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio; and (2) annually publish on the office's website the: (A) staff to child ratio; and (B) maximum group size; that a licensed child care center is required to maintain for the specified age ranges. Provides exceptions to the bill's group size provisions for: (1) an indoor or outdoor area of a child care center that provides at least 75 square feet of space per child; and (2) a child care center's cafeteria. Provides that if the office has received at least five applications from child care providers wishing to participate in the micro center pilot program (pilot program) but has selected less than five applicants for participation in the pilot program, the office shall select additional applicants for participation in the pilot program such that at least five child care providers are participating in the pilot program.

DIGEST OF SB 464 (Updated April 24, 2025 5:28 pm - DI 101)

Financial institutions and consumer credit. Provides that a reference to federal law in: (1) the First Lien Mortgage Lending Act; (2) the Uniform Consumer Credit Code (UCCC); or (3) the Indiana Code title governing financial institutions; is a reference to the law as in effect December 31, 2024 (rather than December 31, 2023, under current law). Amends the definition of "principal" for purposes of the UCCC provisions governing consumer loans to specify that the term does not include any loan proceeds held as security for the loan. Makes a technical change to the Indiana Code provision governing the prepayment of consumer loans to incorporate a cross reference to the Indiana Code provision setting forth the authorized nonrefundable prepaid

finance charge for supervised loans. (Current law references only the authorized nonrefundable prepaid finance charge for consumer loans other than supervised loans.) Amends the definition of "consumer transaction" for purposes of the deceptive consumer sales act (act) to include the provision of a product or service to a: (1) state law enforcement agency; or (2) local law enforcement agency; in Indiana. Amends the definition of "supplier" for purposes of the act to include an entity that provides a product or service to a state or local law enforcement agency in Indiana. Provides that an action that arises from a transaction involving: (1) a state law enforcement agency may be brought and enforced only by the attorney general; and (2) a local law enforcement agency may be brought and enforced only by an attorney acting on behalf of the local law enforcement agency involved in the transaction, unless the local unit of government served by the local law enforcement agency requests the attorney general to bring and enforce an action on behalf of the local unit. Amends the Indiana Code provision governing audit requirements for credit unions to provide that department of financial institutions may establish by policy or rule accounting and auditing standards necessary to define the audit requirements.

DIGEST OF SB 468 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:50 pm - DI 140)

Midwest continental divide commission. Allows an eligible county and city to establish by ordinance, a Midwest continental divide commission and district for the purpose of acquiring, developing, funding, constructing, equipping, and owning economic improvement projects in or serving the district. Amends an appropriation made in P.L.201-2023 to the northern Indiana regional economic development authority to allow funds to be used to support and fund the commission and the commission's projects.

DIGEST OF SB 472 (Updated April 15, 2025 3:20 pm - DI 140)

Cybersecurity. Requires political subdivisions, state agencies, school corporations, and state educational institutions (public entities), with the exception of specified categories of hospitals and the Indianapolis department of public utilities (department), to adopt not later than December 31, 2027, a: (1) technology resources policy; and (2) cybersecurity policy; that meet specified requirements. Provides the department is not required to report a cybersecurity incident to the office of technology (office). Requires the office to develop: (1) standards and guidelines regarding cybersecurity for use by political subdivisions and state educational institutions; and (2) a uniform cybersecurity policy for use by state agencies. Requires the office to develop, in collaboration with the department of education: (1) a uniform technology resources policy governing use of technology resources by the employees of school corporations; and (2) a uniform cybersecurity policy for use by school corporations. Requires: (1) a public entity to biennially submit to the office the cybersecurity policy adopted by the public entity; and (2) the office to establish a procedure for collecting and maintaining a record of submitted cybersecurity policies. Requires a public entity that engages a third party to conduct an assessment of the public entity's cybersecurity policy to provide the results of the assessment to the office.

DIGEST OF SB 473 (Updated April 9, 2025 2:36 pm - DI 140)

Various health care matters. Specifies the process for a managed care organization to follow concerning home modification services. Requires a patient of an opioid treatment program (program) who has tested positive on a drug test to be given a random drug test monthly until the patient passes the test. (Current law requires the patient to be tested weekly.) Allows a program to close on Sundays and federal holidays. Prohibits the division of mental health and addiction from: (1) requiring a program's medical director to have admitting privileges at a hospital; and (2) establishing rules or guidelines concerning program admission and medication that are more stringent than federal regulations. Allows specified health care providers to perform the initial assessment, examination, and evaluation of a patient being admitted to a program. Allows the medical staff of an ambulatory outpatient surgical center to make recommendations on the granting of clinical privileges or the appointment or reappointment of an applicant to the governing board of the ambulatory outpatient surgical center for a period not to exceed 36 months. (Current law allows medical staff of hospitals to make recommendations.) Establishes the certified health care professions commission (commission). Sets forth the requirements for the: (1) certification of nurse aides and qualified medication aides; and (2) registration of home health aides. Specifies the duties of the Indiana department of health and the commission in regulating these professions. Relocates provisions concerning training for home health aides and requires the commission to approve the training. Sets forth requirements on facilities in employing nurse aides. Specifies the definition of "nurse aide" for purposes of an administrative rule. Makes changes to the release of medical information statute. Modifies the duties of the center for deaf and hard of hearing education. Adds provisions regarding "family navigators" and specifies the role of family navigators in the provisions of the bill regarding the center for deaf and hard of hearing education. Allows a prescriber to prescribe certain agonist opioids through telehealth services for the treatment or management of opioid dependence. (Current law allows only a partial agonist to be prescribed through telehealth.) Allows certain residential care administrators an exemption from taking continuing education during the initial licensing period. Allows for the provision of certain anesthesia in a physician's office or a podiatrist's office without the office being accredited. (Current law allows for this in dental offices.) Requires adverse events concerning anesthesia in an office based setting to be reported to the medical licensing board of Indiana (board). Requires the board to: (1) determine the types of adverse events to be reported; (2) establish a procedure for reporting; and (3) post the adverse events on the board's website. Creates a process for certain individuals who do not have a Social Security number and who are seeking licensure by examination as a registered nurse or practical nurse to obtain a provisional license. Requires a nursing program to offer a clinical experience for clinical hours in a hospital and a health facility setting.

DIGEST OF SB 475 (Updated April 24, 2025 4:01 pm - DI 141)

Physician noncompetete agreements. Provides that a physician and a hospital, a parent company of a hospital, an affiliated manager of a hospital, or a hospital system may not enter into a noncompetete agreement on or after July 1, 2025.

DIGEST OF SB 477 (Updated March 20, 2025 1:00 pm - DI 140)

Low head dams. Provides that the state does not assume ownership of or responsibility for a low head dam that is not listed as owned by the state on the department of natural resources' (department) low head dam roster (roster). Permits a person to remove without a permit certain low head dams that are located on a navigable waterway and that are encroachments. Requires the department to establish warning sign standards and requirements for low head dams that are on the roster. Allows for a bond of \$1,000,000 to serve as proof of financial responsibility for a person that owns a low head dam. Provides that a permit issued by the director after January 1, 2021, for the removal of a low head dam does not expire until two years after certain judicial appeal processes are complete.

DIGEST OF SB 480 (Updated April 14, 2025 6:43 pm - DI 140)

Prior authorization. Sets forth requirements for a utilization review entity that requires prior authorization of a health care service. Prohibits a utilization review entity from requiring prior authorization for the first 12 physical therapy or chiropractic visits of each new episode of care. Provides that a claim for reimbursement for a covered service or item provided to an insured or enrollee may not be denied on the sole basis that the referring provider is an out of network provider. Repeals superseded provisions regarding prior authorization. Makes corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF SB 482 (Updated April 24, 2025 1:50 pm - DI 152)

Absenteeism and student discipline. Defines "chronically absent". Requires the department of education (department) to do the following: (1) Create a list of best practices to reduce student discipline and absenteeism. (2) Study and prepare a report regarding the basis for the categorization of certain suspensions and expulsions. (3) Establish a categorization framework for excused absences based on the reason for the absence. (4) Collect certain information regarding absences from school corporations and charter schools and prepare and post a report regarding the information on the department's website. Provides that the absence policy adopted by the governing body of a school corporation must provide for the categorization of excused absences in accordance with the categorization framework established by the department. Allows a prosecuting attorney to conduct a meeting, collaborate, and make reasonable efforts to secure appropriate support services for a child and the child's family before filing an affidavit with regard to a violation of compulsory school attendance requirements. Amends the definition of "absent student" for purposes of the truancy prevention policy provisions. Requires a public school to hold an attendance conference not later than 10 instructional days (instead of five instructional days) after the student's fifth absence. Prohibits a public school from expelling or suspending a student solely because the student is chronically absent or a habitual truant.

DIGEST OF SB 484 (Updated March 17, 2025 2:00 pm - DI 140)

Recreational vehicle dealers. Sets forth requirements for recreational vehicle dealer agreements for the sale of recreational vehicles in Indiana. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 486 (Updated March 20, 2025 1:00 pm - DI 140)

Family and social services matters. Requires a sheriff to assist an individual who: (1) has been incarcerated for at least 30 days in a: (A) county jail; (B) community based correctional facility for children; (C) juvenile detention facility; or (D) secure facility other than a child caring institution; and (2) is eligible for Medicaid; in applying for Medicaid before the individual's release from the facility. Provides that if a child loses Medicaid coverage while confined in a juvenile detention facility or secure facility, the division of family resources shall, upon receiving notice that the child will be released, take action necessary ensure that the child is eligible to receive specified federally mandated services for 30 days before and after the child's release. Requires an insurer to respond within 60 days to an inquiry from the office of Medicaid policy and planning regarding a Medicaid claim that is made within three years from the date on which the service that is the subject of the claim was provided. Provides that an insurer other than Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or Medicare Part D may not deny a Medicaid claim solely due to lack of prior authorization in accordance with federal Medicaid law. Provides that the requirement that an individual who receives payment for medical expenses from Medicaid must cede to the state the individual's rights to third party payment for the medical expenses extends to settlement amounts for both past medical expenses and rights to payment of future medical expenses. Amends the duties, membership, and terms of office of the Medicaid advisory commission. Creates the Medicaid beneficiary advisory commission. Repeals a provision requiring that employees of a child care provider be tested for tuberculosis in order for the child care provider to be eligible to receive voucher payments under the federal Child Care and Development Fund program. Provides the following with regard to a licensed child care center, licensed child care home, or registered child care ministry (child care provider): (1) Requires all employees of a child care provider to be trained in pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation applicable to all age groups of children cared for by the child care provider. (2) Requires at least one adult who is certified in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation applicable to all age groups of children cared for by the child care provider to be present at all times when a child is in the care of the child care provider. Amends the membership of the division of mental health and addiction planning and advisory council.

DIGEST OF SB 491 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:52 pm - DI 140)

Annexation of property for an industrial park. Allows the city of Alexandria in Madison County to annex noncontiguous property for use as an industrial park.

DIGEST OF SB 498 (Updated April 3, 2025 1:07 pm - DI 140)

Child services. Allows the Indiana board of pharmacy to release confidential information received by the INSPECT program to a supervisor of the department of child services (department) who is engaged in an investigation or adjudication of child abuse or neglect. Amends the definition of "emergency shelter" for purposes of statutes governing residential child care facilities. Provides that an applicant for licensure as a child caring institution or licensure as a group home must obtain a criminal history check of any contractor or individual working in the

child caring institution or group home who is likely to have unsupervised contact with children. Amends provisions under which the department may waive the maximum duration for which a child may stay at a shelter care facility to remove a reference to the length of the maximum duration. Amends the educational and experiential qualifications for casework supervisors at child placing agencies. Provides that provisions requiring: (1) a residential child care facility to ensure that a child admitted to the facility has received all immunizations and booster shots required under specified statutes; and (2) a residential child care facility that administers psychotropic medication to obtain periodic written reports from the licensed professional who prescribed the psychotropic medication; do not apply to an emergency shelter.

DIGEST OF SB 502 (Updated April 14, 2025 6:43 pm - DI 140)

Attachments to utility poles. Defines an "attachment request" as a request made: (1) by an attaching entity, other than an electricity supplier, to the owner (pole owner) of an electric distribution pole (pole) for authorization to install, within a period of not more than 30 days, communications service equipment on 300 or more poles owned by the pole owner; and (2) in connection with, and using funds obtained from, a state or federal program directly related to the expansion of communications services to unserved, underserved, or rural areas (program). Defines a "process management agreement" as a written agreement entered into by: (1) an attaching entity that has been awarded funding under a program; and (2) a pole owner that owns at least 300 poles with respect to which the attaching entity intends to submit an attachment request in connection with a project under the program; for the purpose of establishing processes, timelines, mutual performance obligations, and conflict resolution options for timely completing attachment requests. Provides that not later than five business days after the execution of a contract that: (1) is entered into by an attaching entity and a governmental agency; and (2) sets forth the terms and conditions for a project for which funding has been awarded under a program; the Indiana broadband office (office) shall publish the contract on the office's website. Provides that not later than 60 days after a contract is executed: (1) the attaching entity that executed the contract; and (2) each pole owner that owns at least 300 poles with respect to which the attaching entity intends to submit an attachment request in connection with a project under the program; shall hold a meeting for the purpose of discussing general project plans. Provides that not later than four months after the National Telecommunications Information Administration approves the office's final proposal for funding under the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, if an attaching entity that has been awarded funding under a program does not have a process management agreement in effect with a pole owner that owns at least 300 poles with respect to which the attaching entity intends to submit an attachment request in connection with a project under the program, the attaching entity and the pole owner shall negotiate an agreement that sets forth specified processes, timelines, mutual performance obligations, and conflict resolution options. Provides that if the attaching entity and a pole owner do not reach an agreement as to the terms, conditions, and timelines for a process management agreement, or otherwise have the prescribed negotiated agreement in effect, within the required four month period, certain conditions apply with respect to the dealings between the attaching entity and the pole owner with respect to any application for a pole attachment permit that does

not seek the attachment of more than 3,000 poles within a period of not more than 30 days. Authorizes the office to adopt a rapid response mediation process to be followed if a dispute arises between an attaching entity and a pole owner regarding the processes and timelines for the timely completion of an attachment request. Provides that these provisions expire July 1, 2030.

DIGEST OF SB 505 (Updated April 8, 2025 4:52 pm - DI 140)

Emergency transport to appropriate facility. Allows, subject to a written agreement concerning the transport of individuals, an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic (emergency medical services personnel) to transport an individual to: (1) a health care facility; (2) a mental health facility; or (3) an urgent care facility; that can provide the individual with appropriate and necessary treatment. Specifies information that must be included in a written agreement. Allows reimbursement for transporting the individual to the facility.

DIGEST OF SB 516 (Updated April 1, 2025 3:47 pm - DI 140)

Economic development. Establishes the office of entrepreneurship and innovation (office). Specifies the duties of the office. Transfers oversight responsibilities of certified technology parks from the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) to the office. Provides for the submission of an annual report of the activities of an innovation development district as to financial information pertaining to tax increment financing districts in an innovation development district to the: (1) fiscal body of the county, city, or town; and (2) department of local government finance. Provides that before the IEDC may purchase land in a county that in total exceeds 100 acres whether acquired in one transaction or a series of transactions, the IEDC must first give notice, in writing, to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the land is located (and to the mayor of a city if the land is located within a city) not later than 30 days before the closing date for the purchase or purchases. Requires the IEDC to provide to the budget committee a copy of the notice being provided to the local unit in which certain land is being purchased. Provides that if the IEDC extends an offer to one or more voting or nonvoting members of the budget committee to tour a potential economic development site that may receive state assistance in undertaking the project, the IEDC shall simultaneously extend the same offer to all voting and nonvoting members of the budget committee. Requires the governor to appoint the president of the IEDC, who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and report to the secretary of commerce. (Under current law, the secretary of commerce is the president of the IEDC.) Repeals the statute that expires the central Indiana regional development authority.

DIGEST OF SB 520 (Updated March 27, 2025 11:50 am - DI 140)

Perpetual care fund deposits for columbariums. Exempts certain veteran focused nonprofit cemeteries from certain deposit and trustee requirements with respect to a perpetual care fund.

DIGEST OF SB 524 (Updated March 25, 2025 2:37 pm - DI 140)

The practice of law. Allows an Indiana resident of a contiguous county to be appointed the head of the department of law.

DIGEST OF SB 525 (Updated April 23, 2025 3:24 pm - DI 87)

Annexation. Allows the Town of Plainfield in Hendricks County (town) to annex a noncontiguous residential development that meets certain requirements. Provides that the annexation is initiated by: (1) the homeowner's association board petitioning the town legislative body for annexation of the residential development; and (2) the town legislative body adopting a resolution approving initiation of the annexation process. Provides that the town may not do the following: (1) Use the annexation territory to annex additional territory. (2) Annex additional territory within the unincorporated area extending 1/2 mile from the boundaries of the annexation territory, unless the annexation is with the consent of all of the landowners within the area to be annexed. (3) Annex, under any type of annexation, within the area that extends from the boundary of the 1/2 mile area to the town. Provides that the town's redevelopment commission may only enact a housing tax increment financing district in Liberty Township in Hendricks County if the district is approved by a resolution passed by the Mill Creek School Corporation.

DIGEST OF SB 526 (Updated April 24, 2025 2:24 pm - DI 149)

Absentee ballot retraction. Requires a county election board to test certain voting machines to ensure that an absentee ballot can be retracted before tabulation of the ballot if the ballot is required to be rejected. Requires the public test of a voting system to test whether a rejected ballot is retracted. Voids a March 25, 2022, advisory opinion adopted by the Indiana election commission. Provides that, to be approved by the Indiana election commission for use in Indiana, a voting system must meet certain standards of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines adopted by the United States Election Assistance Commission on February 10, 2021. Allows a county to continue to use an optical scan ballot card voting system or an electronic voting system if certain matters concerning the voting system were approved before October 1, 2025. Allows a voting system to include a retraction feature concerning certain votes cast on absentee ballots.