

2015 SESSION DIGEST OF ENACTMENTS

DIGEST OF HB 1001 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:50 pm - DI 58)

State biennial budget. Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Provides for the determination of state funding of public schools for state fiscal year 2015-2016 and state fiscal year 2016-2017. Specifies higher education capital projects authorized to be constructed using bonds. Establishes a historic preservation grant program and provides that the income tax credit for historic preservation does not apply to expenditures made after June 30, 2016. Specifies that the budget report must include a list of tax expenditure items. Specifies that for financial reporting purposes, the state's combined general fund reserves include the balances of the general fund, the Medicaid contingency and reserve account, the state tuition reserve account, and the counter-cyclical revenue and economic stabilization fund (less any outstanding loans). Changes the state tuition reserve fund to an account within the state general fund. Prohibits the budget agency from enforcing a policy or procedure against certain agencies and officials by refusing to allot money from the personal services/fringe benefits contingency fund to the official or agency. Establishes the securities rating settlement fund for the purpose of depositing and distributing money received under a multistate agreement related to litigation concerning securities rating agencies. Provides that if all principal and interest on the obligations issued by the Marion County capital improvement board to the treasurer of state in calendar year 2009 are paid before July 1, 2015, the term of the obligations issued by the capital improvement board to the treasurer of state in calendar year 2010 is extended until 2025. Specifies that if: (1) the Marion County capital improvement board before July 1, 2015, adopts a resolution to establish a bid fund to be used to assist in securing conventions, sporting events, and other special events; and (2) the capital improvement board deposits in the bid fund amounts equal to the principal and interests payments that would otherwise be made under the repayment schedule on the obligations issued by the capital improvement board in calendar year 2010; the capital improvement board is not required to make those principal and interests payments to the treasurer of state at the time required by the repayment schedule. Establishes the state bicentennial capital account to provide funds for capital projects that commemorate the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood. Provides that money generated from the lease of communications systems infrastructure (including under a public-private partnership) shall be transferred to the account to be used for capital projects that commemorate the bicentennial of Indiana's statehood. Provides that a facility to house some or all of the state archives or to be used in the administration of the state archives may not be located on land bound by New York Street, Ohio Street, West Street, and Senate Avenue in Indianapolis. Establishes the office of state based initiatives. Increases the fee for taxing units for state board of accounts audits from \$45 per day to \$175 per day. Specifies that the fee for state colleges and universities is the direct and indirect cost of an examination (now \$83 per hour). Permits a state college or university to have its examination performed by an independent certified public accounting firm. Provides that fees collected for audits are to be deposited in the state board of accounts trust and agency fund. Makes the fund a dedicated fund that can be used to cover expenses of doing audits. Removes the

existing June 30, 2017, retirement deadline for a participant in the retirement medical benefits account to receive additional contributions made to the participant's account. Provides that a participant in the retirement medical benefits account who retires after July 1, 2017, is entitled to receive an additional contribution when the participant retires, if the participant is eligible to receive a normal, unreduced retirement benefit from the public employee retirement fund of which the participant is a member on or before July 1, 2017. Provides that the additional contribution is computed using the participant's years of service as determined on July 1, 2017. Provides that in the case of such a participant who on June 30, 2017, is eligible for an additional contribution, no further annual contributions shall be made to the participant's account after June 30, 2017. Changes the membership and appointing authorities of the Indiana tourism council. Provides that the Indiana tourism council approves or denies applications submitted to the office of tourism development for the statewide tourism marketing development program. Provides that certain distributions from racino licensees that are used by the state fair commission to make grants to the county fairs may also be used to make grants to the department of parks and recreation in Johnson County. Requires matching funds. Requires a licensee to annually withhold \$75,000 per racetrack operated by the licensee from the amount that must be distributed for the support of the Indiana horse racing industry. Requires a licensee to transfer the amount withheld to the Indiana horse racing commission for deposit in the gaming integrity fund. Specifies that the money transferred must be used for drug testing race horses. Modifies the funding request procedure related to the motorsports investment district fund. Provides that a county, city, or town may apply to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) for a grant from the motorsports improvement fund. Provides that after review by the budget committee and approval by the budget agency, money appropriated to the department of transportation for any purpose may instead be expended by the department to provide for operation of the Hoosier State Rail Line. Provides that the distressed unit appeal board (DUAB) may hold a public hearing to review the budget, tax levies, assessed value, debt service requirements, and other financial information for the Gary Community School Corporation, and the DUAB may, with the consent of the school board, select a financial specialist to take financial control of the Gary Community School Corporation. Extends the leave conversion program for employees of the legislative and judicial departments through June 30, 2017. Provides an income tax credit for certain for-profit hospitals equal to 10% of the property taxes paid in Indiana for property used as a hospital. Provides that the aggregate amount of EDGE tax credits that may be awarded by the IEDC in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, for projects to create jobs may not exceed \$175,000,000. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of studying the EDGE tax credit program. Provides that in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, upon request by the budget agency an amount of not more than \$10,000,000 shall be transferred from the department of insurance fund to the Indiana twenty-first century research and technology fund. Requires the department of state revenue to establish a tax amnesty program. Establishes the Indiana regional cities development fund to support the regional cities initiative of the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC). Provides that after the first \$84,000,000 collected under the tax amnesty program is paid to the Indiana regional cities development fund, the next \$6,000,000 collected under the tax amnesty program shall be transferred to the Indiana department of transportation to reimburse the

department for money expended by the department for the operation of the Hoosier State Rail Line from money appropriated to the department for other purposes. Provides that one cent per gallon of the beer excise tax that is currently being distributed to the postwar construction fund (from the total of four and three-fourths cents currently being distributed for this purpose) shall instead be deposited in the enforcement and administration fund. Permits the budget agency, after review by the budget committee, to make transfers from the state general fund to the major moves trust fund each year of the biennium, and if such a transfer is made, allows the budget agency, after review by the budget committee, to make a transfer from the trust fund to the major moves construction fund. Provides for changes to the twenty-first century research and technology fund approval process. Provides that the tax credit for natural gas powered vehicles applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012 (rather than after December 31, 2013, in current law). Specifies that to the extent a person claims a tax credit for natural gas powered vehicles for placing a qualified vehicle into service in 2013, the person may claim such a credit only against sales tax liability on transactions occurring after June 30, 2015, that involve a natural gas product and that are subject to sales tax because natural gas products are excluded from the sales tax exemption for acquiring the property used or consumed in providing public transportation for persons or property. Provides that the \$150,000 cap on the amount of the tax credits that may be granted to a person for a particular taxable year does not apply to a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2012, and before January 1, 2014. Provides that an individual employed as a teacher is entitled to a credit against the individual's adjusted gross income tax liability for amounts expended on classroom supplies up to a maximum of \$100 per taxable year. Increases the maximum amount of school scholarship tax credits that may be awarded in a state fiscal year to \$8,500,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and to \$9,500,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and for state fiscal years thereafter. Amends the statute concerning the telephone 211 dialing code for human services information to add assistance concerning: (1) domestic violence; (2) infant mortality; (3) veterans; (4) senior citizens; (5) vulnerable children; and (6) public health; to the enumerated services included within the term "human services". Requires the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to consult with the board of directors of Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc., in preparing the required annual plan for the expenditure of the money in the 211 services account (account). Provides that the plan must include a strategy or plan to address certain specified human services issues. Requires the annual report to describe each toll-free telephone number operated by a state agency or an instrumentality of the state for purposes of providing an information resource for human services and social services. Requires the IURC to report to the budget committee concerning the feasibility of having 211 service providers take over the operation of such toll-free telephone numbers. Permits a public-private agreement to be used for Potato Creek State Park, Larue Carter Hospital, and state owned cell towers. Establishes the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0. Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services to increase the reimbursement rate for services provided to certain individuals who receive services under a wavier under the federal home and community based services program. Requires the reimbursement rate to be increased by an amount equal to: (1) 2.5% of the current reimbursement rate for fiscal year 2015; and (2) 5% of the current reimbursement rate for fiscal year 2016. Amends language concerning the Healthy Indiana Plan and the hospital assessment fee to address the implementation of the Healthy

Indiana Plan 2.0 for individuals who meet certain federal income poverty level requirements. Includes budget committee review of tied votes and other approved measures. Establishes the enhanced enforcement drug mitigation area pilot program administered by the Indiana criminal justice institute. Specifies that Medicaid reimbursements rates for ICF/MRs and community residential facilities for the developmentally disabled shall be 3% greater than the reimbursement rate in effect on December 31, 2013. Extends the school performance grant program through the 2016-2017 school year, and makes changes in the calculation and use of the grant for stipends to teachers. Repeals the statutes establishing the education roundtable and makes conforming amendments. Provides that the commission for higher education (CHE) or department of education shall carry out certain duties currently performed by the education roundtable. Places a cap on the number of adult learners that are to be funded in each state fiscal year. Removes the choice scholarship cap of \$4,800 for students in grades 1 through 8. Establishes a charter and innovation network school grant program. Provides that the state board of education administers the grant program. Establishes a charter school and innovation network school advance program as part of the common school fund. Provides that the state board of education administers the advance program. Provides that the department of education (department) shall provide any data to the state board of education (state board) that the state board determines is necessary to perform the state board's duties under law. Provides that the state board may place a school in a category or designation of school performance only if: (1) the department has provided each school the opportunity to review, add to, or supplement the data, and to correct any errors in the data; and (2) the state board's staff has had an opportunity to review and analyze the school corporation, school, and student level data. Provides that the state board may obtain assistance from the legislative services agency with the approval of the legislative council or another entity to ensure the validity and reliability of the performance category or designation placements calculated by the department. Allows school capital projects funds to continue to be used for utilities and insurance until July 1, 2017. Urges the assignment to a study committee of topics concerning school capital projects funds. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee certain topics concerning charter schools. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee certain topics concerning special education for developmentally delayed children. Requires the department of education to furnish information before August 1, 2015, to all affected teachers and schools about implementation of the ISTEP program for the 2016 testing dates. Repeals the requirement that the department of education must develop a financial literacy program. Extends the school performance grant program through the 2016-2017 school year, and makes changes in the calculation and use of the grant for stipends to teachers. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may appropriate an amount for remediation programs for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 not to exceed 1% of the state tuition support that the school corporation receives for the school year. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation must adopt a written plan for a remediation program of a subset of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 before the governing body may spend money for the remediation program. Provides that a school employer shall discuss with an exclusive representative of teachers the subject of funding for a remediation program for any subset of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. Provides that payment of federal participating funds for an airport improvement project authorized under certain federal programs

shall be made to the municipality. Prohibits the budget agency from withholding appropriations for a state educational institution without review by the budget committee. Provides for an alternative probationary period to meet annual sale or renewal requirements for independent colleges participating in the special group recognition license plate program. Specifies that the general assembly urges the governor to appoint at least one resident of Allen County to the board of trustees of Purdue University. Requires the CHE, in consultation with postsecondary educational institutions, to adopt, not later than August 1, 2015, guidelines for postsecondary educational institutions concerning the administration of the return and complete project. Requires the CHE to review the programs offered by Ivy Tech Community College that have low graduation rates, and authorizes the CHE to require the restructuring of such programs or to eliminate the programs. Requires the CHE to annually determine the percentages of students at each state educational institution that are charged tuition based on: (1) resident tuition rates; and (2) nonresident tuition rates. Requires the CHE to report the information to the budget committee and legislative council before December 1 of each year. Provides for the development of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne as a multisystem metropolitan university and requires Purdue University and Indiana University to make findings and recommendations concerning the role and governance of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Specifies that the topic for program evaluation by the legislative services agency in 2015 is governance of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and potential models for governance of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne after June 30, 2016. Authorizes state educational institutions to issue bonds for the payment of retirement liabilities resulting from a withdrawal from a pension fund or a freezing of participation in a pension fund administered by the Indiana public retirement system. Provides that Indiana State University may not lease or transfer any ownership interest in the Hulman Center unless the proposed lease or transfer of an ownership interest has been reviewed by the budget committee. Makes drafting and technical corrections to HEA 1019-2015 and delays until July 1, 2016, the application of the following requirements to public works projects that were in HEA 1019-2015: (1) That a contractor be qualified by the department of administration or the department of transportation before doing any work on a public works project. (2) That a contractor that employs 10 or more employees provide access to an appropriate training program. (3) That a tier 1 or tier 2 contractor that employs 50 or more journeymen participate in an apprenticeship or training program for those employees. (4) That a contractor that is awarded a public works contract with an estimated cost of at least \$150,000 by a public subdivision have an employee drug testing program. Reduces the "small project" cap for political subdivision public works projects from \$300,000 to \$250,000. Adds programs of additional federal and state agencies to the list of acceptable training programs. Specifies that a contractor submit employee E-Verify information to the public agency letting the public works contract. Repeals an unnecessary criminal statute cross-reference concerning the common construction wage. Increases various filing fees charged by the secretary of state after June 30, 2016, for filing paper documents under the Indiana business corporation law, the Indiana Uniform Partnership Act, the limited partnership statute, the Indiana nonprofit corporation act, and the Indiana business flexibility act (limited liability companies). Establishes a grant program for school corporations that merge their administrative functions or merge their governing bodies. Creates a program to provide state matching grants to the northwest Indiana regional

development authority (RDA) for projects extending the Chicago, South Shore, and South Bend Railway (Railway). Requires the RDA to make certain commitments in order to receive a grant. Requires a return on investment analysis. Requires review of grant applications by the budget committee and approval by the Indiana finance authority. Requires the statewide 911 board to hold distributions in reserve until the county complies with the requirement of a maximum of two PSAPs. Establishes the northwest Indiana regional development authority commuter rail construction fund. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to conduct a review of rates payable under the current Medicaid fee structure and provide recommended rates for the Medicaid fee structure to the budget committee and legislative council before December 1, 2015. Increases, for purposes of determining minimum cigarette pricing, the presumed cost of doing business from 10% to 12% of the basic cost of cigarettes to the retailer. Provides that a problem solving court that is a veteran's court may assume jurisdiction over a veteran who: (1) meets certain eligibility requirements; and (2) is referred to the problem solving court by a court in another jurisdiction. Specifies that a court may consider as a mitigating factor that a person convicted of a crime has posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or a postconcussive brain injury. Provides that if a court suspends a sentence and orders probation for such a person, the court may require the person to receive treatment for the person's injuries. Provides that the document storage fee is \$5 after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2017, and \$2 after June 30, 2017. Provides that after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2017, in a county not operating under the state's automated judicial system, \$3 of the document storage fee may be used for purposes of the county's case management system. Provides that after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2017, the automated record keeping fee collected for civil, criminal, infraction, and ordinance violation actions is \$19 (other than for actions resulting in pretrial diversion or deferral, for which the fee remains at \$5). Provides that the automated record keeping fee after June 30, 2017, is \$5 for all violations. Requires the CHE to review the tuition increases (if any) at each state educational institution for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years and submit a report to the budget committee and the legislative council. Provides that the auditor of state shall on July 15, 2015, transfer to the state general fund all but \$5,000,000 of the combined balances in the political subdivision risk management fund and the political subdivision catastrophic liability fund. Requires the commissioner of the department of insurance to report to the budget committee in 2016 regarding any outstanding liabilities of those funds. Provides for a thirteenth check in 2015 for specified members of certain public pension funds. Changes the date of SEA 415-2015, SECTION 28, from July 1, 2015, to upon passage.

DIGEST OF HB 1002 (Updated April 27, 2015 5:22 pm - DI 84)

Ethics. Makes the following changes in the laws governing legislative ethics, lobbyist and legislative liaison reporting, and executive agency ethics: (1) Reenacts the legislative ethics statute in a different Indiana Code location and makes changes, including the following: Expands the interests that must be disclosed in a statement of economic interests filed by a legislator or legislative candidate. Requires a filer to report the name of a lobbyist who is a relative of the filer. Requires both the house and the senate to adopt a code of ethics, provide ethics education to members, and review filed statements of economic interests. Sets term and appointment

procedures for the house and senate ethics committees. Sets procedures related to filing and reviewing complaints. Establishes the office of legislative ethics in the legislative services agency. (2) Makes changes in the lobbyist registration and reporting law, including the following: Relocates definitions and defines family business. Requires reporting the name of any legislator who is a close relative of the lobbyist. Specifies that failure to file statements and reports constitutes a Level 6 felony if the omission is not corrected within 10 days after being notified of the violation by the lobby registration commission. (3) Moves provisions related to legislative liaison reporting to a different Indiana Code location and makes the following changes: Eliminates the reporting of lobbying expenditures by legislative liaisons in the executive branch and for state educational institutions. Requires state educational institutions to report certain expenses related to lobbying by their employees and related foundations. (4) Makes changes in the ethics statute applicable to state agencies, including the following: Changes the definition of employer. Limits the circumstances in which post employment restrictions on employees of the executive branch may be waived. Makes changes to the restrictions on post employment and consulting activity of state officers, employees, and special state appointees. Provides that a state officer, state employee, or special state appointee may not use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or equipment for purposes other than official state business unless the use is expressly permitted by a general written policy or regulation that has been approved by the state ethics commission or the use is to coordinate the state officer's official, personal, and political calendars, to provide transportation and security for the state officer and any employee or special state appointee who accompanies the state officer, or for incidental or de minimus political communications or activity involving the state officer. Repeals the existing legislative ethics and legislative liaison reporting statutes.

DIGEST OF HB 1003 (Updated April 15, 2015 3:41 pm - DI 84)

Redistricting plans. Establishes the special interim study committee on redistricting to evaluate the benefits of and the issues that would need to be addressed if a change in the method for establishing districts for the election of members of the general assembly and members of Congress from Indiana were made, including establishment of a redistricting commission.

DIGEST OF HB 1004 (Updated April 23, 2015 1:48 pm - DI 84)

Safety PIN grant program. Establishes the safety PIN (protecting Indiana's newborns) grant program for the purpose of reducing Indiana's infant mortality rates. Establishes the safety PIN (protecting Indiana's newborns) grant fund. Requires the state department of health to administer the grant program. Sets forth requirements for grant proposals, and sets forth subject matters that will receive preference in awarding the grants.

DIGEST OF HB 1006 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:48 pm - DI 106)

Criminal justice funding. Establishes the justice reinvestment advisory council (advisory council) to review and evaluate local corrections programs, grant applications, and the processes

used to award grants. Requires the department to compile certain information and submit reports to the budget committee and advisory council. Specifies the purposes for which the department may award financial aid. Repeals the county corrections fund that provides funding to each county for operation of the county's jail, jail programs, or other local correctional facilities or community based programs. Requires a probation officer to consult with community corrections concerning programs available to the defendant in preparing the presentence report. Permits a court to delegate the terms of placement in community corrections to the community corrections program director, and permits the director to change the terms of placement or reassign a person in community corrections. Provides that after December 31, 2015, a court may not commit a person convicted of a Level 6 felony to the department of correction, with certain exceptions. Requires the department of correction, the division of mental health and addiction, and a community corrections advisory board to submit grant applications to the advisory council for review. Provides that the advisory council shall meet to: (1) work with the department of correction and the division of mental health and addiction to establish the grant criteria; and (2) make recommendations to the department of correction and the division of mental health and addiction concerning the award of grants. Establishes the mental health and addiction forensic treatment services account within the statutes governing the division of mental health and addiction and provides that the division may use money in the account to fund grants and vouchers for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Permits the department of correction to accept an offender convicted of a misdemeanor if the offender has at least 547 days remaining before the person's earliest release date as the result of a sentencing enhancement applied to a misdemeanor sentence. Specifies that a sheriff is entitled to a per diem and medical expense reimbursement from the department of correction for the cost of incarcerating certain persons in the county jail. Makes permanent certain provisions permitting the department of correction to award grants from operational savings attributable to HEA 1006-2014, and provides that these funds may only be used for community corrections or court supervised recidivism reduction programs. Specifies that certain funds may not be used to construct or renovate community corrections facilities. Resolves conflicts.

DIGEST OF HB 1009 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:58 pm - DI 116)

Innovation network schools. Provides for innovation network school programs in school corporations. Establishes the career pathways pilot program. Establishes the innovation network school pilot grant. Repeals the article relating to the establishment of innovation network schools by the Indianapolis Public Schools.

DIGEST OF HB 1015 (Updated April 13, 2015 4:14 pm - DI 84)

Benefit corporations. Allows a business entity to incorporate as a benefit corporation under Indiana law.

DIGEST OF HB 1016 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:07 pm - DI 84)

Newborn safety incubators. Requires the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana to submit, before January 1, 2016, to the general assembly and the governor's office recommendations concerning: (1) new methods or mechanisms for carrying out policies relating to abandoned children; and (2) the production and distribution of information and posting of uniform signs regarding certain laws regarding emergency custody of abandoned children. Requires the state department of health to prepare and submit, before January 1, 2016, to the general assembly and the governor's office recommendations concerning standards and protocols for the installation and operation of newborn safety incubators. Requires the state department of health to consider certain factors in preparing the recommendations.

DIGEST OF HB 1017 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:08 pm - DI 84)

Motor vehicle matters. Defines: (1) "commercial motor vehicle", "gross combination weight rating", "gross combination weight", and "gross vehicle weight rating" for purposes of commercial motor vehicles to comply with federal standards; and (2) "gross vehicle weight" for purposes of commercial motor vehicles. Provides for an exception relating to overweight vehicles for certain vehicles transporting logs, wood chips, bark, and sawdust. Amends the definition of "farm tractor" to include farm tractors in the definition of "implement of agriculture". Excludes wagons, trailers, and other vehicles pulled by a farm tractor from the definition of "farm tractor". Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF HB 1019 (Updated April 16, 2015 3:28 pm - DI 84)

Common construction wage and public works. Repeals the common construction wage statute. Repeals related statutes superseded by the repeal of the common construction wage statute. Increases the "small project" cap for a public works project from \$150,000 to \$300,000. Unless required by federal or state law, prohibits a public agency from establishing, mandating, or otherwise requiring a wage scale or wage schedule for a public works project. Provides that the following apply to all public works projects, except public-private, design-build, and construction manager as constructor agreements: (1) Provides that a public works contract may not be structured other than in four contractor tiers. (2) Provides that each prime contractor on a public works project must perform at least 15% of the total contract price, as determined at the time the contract is awarded, with its own labor, services, or materials. (3) Requires each contractor in each contractor tier to maintain general liability insurance. (4) Requires each contractor in each contractor tier to be qualified by the department of administration or the department of transportation before doing any work on a public works project. (5) Requires certain employees of a public works contract to be "e-verified". (6) Provides that a contractor on a public works project may not pay its employees in cash. (7) Requires a contractor to comply with certain federal and Indiana laws relating to labor. (8) Requires: (A) a contractor on a public works project that employs 10 or more employees to provide access to a training program applicable to the tasks to be performed by the employees in the normal course of their employment; and (B) a tier 1 or tier 2 contractor that employs 50 or more journeymen to participate in an apprenticeship training program that meets the standards established by the

United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. (9) For a public works contract awarded after June 30, 2016, requires that the payroll and related records of a contractor in any contractor tier must be preserved by the contractor for 3 years after completion of the project work and be open to inspection by the department of workforce development (DWD), which must maintain the confidentiality of all records inspected. For a public works contract awarded after June 30, 2016, provides that a public agency that suspects the misclassification of one or more workers on the public agency's public works project may request in writing that DWD investigate the suspected misclassification, and if DWD finds information or records supporting the misclassification, DWD may refer the matter to an appropriate agency for further action. Provides that a public agency that reasonably suspects a contractor has violated these requirements shall refer certain violations to the appropriate agency for investigation or require the contractor to remedy certain violations not later than 30 days after the agency notifies the contractor of the violation. If the contractor fails to remedy the violation, requires the public agency to find the contractor to be not responsible for a period based on the severity of the violation, but for not more than 48 months. Provides that a finding that the contractor is not responsible may not be used by another public agency in making a determination as to whether that contractor is responsible. Provides that a determination that a contractor is not responsible is final and conclusive and subject to judicial review under IC 34-13-5. Provides that a person who, with intent to avoid the obligation to obtain worker's compensation coverage, falsely classifies an employee as a non-employee commits worker's compensation fraud. Provides for classification of this crime at various levels. Requires a contractor that, after June 30, 2015, is awarded a public works contract with an estimated cost of at least \$150,000 by a political subdivision to have an employee drug testing program. Requires the Indiana department of labor to submit to the general assembly not later than July 1, 2021, a report concerning the effects of the repeal of the common construction wage statute. Makes an appropriation to the Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation of \$1 million dollars in each of the next two state fiscal years for the Foundation's use in conducting an educational marketing campaign in Indiana. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1021 (Updated March 17, 2015 1:48 pm - DI 84)

Limit on mine subsidence insurance coverage. Raises the maximum amount of mine subsidence insurance coverage that may be reinsured (and thus the maximum amount of mine subsidence coverage that is available) from \$200,000 per structure to \$500,000 per structure.

DIGEST OF HB 1025 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:10 pm - DI 84)

BMV and driver license compact. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles may issue a person a driver's license if a party state to the driver license compact reports that the driver's license of the person is suspended and the bureau determines that the: (1) party state's report is erroneous; and (2) person's driver's license is not suspended by the party state or the suspension is terminated; under certain circumstances.

DIGEST OF HB 1036 (Updated April 13, 2015 4:19 pm - DI 84)

Statutory authorization to construct interstates. Removes requirement that the general assembly enact a statute authorizing the construction of I-69 in Perry Township (Marion County) before I-69 may be constructed in Perry Township.

DIGEST OF HB 1042 (Updated March 17, 2015 1:51 pm - DI 84)

Education loan information. Requires a postsecondary educational institution that enrolls students who receive state financial aid to annually provide each student with certain information concerning the student's education loans. Provides that an eligible institution does not incur liability for any information provided to students.

DIGEST OF HB 1044 (Updated April 28, 2015 3:00 pm - DI 73)

Food and beverage taxes. Authorizes the fiscal body of the town of Rockville to adopt a town food and beverage tax. Provides that the tax rate may not exceed 1%. Specifies the purposes for which the Rockville food and beverage tax may be used. Authorizes the fiscal body of Orange County to adopt a food and beverage tax of not more than 1%. Specifies the permissible uses of the tax revenue. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of whether a uniform food and beverage tax should be enacted into law to allow local governments to adopt such a tax.

DIGEST OF HB 1045 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:09 pm - DI 84)

Recreational facility immunity. Specifies the duties and responsibilities of the users and the operator of a recreational facility operated by an elementary, secondary, or postsecondary educational institution. Specifies that the operator of such a recreational facility who fulfills the operator's duties and responsibilities has a complete defense to a civil action. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1046 (Updated March 17, 2015 1:54 pm - DI 84)

Study of sales tax exemptions for bullion or currency. Refers the following questions to the legislative council for assignment to an appropriate interim study committee: (1) Whether sales of precious metals bullion or currency should be exempt from sales tax. (2) Whether the lease of storage for precious metals bullion or currency should be exempt from sales tax.

DIGEST OF HB 1047 (Updated April 28, 2015 2:58 pm - DI 103)

Various motor vehicle matters. Authorizes the use of mini-trucks on Indiana roads other than interstate highways. Requires a mini-truck that is operated on an Indiana road to be titled and registered. Defines "person", for purposes of titling a vehicle, to include sole proprietorships.

Requires a dealer of mini-trucks to register as a dealer. Imposes an annual excise tax of \$30 on a mini-truck. Removes the requirement that an application for the fleet registration program for common registration dates for fleet vehicles contain a certificate of title and registration for all fleet vehicles in the exact name of the fleet operator. Removes outdated language.

DIGEST OF HB 1050 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:11 pm - DI 84)

Actions against a surveyor. Provides that an action to recover damages for a deficiency in a land survey must be brought against the surveyor not later than 10 years after the date of the survey.

DIGEST OF HB 1053 (Updated March 17, 2015 1:56 pm - DI 84)

Drink sales at microbrewery, farm winery, and artisan distillery. Allows any combination of a microbrewery, farm winery, and an artisan distillery that occupy the same building to sell by the glass the microbrewery's beer, the farm winery's wine, and the artisan distillery's liquor from the same service bar, without a structure separating the service of wine, the service of beer, and the service of liquor. Provides that the restrictions and provisions of an artisan distillery's, microbrewery's, or farm winery's permit governing the sale or service of alcoholic beverages apply to the sale and service of the alcoholic beverage.

DIGEST OF HB 1056 (Updated March 26, 2015 2:25 pm - DI 84)

Student transfers. Provides that a student may transfer to a school corporation if the student's parent is an employee of the school corporation and the school corporation has the capacity to accept the student. Provides that an elementary school student who attended an accredited nonpublic elementary school in the attendance area of a school corporation in which the student does not have legal settlement may attend a high school in the school corporation if the school corporation: (1) has the capacity to accept the student and the majority of the students in the same grade as the transferring student at the accredited nonpublic school have legal settlement in the transferee school corporation; (2) has only one high school; and (3) does not have a policy to accept transfer students.

DIGEST OF HB 1062 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:15 pm - DI 84)

Vehicle rentals. Specifies that certain costs and expenses related to vehicle rental are separate from an administrative charge. Specifies fixed administrative charges. Provides for rental company collection, from the renter, of a certain amount upon return of a damaged rental vehicle. Provides for: (a) collection of any excess liability from; and (b) refund of any overpayment to; the renter upon settlement of damages and liability.

DIGEST OF HB 1065 (Updated March 19, 2015 12:42 pm - DI 84)

Use of investigational drugs, biological products, and devices. Provides that a manufacturer of an

investigational drug, biological product, or device may make the drug, biological product, or device available to a patient who meets certain requirements. Adds to the requirements concerning experimental or nonconventional medical treatment and the authority to allow a patient to receive an experimental or nonconventional medical treatment if a physician determines that the patient: (1) has been diagnosed with a terminal disease or condition; and (2) does not have comparable or satisfactory treatment options. Specifies that a new cause of action is not created. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1068 (Updated March 19, 2015 2:16 pm - DI 84)

Background checks. Makes changes to the definition of an "expanded criminal history check", which is required for employment at a school.

DIGEST OF HB 1080 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:17 pm - DI 84)

EMS provider death benefit. Provides a public safety officer special death benefit to an emergency medical services provider who, after June 30, 2015, dies as a direct result of personal injury or illness resulting from the provider's performance of duties under a contract entered into by the provider's employer to provide emergency medical services for a political subdivision if the provider's employer purchases coverage if the employer purchases coverage for all eligible emergency medical services providers of the employer. Provides that the cost of the coverage is \$100 per year and that an employer may purchase the coverage by making quarterly payments on dates prescribed by the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system.

DIGEST OF HB 1093 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:19 pm - DI 84)

Information concerning certain disabilities. Requires the state department of health to collect certain information to be disseminated by health care facilities and health care providers to parents who receive prenatal test results for Down syndrome or any other condition diagnosed prenatally.

DIGEST OF HB 1101 (Updated March 31, 2015 3:45 pm - DI 84)

Broadband ready communities. Establishes the broadband ready communities development center (center) within the Indiana economic development corporation to facilitate certain communications projects. Provides that the center may designate a unit of local government as a broadband ready community if the unit establishes a procedure to review applications and issue permits for the communications projects.

DIGEST OF HB 1102 (Updated April 29, 2015 2:45 pm - DI 110)

Patent protection. Prohibits a person from asserting a claim of patent infringement in bad faith. Provides that a court may, upon motion, require a person to post a bond if the target establishes a

reasonable likelihood that the person has made an assertion of patent infringement in bad faith. Establishes remedies and damages. Exempts certain: (1) approved postsecondary educational institutions; (2) technology transfer organizations owned by or affiliated with approved postsecondary educational institutions; and (3) licensees holding patents from postsecondary educational institutions or technology transfer organizations owned by or affiliated with postsecondary educational institutions; from the provisions regarding bad faith assertions of patent infringement.

DIGEST OF HB 1104 (Updated April 29, 2015 3:12 pm - DI 87)

Financial examinations and the state board of accounts. Permits the state board of accounts to determine the frequency with which the state board of accounts conducts financial examinations based on risk based criteria approved by the audit and financial reporting subcommittee of the legislative council. Eliminates the requirement that the state examiner must annually furnish forms and instructions to reporting officers. Specifies that certain examinations by the state board of accounts may (rather than must, under current law) be made without notice. Provides that the state board of accounts may only release examination workpapers and investigation records to certain persons. Provides a procedure for a public entity (other than a school corporation, a university, or a consolidated city) that has an internal control officer and an internal control department to have examinations performed by a certified public accountant instead of the state board of accounts. Adds provisions for allowing a public entity to have an examination: (1) conducted outside the time frame provided for by statute or state board of accounts guidelines, due to federal requirements, continuing disclosure requirements, or as a condition of a public bond issuance; or (2) conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Provides that the results of an examination of the state board of accounts are confidential until approved and released for publication by the state examiner. Permits disclosure under certain circumstances. Provides that an executive or a fiscal officer of a unit may establish a fraud hotline telephone number that the public may use to report suspected fraudulent activity concerning officers or employees of the unit. Provides that: (1) the identity of a caller to a fraud hotline; and (2) a report, transcript, audio recording, or other information obtained from a fraud hotline; are exempt from public disclosure. Provides that an audit of an enhanced prepaid wireless seller regarding collection and remittance of enhanced prepaid wireless charges must be conducted either: (1) jointly by the department of state revenue and the statewide 911 board; or (2) by an independent auditor engaged by the statewide 911 board. (Under current law, the audit must be conducted jointly by the department and the statewide 911 board.) Resolves a conflict with HEA 1475 and HEA 1270.

DIGEST OF HB 1108 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:44 pm - DI 71)

Dyslexia. Defines "dyslexia". Requires teacher training programs to prepare teachers to recognize that a student who is not progressing at a normal rate related to reading may need to be referred to the school's multidisciplinary team to determine the student's special learning needs, including learning needs related to dyslexia. Provides that if an education service center offers

inservice training or other teacher training programs, the education service center may offer courses for teachers on dyslexia characteristics and appropriate interventions.

DIGEST OF HB 1109 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:01 pm - DI 84)

Payment of monthly pension benefits. Provides that members and beneficiaries of any public pension fund administered by the Indiana public retirement system may receive monthly benefits only by direct deposit or another method approved by the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system. Repeals a similar but more narrowly applicable section concerning methods of paying monthly benefits to members and beneficiaries of the public employees' retirement fund and the teachers' retirement fund.

DIGEST OF HB 1110 (Updated April 28, 2015 10:22 pm - DI 58)

Magistrates and courts. Allows the judges of the Clark circuit court to jointly appoint a third full-time magistrate. Allows the judge of the Greene circuit court and the judge of the Greene superior court to jointly appoint one full-time magistrate. Allows the judges of the Madison circuit court to jointly appoint a second full-time magistrate. Allows the judges of the Marion superior court to appoint four additional full-time magistrates after December 31, 2015. Allows the judge of the Porter circuit court to appoint one full-time magistrate. Allows the judge of the Vanderburgh circuit court to appoint a second full-time magistrate. Allows a magistrate to: (1) approve and accept criminal plea agreements; (2) approve agreed settlements concerning civil matters; and (3) approve decrees of dissolution, settlement agreements, and any other agreements of the parties in domestic relations actions or paternity actions. Allows the: (1) judge of the St. Joseph circuit court to appoint one additional full-time magistrate, for a total of three full-time magistrates; and (2) judges of the St. Joseph superior court to jointly appoint two additional full-time magistrates for a total of four full-time magistrates, not more than two of whom may be from the same political party. Provides that meetings of the St. Joseph judicial nominating commission must be held at a place in: (1) the St. Joseph County courthouse; or (2) another building owned or operated by St. Joseph County; in South Bend as the clerk of the St. Joseph superior court may arrange. Removes the authority of the Sullivan circuit and superior court judges to jointly appoint a full-time magistrate as of July 1, 2016. Provides that the term of a full-time magistrate appointed by the Sullivan circuit and superior court judges ends not later than July 1, 2016. Requires the judge of a city or town court to be an attorney in good standing admitted to practice law in Indiana. Allows a currently serving city or town court judge who is not an attorney to continue to serve as a judge until he or she leaves office. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of the appropriate number of judges in Pulaski County.

DIGEST OF HB 1119 (Updated April 9, 2015 2:26 pm - DI 84)

Receipt of gift by permittee. Removes a provision that increases the penalty for an alcoholic beverage retailer or dealer to accept a gift from an alcoholic beverage manufacturer or other

permittee from a Class A misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony if the value of a gift is at least \$750.

DIGEST OF HB 1131 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:05 pm - DI 84)

Exemption of military reservists from jury duty. Provides that an individual who serves on reserve duty in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard while on military orders is exempt from jury duty.

DIGEST OF HB 1138 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:21 pm - DI 84)

Update of federal election law references. Updates references to federal election law in the Indiana Code. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF HB 1139 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:47 am - DI 75)

Various election law matters. Provides that the procedure for removing election inspectors and judges also applies to poll clerks, assistant poll clerks, and election sheriffs. Exempts certain statutorily protected residence addresses from the requirement to publish the address of each primary election candidate. Makes technical changes relating to: (1) filing statements of economic interests; (2) updating voter registration information; (3) transmitting absentee ballots; (4) appointment of absentee voter boards; (5) filling candidate vacancies; (6) transmission of voter registration applications; (7) public questions; and (8) certification of special election results. Updates dates and other references in the election law. Removes other obsolete references. Makes various other technical changes. Repeals a provision that makes it a crime to knowingly or intentionally display campaign materials advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or the approval or defeat of a public question on a government employer's real property during regular working hours. Repeals a provision that would permit the use of an automatic dialing-announcing device to send messages to voters from a county election board, a county board of elections and registration, or a county voter registration office.

DIGEST OF HB 1140 (Updated March 23, 2015 2:47 pm - DI 84)

Precinct election officers. Provides that a county election board, by a resolution adopted by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, may provide that one individual may serve as inspector for more than one precinct located at the same polling place.

DIGEST OF HB 1141 (Updated March 10, 2015 2:05 pm - DI 84)

Judgment dockets. Specifies that the clerk of a circuit court: (1) shall keep a judgment docket for the circuit court and for each superior court and probate court served by the clerk; and (2) is the official keeper of the judgment docket for the circuit court and for each superior court and probate court served by the clerk. Provides that a judgment docket may not include judgments in

which the state, a county, or another governmental entity is the sole creditor, except for: (1) cases in which the state obtains a judgment for unpaid taxes; or (2) any entry that is required by statute.

DIGEST OF HB 1142 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:06 pm - DI 84)

Tax issues. Specifies that the legislative services agency (rather than the commission on state tax and financing policy or its successor committee, under current law) shall before October 1 of each year conduct the review, analysis, and evaluation of all tax incentives under House Enrolled Act 1020-2014, according to a schedule developed by the legislative services agency. Requires the legislative services agency to submit the results of the review, analysis, and evaluation to the legislative council and the interim study committee on fiscal policy. Requires the interim study committee on fiscal policy to hold an annual public hearing after September 30 and before November 1 of each year at which: (1) the legislative services agency presents its review, analysis, and evaluation of tax incentives; and (2) the interim study committee receives information concerning tax incentives. Requires the interim study committee on fiscal policy to submit to the legislative council any recommendations made by the interim study committee that are related to the legislative services agency's review, analysis, and evaluation of tax incentives prepared under this section. Requires the legislative services agency to provide information to be used by the general assembly to make certain determinations regarding tax incentives. (Current law requires the legislative services agency to make these determinations.) Requires the legislative services agency to prepare and publish a tax expenditure report before November 1 of each even numbered year. Specifies the required elements of the tax expenditure report. Repeals the home insulation deduction and the solar powered roof vent and fan deduction.

DIGEST OF HB 1145 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:59 pm - DI 84)

Civil immunity for volunteer health care providers. Specifies criteria for civil immunity from liability for certain volunteer health care providers. Requires the Indiana professional licensing agency to establish and maintain a health care volunteer registry. Provides that an approval of a location where the provision of health care services in which a provider may be immune from civil liability is valid for up to two years. Requires a person who meets the criteria for immunity from civil liability to provide a certain records and results of laboratory and imaging based screenings and tests to the patient. Requires that a person that provides the location where the health care service is provided do so without compensation as a condition of immunity. Allows a person that provides a health care service to provide recommendations for testing.

DIGEST OF HB 1150 (Updated April 16, 2015 5:01 pm - DI 84)

Police and firefighter retirement matters. Makes changes to the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund to include police officers in several sections of the statute that may logically apply to police officers as well as firefighters. Specifies that a state police officer who retires after 25 years of service is entitled to: (1) retain the officer's service weapon; (2) receive a "Retired" badge in recognition of the officer's service; and (3) receive an

identification card that indicates that the officer is retired. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

DIGEST OF HB 1157 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:22 pm - DI 84)

Qualified dietitians. Defines "qualified dietitian". Allows qualified dietitians to order medically prescribed diets. Requires the state department of health to adopt rules to comply with federal law concerning food and dietetic services.

DIGEST OF HB 1159 (Updated May 12, 2015 12:02 pm - DI 109)

Protective orders and employment. Provides that an employer may not terminate an employee based on the filing, by the employee, of a petition for a protective order.

DIGEST OF HB 1161 (Updated April 16, 2015 5:03 pm - DI 84)

Immunity for damage caused rescuing a child. Grants civil immunity to a person who forcibly enters a locked motor vehicle for the purpose of rescuing a child. Does not extend civil immunity to acts involving gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

DIGEST OF HB 1164 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:11 pm - DI 84)

Northwest Indiana regional planning commission. Requires the most recent federal decennial census to be used (instead of the 2000 decennial census), in determining the weighted vote of a member of the northwestern Indiana regional planning commission.

DIGEST OF HB 1165 (Updated April 14, 2015 7:19 pm - DI 84)

Rental registration and inspection programs. Exempts programs that apply only to rooming houses and hotels from provisions regulating local government rental registration or inspection programs.

DIGEST OF HB 1170 (Updated April 21, 2015 1:35 pm - DI 84)

Agricultural matters. Authorizes the department of agriculture (department) to establish a farm commodities and market news service as a pilot program for the 2015-2017 biennium. Authorizes the department to expand the program beginning July 1, 2017. Provides that a program established by the department must be funded from the livestock industry promotion and development fund. Allows the feeding of garbage to swine if the garbage is treated to kill disease organisms in accordance with rules adopted by the Indiana board of animal health (board) and the processing occurs at a facility operated by a person holding a valid license issued by the board.

DIGEST OF HB 1181 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:53 pm - DI 77)

Agricultural matters. Provides that the seed commissioner may keep certain information concerning industrial hemp confidential. Provides that a licensed warehouse and grain buyer is subject to a fine for a delinquent license fee beginning with the first day that the license fee is delinquent. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee a study of issues related to the production and use of hemp oil that is produced from industrial hemp.

DIGEST OF HB 1182 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:24 pm - DI 84)

Fire training academy. Increases the board of firefighting personnel standards and education from 11 to 13 members. Allows the division of fire and building safety (division) of the Indiana department of homeland security (IDHS) to establish a fire and public safety academy training system to create and conduct programs to train public safety personnel. Allows the division to develop the programs in cooperation with other agencies, organizations, or educational institutions.

DIGEST OF HB 1183 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:25 pm - DI 84)

Physician assistants. Allows a physician assistant who is delegated authority to prescribe a controlled substance after practicing for at least 1,800 hours. (Current law allows a physician assistant to be delegated to prescribe a controlled substance after practicing for one year after graduating from a physician assistant program and practicing for at least 1,800 hours.) Removes requirement that supervising physician must delegate prescribing authority by the name of the drug or drug classification. Specifies that a physician assistant may refill a prescription as allowed for in the physician assistant's supervisory agreement. Provides that a pharmacist may not require the supervising agreement or a cosignature to fill a prescription written by a physician assistant. Removes requirement that patient encounters must be reviewed within 72 hours and provides that a physician must review physician assistant charts within ten business days and within a reasonable time that is appropriate for the maintenance of quality medical care. Reduces the percentage of physician assistant charts that a physician must review based on the year of practice by the physician assistant. Specifies patient record review by a physician for Schedule II prescription that a physician assistant with less than a year of authority to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances dispenses or prescribes. Provides that a physician may supervise four physician assistants at the same time. Allows physician assistants and advanced practice nurses to treat a patient with a Schedule III or Schedule IV controlled substance for weight reduction or to control obesity if certain conditions are met.

DIGEST OF HB 1184 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:13 pm - DI 84)

Controlled substances. Authorizes optometrists who meet certain requirements to prescribe Tramadol. Adds Tramadol as a schedule IV controlled substance. Includes hydrocodone combination products as schedule II controlled substances. Removes dihydrocodeinone from the

schedule III controlled substance list.

DIGEST OF HB 1185 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:26 pm - DI 84)

Synthetic plastic microbeads. Defines "synthetic plastic microbead" as a solid plastic particle that is: (1) less than five millimeters in its largest dimension; (2) not biodegradable; and (3) intentionally added to a personal care product that is used to exfoliate or cleanse and is subsequently rinsed off the human body or a part of the human body. Provides that: (1) after December 31, 2017, a person may not manufacture for sale a personal care product, except for an over the counter drug, that contains synthetic plastic microbeads; (2) after December 31, 2018, a person may not accept for sale a personal care product, except for an over the counter drug, that contains synthetic plastic microbeads; (3) after December 31, 2018, a person may not manufacture for sale an over the counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads; and (4) after December 31, 2019, a person may not accept for sale an over the counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads. Provides that a person who violates any of these prohibitions commits: (1) a Class B infraction; or (2) a Class A infraction if the person has a prior unrelated judgment for a violation.

DIGEST OF HB 1186 (Updated April 16, 2015 12:27 pm - DI 84)

Unemployment insurance. Provides that any part of an unemployment insurance surcharge not used to pay interest on the advances made to the state from the federal unemployment trust fund must be credited against the total amount of benefits charged to the state's unemployment insurance trust fund before determining each employer's share of those benefits. Removes language that requires the extra surcharge amount be credited to each employer's experience account in proportion to the amount of the surcharge the employer paid. Requires the department of workforce development (department) to establish an unemployment benefit overpayment not later than four years from the date of the overpayment, if the overpayment is for a reason other than an individual knowingly making a false statement or representation of a material fact, knowingly failing to disclose a material fact, or failing to report wages or the receipt of deductible income and removes language concerning certain other time frames related to overpayments. Repeals certain provisions concerning overpayments and establishes procedures for the department to require the employer to withhold amounts from the earnings of an individual for whom a benefit overpayment is established and to pay those amounts to the department to satisfy the overpayment, subject to certain conditions that apply to garnishments. Provides that an employer may not use income withholding as the basis for refusing to hire, discharging, or taking disciplinary action against an individual, and establishes civil penalties for an employer that refuses to withhold income or knowingly misrepresents an employee's income. Provides that an individual may contest an income withholding and request a hearing by an administrative law judge. Provides that an employer that is required to withhold income may collect a fee under certain circumstances. Requires as a condition precedent to the payment of benefits in a year immediately following a year in which benefits were paid or following a period of disqualification for failure to apply for or accept suitable work that an individual: (1) perform

insured work; (2) earn remuneration in employment in at least each of eight weeks; and (3) earn remuneration at least equal to the product of the individual's weekly benefit amount multiplied by eight. Provides that, if an employer does not have a rule regarding attendance, an individual's unsatisfactory attendance is just cause for discharge, if good cause for the absences or tardiness is not established. (Currently, the individual must show good cause for the absences or tardiness.) Establishes that a crime committed using the Internet or another computer network may be prosecuted in any county: (1) from which or to which access to the Internet or another computer network was made; or (2) in which a computer, computer data, computer software, or computer network used to access the Internet or another computer network is located. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study commission or committee during the 2015 legislative interim the task of studying fraud and benefit overpayments occurring in the unemployment insurance program in Indiana.

DIGEST OF HB 1188 (Updated March 24, 2015 3:29 pm - DI 84)

Student teaching. Requires a student teaching agreement to include a provision requiring a student who is required to complete a student teaching requirement to be supervised by a certificated employee that has been rated as either highly effective or effective on the certificated employee's latest annual performance evaluation. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1192 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:07 pm - DI 84)

Uninsured motorist damages. Specifies that an insurer may not pay noneconomic damages on a motor vehicle insurance claim for a loss incurred by an uninsured motorist who, during the immediately preceding five years, has been required to provide proof of future financial responsibility. Provides that an uninsured motorist who sustained bodily injury or property damage as the result of a motor vehicle accident and who, during the immediately preceding five years, has been required to provide proof of future financial responsibility may not recover noneconomic damages. Makes certain exceptions.

DIGEST OF HB 1194 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:09 pm - DI 84)

High school diplomas. Provides that, beginning with the annual case review when a student who is a child with a disability is in grade 8, the student's individualized education program must include the type of diploma the student will seek and the courses necessary to obtain the diploma. Provides that, beginning with grade 9, the student's teacher of record must communicate with the student's parent at least one time each grading period to review the student's progress toward the diploma. Provides that, not later than September 1, 2015, the Core 40 subcommittee of the Indiana career council shall present to the education study committee recommended changes to course requirements for general, Core 40, academic honors, and technical honors diplomas to ensure that each student who seeks a diploma has enough flexibility in the student's schedule to pursue a college or career pathway appropriate for the student's individual goals, knowledge,

skills, and abilities. Provides that the education study committee may propose legislative changes necessary to carry out the recommended changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1196 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:13 pm - DI 84)

CHINS and delinquent child dual determination. Requires that in a child in need of services (CHINS) determination, a court shall determine if the child has been adjudicated as a delinquent child. Requires that in a delinquency determination, a court shall determine if the child is a child in need of services. Provides that if a child is a child in need of services and has been adjudicated as a delinquent child, a court may determine if the department of child services or the probation department of the court shall be the lead agency supervising the child. Creates procedures to determine whether a child should be assessed by a dual status assessment team. Creates dual status assessment teams that will assess certain children and make recommendations to a juvenile court whether the court should proceed with applicable child in need of service petitions and delinquency petitions.

DIGEST OF HB 1208 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:29 pm - DI 84)

Additional antlered deer licenses. Allows the department of natural resources to establish a lottery system to allow an individual to purchase a license to take more than one antlered deer within a one year period.

DIGEST OF HB 1216 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:31 pm - DI 84)

Missing children and trafficked children. Requires the superintendent of the state police department to: (1) provide a written informational pamphlet that includes information concerning the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Runaway Safeline; and (2) distribute the pamphlet to every law enforcement agency. Requires a law enforcement agency to provide the pamphlet to a person making a report of a missing child at the time the person makes the report. Provides a defense to the crime of prostitution if the person was a child who was a victim or alleged victim of human or sexual trafficking at the time the person engaged in the prohibited conduct. Requires a law enforcement agency to immediately contact the department of child services if the law enforcement agency detains an alleged victim of human or sexual trafficking who is less than 18 years of age.

DIGEST OF HB 1236 (Updated April 29, 2015 2:49 pm - DI 102)

Political activity on homeowners association property. Provides that the statute that prohibits a homeowners association from adopting or enforcing a rule or covenant that prohibits candidates and officeholders from entering the property to conduct political activity does not apply to homeowners association property if: (1) access to the property from the outside is controlled; and (2) the common areas, including roads and sidewalks, are privately owned and maintained.

DIGEST OF HB 1242 (Updated March 30, 2015 5:52 pm - DI 84)

Reserve officer training. Requires police reserve officers to complete mandatory inservice training: (1) in interacting with persons with mental illness, addictive disorders, mental retardation, autism, developmental disabilities, and Alzheimer's disease or related senile dementia; and (2) concerning human and sexual trafficking and high risk missing persons. Changes the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability".

DIGEST OF HB 1263 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:15 pm - DI 84)

Township trustee sale of cemetery plots. Provides that if a township trustee is maintaining a cemetery that dates back at least to 1939, has no maintenance funds of its own, and is operated by a nonprofit organization or not managed by any viable organization, the township trustee may sell plots in the cemetery that are not known to be owned by any plot owner. Requires that the proceeds from the sale be deposited in the township's fund for maintenance of cemeteries, if the township has such a fund, or in the township fund of the township.

DIGEST OF HB 1264 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:14 pm - DI 87)

State and local government matters. Beginning July 1, 2016, requires the following: (1) The legislative body of a political subdivision to ensure appropriate training of personnel concerning the political subdivision's internal control system. (2) The fiscal officer of a political subdivision to certify annually that certain internal controls and procedures are in place and that personnel have received training in the internal controls and procedures. (3) The state board of accounts (board) to issue a comment in its examination report if internal controls and procedures are not adopted or personnel have not received training. (4) The board to report the uncorrected violations to the department of local government finance (DLGF). (5) The DLGF may not approve the political subdivision's budget or supplemental appropriations if the political subdivision fails to adopt internal controls and procedures or train personnel. (6) Certain reporting and followup related to a report of misappropriation of political subdivision funds. (7) Board action for material variances, losses, shortages, or thefts. Requires the board to develop or designate personnel training materials not later than November 1, 2015. Effective July 1, 2016, provides for restitution related to attorney general proceedings. Requires internal audits, internal control reviews, and reporting by the bureau of motor vehicles, the office of the secretary of family and social services, and the department of state revenue. Provides that certain political subdivisions may not issue bonds unless: (1) the political subdivision has filed required annual financial reports with the state board of accounts or (in the case of a school corporation) the department of education; and (2) the annual financial reports are prepared in accordance with all generally accepted accounting principles for financial accounting and reporting (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Provides that these requirements apply only as follows for school corporations: (1) After August 15, 2019, and before August 16, 2020, to a school corporation that has an average daily membership count (ADM) of greater than 25,000. (2) After August 15, 2020, to a school corporation that has an ADM of greater than

15,000. Provides that these requirements apply only as follows for counties and municipalities: (1) After June 30, 2017, and before July 1, 2019, to counties and municipalities with a population greater than 250,000. (2) After June 30, 2019, and before July 1, 2020, to a county with a population greater than 175,000 and to a municipality with a population greater than 100,000. (3) After June 30, 2020, to a county with a population greater than 100,000 and to a municipality with a population greater than 75,000. Provides that the state examiner may waive the requirement that the annual financial report comply with generally accepted accounting principles. Allows the executive or member of the fiscal body of a city, town, or township (unit) to serve as a volunteer firefighter for a volunteer fire department or a fire department that provides fire protection services to the unit. Requires a fiscal body member of a unit who is also a volunteer firefighter for a fire department providing fire protection services to the unit to abstain from voting on the unit's budget and tax levies. Provides that if at least a majority of the members of the unit abstain from voting on the budget, the most recent annual appropriations and annual tax levy are continued for the ensuing budget year. Provides that the executive of the unit may petition the county fiscal body for an increase in the budget or for additional appropriations. Prohibits a relative of: (1) an active county police officer; or (2) the sheriff; from serving as a member of the sheriff's merit board.

DIGEST OF HB 1265 (Updated April 16, 2015 5:05 pm - DI 84)

Designation of caregiver for patients. Requires a hospital to provide each admitted patient or the patient's health care representative with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver within a specified time. Specifies documentation of whether the patient designates a lay caregiver. Requires the hospital to do certain acts including the following: (1) Request written consent to release medical information to the designated lay caregiver. (2) Record certain information concerning the designated lay caregiver in the patient's medical chart. (3) Attempt to consult with the designated lay caregiver before release of the patient. (4) Prepare an at home care plan. (5) Provide instructions to the designated lay caregiver concerning after care.

DIGEST OF HB 1269 (Updated April 29, 2015 5:12 pm - DI 104)

Health matters. Makes the department of correction (DOC) an inmate's authorized representative for applying for Medicaid for inmates who are potentially eligible for Medicaid and who incur medical care expenses that are not otherwise reimbursable. Requires the DOC and the office of the secretary of family and social services to enter into an agreement in which the DOC pays the state share of the Medicaid costs incurred for the inmate. Makes the sheriff the individual's authorized representative for applying for Medicaid for individuals subject to lawful detention who are potentially eligible for Medicaid. Requires a county executive to enter into an agreement with the office of the secretary of family and social services to pay the state share of the Medicaid costs incurred for the individuals. Specifies reimbursement for the services provided. Provides that the DOC or the sheriff shall assist a committed offender in applying for Medicaid and securing certain treatment upon discharge from the DOC or a county jail. Specifies providers that may be used to provide treatment for DOC inmates and county jail offenders. Requires the office

of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to prepare an annual report concerning the use of qualified providers to provide presumptive eligibility services. Allows a community mental health center to use the center's provider identification number to file any Medicaid claim, including primary care health service, if certain conditions are met. Prohibits the office from limiting the filing by a community mental health center of primary care health services and mental health services for a recipient if the services are covered services and necessary to ensure coordinated care for the recipient. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to develop a mental health first aid training program. Includes a mental health first aid training program in the: (1) continuing education programs promoted by the emergency medical services commission; and (2) basic or inservice course of education and training for teaching professionals beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Establishes the mental health counselor licenses for school counselors grant. Authorizes a school corporation to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a mental health care provider or a community mental health center to establish conditions or terms for referring students of the school corporation for services. Requires the school corporation to obtain written parental consent before referring a student to mental health services and limits mental health information that may be included in the student's cumulative record. Prohibits a school counselor or other school corporation employee from diagnosing a student as having a mental health condition unless the diagnosis is within the individual's scope of practice. Extends the date: (1) by which a midwife is required to submit certain information to obtain an exemption from certain certification requirements; and (2) after which practicing midwifery without a certificate is a felony. Amends the midwife birth certification requirements. Provides for coverage of telemedicine services under a policy of accident and sickness insurance and a health maintenance contract. Prohibits a health care provider from being required to obtain a separate additional written health care consent for the provision of telemedicine services. Provides immunity for a physician who signs a collaborative agreement with a certified direct entry midwife except in cases of gross negligence or reckless conduct. Provides immunity for a health care provider that employs a physician who signs or has signed a collaborative agreement with a certified direct entry midwife for certain acts or omissions. Requires the department of insurance to report certain information before October 1, 2015, to the public health, behavioral health, and human services interim study committee concerning: (1) the department's accident and sickness insurance complaint process; (2) certain definitions in accident and sickness insurance policies; and (3) certain claims data and analysis concerning claim denials for procedures deemed investigatory or experimental.

DIGEST OF HB 1270 (Updated April 23, 2015 10:23 am - DI 84)

Horse racing matters. Provides that the minimum salary per diem for a member of the Indiana horse racing commission equals the maximum per diem amount that an employee of the executive branch of the federal government receives. Changes the appointment process for members of breed development advisory committees and the process to appoint new members. Changes the distribution of funds to promote horses and horse racing. Authorizes advance deposit wagers on horse racing. Provides that each permit holder shall pay to the horse racing commission as an advance deposit wagering fee an amount equal to 20% of the net source

market fee received from a licensed SPMO. Requires the commission to transfer the advance deposit wagering fees to the auditor of state for deposit in the meat and poultry fund. Provides that after the payment of all such advance deposit wagering fees to the commission, a permit holder shall distribute 50% of the remaining part of the net source market fee it receives from a licensed SPMO to horsemen's associations. Establishes the meat and poultry fund as a nonreverting fund. Provides that the state board of animal health may use money in the fund only for purposes of carrying out its powers and duties under the meat and poultry inspection laws. Deletes the provision in current law specifying that 15% of the money deposited in the gaming integrity fund shall be transferred to the state board of animal health.

DIGEST OF HB 1271 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:15 pm - DI 84)

Sales tax exemption for certain labels. Provides a sales tax exemption for labels that: (1) will be affixed to other tangible personal property being sold by a retail merchant; and (2) are required by law to be affixed to the other tangible personal property.

DIGEST OF HB 1278 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:55 pm - DI 97)

Transportation networks. Requires a transportation network company to have a permit issued by the Indiana department of state revenue to provide a digital network for connection to prearranged rides in Indiana. Specifies requirements related to: (1) criminal and driving history; (2) drug and alcohol use; (3) vehicle equipment; (4) insurance; (5) fares; (6) privacy; (7) nondiscrimination and accessibility; (8) record maintenance; (9) TNC and TNC driver conduct; and (10) regulation.

DIGEST OF HB 1281 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:17 pm - DI 84)

Local government investments. Provides that a political subdivision (other than a township) is not required to deposit funds on the next business day following receipt of the funds if the funds on hand do not exceed \$500. (Under current law, a political subdivision (other than a township) must deposit funds not later than the next business day following the receipt of the funds regardless of the amount.) Increases the current threshold amount for the legislative branch to be required to deposit funds on the next business day from \$100 to \$500. Provides that if the proceeds from the sale of a capital asset owned by a political subdivision exceed \$50,000,000, the fiscal body of the political subdivision may do the following: (1) Require some or all of the proceeds to be deposited into a separate fund. (2) Authorize the proceeds to be invested in the same manner as money in the next generation trust fund may be invested, and if so invested, all money that is in a deposit account and not in some other form of investment must be deposited in one or more designated depositories of the political subdivision in the same manner as other public funds of the political subdivision are deposited. Specifies that an expenditure or transfer of any money that is part of the principal of the fund may be made only if the expenditure or transfer is approved by each member of the fiscal body of the political subdivision and by each member of the executive of the political subdivision. Provides that in the case of a county that

receives or will receive at least \$50,000,000 from the sale of a capital asset, the county legislative body and the county fiscal body may, by adopting substantially similar ordinances, establish a charitable nonprofit foundation to hold some or all of the proceeds of the sale of the capital asset in trust for the benefit of the county. Requires the political subdivision and the foundation to enter into an agreement with a registered investment advisor regarding investment of the proceeds and the agreement must be a fee-for-service agreement. Specifies that the board of trustees of the foundation consists of the members of the county legislative body and the members of the county fiscal body. Provides the following if a foundation is established: (1) Money must be invested in accordance with the terms of an investment policy statement developed by the board of trustees with the investment advisor. (2) The investment policy statement must require diversification, risk management, and other fiduciary requirements common to the management of charitable foundations, including that the funds of the foundation must be invested according to the prudent investor rule. The investment policy statement may not allow the foundation to invest in any investments in which the political subdivision that established the foundation is not permitted to invest under the Constitution of the State of Indiana. (3) Money held by the foundation may be invested in any legal, marketable securities, and is not subject to any other investment limitations in the law (other than the limitations contained in the statute authorizing such an investment and the restrictions contained in the investment policy statement). (4) The total amount of the funds invested by the foundation in equity securities may not exceed 55% of the total portfolio value. (5) The foundation must be audited annually by an independent third party auditor. (6) The board of trustees must meet at least quarterly to receive a quarterly compliance and performance update from the investment advisor. (7) Three nonvoting advisors who are officers of different county designated depositories shall be appointed by those depositories to attend the quarterly meetings and assist the board of trustees in reviewing the compliance and performance report and the annual audit. Provides that an expenditure or transfer of any money that is part of the principal of the donation may be made only upon unanimous approval of the board of trustees. Provides that to the extent that investment income earned on the principal amount of the donation during a calendar year exceeds 5% of the amount of the principal at the beginning of the calendar year, that excess investment income shall be added to and be considered a part of the principal amount of the donation.

DIGEST OF HB 1282 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:19 pm - DI 84)

Dental hygiene practice. Amends the definition of "prescriptive supervision" for purposes of the practice of dental hygiene. Provides that a dental hygienist may not use a laser that cuts, ablates, or cauterizes hard or soft tissue to provide treatment to a patient. Requires that if a dental hygienist practices under the prescriptive supervision of a licensed dentist, the dentist's written order must be recorded, signed, and dated in the patient's records.

DIGEST OF HB 1283 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:21 pm - DI 84)

Standard deduction eligibility. Specifies that, to be eligible for a homestead deduction for

property that an individual is buying under contract, the contract must obligate the owner to convey title to the individual upon completion of all of the individual's contract obligations.

DIGEST OF HB 1286 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:28 pm - DI 84)

Condominium associations and homeowners associations. Requires the seller of a property that is subject to a homeowners association to make certain disclosures to the purchaser. Requires that a condominium declaration contain provisions allowing the co-owners to amend the declaration. Provides that the percentage of the votes required to amend a condominium's bylaws may not exceed 75%. Requires that the minutes of a condominium board's meetings be made available to a co-owner of the condominium for inspection upon request. Makes a provision under which a condominium's common areas can be conveyed or encumbered only with the votes of at least 95% of the condominium unit apply to all condominiums, not merely to one condominium located on a certain lake in a certain township. Establishes a procedure for the resolution of grievances involving a condominium through negotiation, mediation, or arbitration, and requires that an attempt be made to resolve a claim through this procedure before legal proceedings can begin. Requires the inclusion of grievance resolution provisions in the condominium instruments of a condominium. Requires a homeowners association or a member of the board to retain for at least two years after receipt, and during that period to make available to a member of the homeowners association at the member's request, any written or electronic communication received by the homeowners association or board member that relates to a financial transaction of the homeowners association and that is not otherwise excepted from disclosure under law. Requires that the minutes of a homeowners association board's meetings be made available to a member of the homeowners association upon request. Provides that if a homeowners association initiates communication with any member about another member's lot, the association must give a copy of the communication to the member whose lot is the subject of the communication. Requires that the governing documents of a homeowners association contain provisions allowing the homeowners to amend the governing documents. Provides that the percentage of the votes required to amend the governing documents may not exceed 75%. Provides that certain requirements must be met in order for a proxy to be used at a homeowners association meeting. Authorizes the attorney general to bring an action against the board of a homeowners association or a member for: (1) misappropriation of the association's funds; (2) use of the board member's position to commit fraud or a criminal act; (3) the illegal exercise of a proxy; or (4) a violation concerning the association budget or the availability of records to members. Authorizes the court to impose a civil penalty of no more than \$500 in certain cases. Establishes a procedure for the resolution of grievances involving a homeowners association through negotiation, mediation, or arbitration, and requires that an attempt be made to resolve a claim through this procedure before legal proceedings can begin. Requires the inclusion of grievance resolution provisions in a homeowners association's governing documents.

DIGEST OF HB 1287 (Updated April 16, 2015 2:29 pm - DI 84)

Financial institutions and trade regulation. Makes various changes to the laws concerning: (1)

first lien mortgage lenders; (2) persons licensed under the Uniform Consumer Credit Code; (3) rental purchase agreements; (4) debt management companies; (5) financial institutions; (6) pawnbrokers; (7) money transmitters; and (8) check cashers. Repeals a provision providing an alternative regular reserve formula for certain credit unions. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF HB 1300 (Updated April 16, 2015 3:38 pm - DI 84)

Ordinances related to building and housing laws. Specifies that an ordinance or other regulation adopted by a political subdivision that qualifies as a fire safety law or a building law: (1) must be submitted to the fire prevention and building safety commission (commission) for review within 30 days of adoption by the political subdivision; and (2) is not effective until the ordinance or regulation: (A) is approved by the commission; or (B) is approved automatically if the commission does not approve or deny the ordinance or regulation within four commission meetings. Requires the commission to specify the basis for the commission's denial of a local ordinance or regulation. Provides that a state agency or political subdivision may not require a person or entity to obtain or maintain, or both, a license to install or maintain a low voltage thermostat of 50 volts or less. Establishes procedures for the commission's program for review of adopted ordinances and other regulations. Prohibits a county, municipality, or township from adopting an ordinance that requires or would have the effect of requiring a landlord to participate in: (1) a Section 8 program of the federal Housing Act of 1937; or (2) a similar program concerning housing.

DIGEST OF HB 1302 (Updated April 16, 2015 5:07 pm - DI 84)

Expungement. Provides that expungement provisions concerning an arrest that does not lead to a conviction also apply to criminal charges or juvenile delinquency allegations that do not lead to a conviction. Specifies that a person who files for expungement of an arrest, charge, or juvenile delinquency adjudication that did not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication may file the petition in a circuit or superior court. Provides that a person who files for the expungement of an arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation that did not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication is not required to pay a filing fee, but that a person who files a petition for expungement of a conviction is required to pay the filing fee required in civil cases. Provides that, if a court has no discretion in granting an expungement petition, the prosecuting attorney is not required to inform the victim of the victim's rights. Removes a requirement that the petitioner submit bureau of motor vehicles records. Requires that additional identifying information must be included in a petition for expungement and order granting an expungement. Grants access to expunged records to the bureau of motor vehicles and certain federal agencies for the purpose of complying with laws concerning commercial drivers licenses. Specifies the procedure for expunging pre-1977 convictions. Requires a prosecuting attorney to file objections to an expungement petition with the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. Provides that a person convicted of: (1) two or more felony offenses involving the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; (2) that were not committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct; may not have the person's convictions expunged.

DIGEST OF HB 1303 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:27 pm - DI 97)

State registration of privately certified individuals. Establishes a pilot project under which individuals who practice a certain occupation that is not a regulated profession under Indiana law can become "state registered" and be listed as practitioners of their occupation on the electronic registry of professions. However, provides that an individual may not be state registered in connection with any health care occupation or any occupation for which a person is licensed, certified, or registered by the Indiana plumbing commission. Provides that an individual, to become state registered, must hold a certification or credential from a supporting organization (a national organization or Indiana chapter of a national organization that exists solely to serve practitioners of a particular occupation) that is approved by the executive director of the professional licensing agency (agency). Requires the jobs creation committee to evaluate an application for the approval of a supporting organization, hold a public hearing, and make a recommendation to the executive director of the agency. Requires the executive director, after receiving the recommendation, to decide whether to approve the supporting organization. Provides that the executive director can approve not more than five supporting organizations. Prohibits the executive director from approving a supporting organization if any action performed within the scope of practice of individuals who have earned a certification from the supporting organization is the same as or substantially similar to an action within the scope of practice of a profession licensed under Indiana law. Provides that an individual must meet certain additional requirements and conditions to be state registered, including not being delinquent in paying taxes or child support and not having committed a crime having a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently and lawfully. Requires the agency to review changes in an approved supporting organization's credentialing requirements or in the scope of practice of the occupation supported by an approved supporting organization. Authorizes the agency to remove an individual from the electronic registry under certain circumstances. Provides that not being state registered does not prevent an individual from practicing the same occupation as individuals who are state registered. Requires the executive director to report to the legislative council on the pilot project not later than November 1, 2017. Provides for the pilot project to expire April 1, 2018.

DIGEST OF HB 1304 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:02 pm - DI 69)

Various criminal law matters. Requires the criminal justice institute to track the number of juveniles in adult court. Requires custodial interrogations of juveniles to be recorded. Raises the ages for waiver of jurisdiction of certain juveniles to adult court. Allows a person with an intellectual disability, developmental disability, or autism spectrum disorder to participate in a forensic diversion program. Authorizes a prosecuting attorney to require a person participating in a prosecutorial diversion program to receive mental health treatment to reduce recidivism, and allows diversion and deferral fees to be used to fund mental health treatment programs to reduce recidivism. Allows a criminal court to appoint a forensic advocate to assist a person with an intellectual disability, developmental disability, or autism spectrum disorder who is charged with a criminal offense. Allows continuation of a prosecution for a person who is a drug abuser or an

alcoholic charged with a misdemeanor or certain felonies. Provides that addiction counseling, inpatient detoxification, and the administration of a federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, nonaddictive medication for alcohol or opioid treatment may be required to treat opioid or alcohol addiction as a condition of parole, probation, community corrections, pretrial diversion, or participation in a problem solving court. Provides that the division of mental health and addiction may consider the administration of an FDA approved, nonaddictive medication for alcohol or opioid treatment as an alternative to methadone treatment. Repeals provisions allowing juvenile courts to modify disposition orders concerning truancy and runaways. Makes it a delinquent act for a child to leave a specific location designated by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian: (1) without reasonable cause; and (2) without permission of the parent, guardian, or custodian, who requests the child's return. Provides that a child who commits the delinquent act of running away may not be held in a juvenile detention facility. Provides that a juvenile shall not be restrained in court unless the court determines the juvenile is dangerous or potentially dangerous. Allows drug abusers or alcoholics charged with or convicted of certain felonies to request treatment for addictions. Provides that a convicted individual may be placed on probation if the individual requests to undergo substance abuse treatment. Provides for voluntary and involuntary treatment for drug addictions. Allows an alcohol and drug services program or the clerk of a court to collect fees concerning court established alcohol and drug services programs. Excludes possession of rolling papers and raw materials from the crime of possession of paraphernalia, and removes possession of paraphernalia as an infraction. Makes the knowing or intentional possession of paraphernalia a Class C misdemeanor, and increases the penalty to a Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated judgment or conviction. Makes it a Level 6 felony to possess a hypodermic needle with intent to commit a controlled substance offense. (Under current law, the offense only applies if committed with intent to violate the legend drug act.) Requires the division of mental health and addiction and the division of disability and rehabilitative services to submit a report to the legislative council concerning services for individuals with dual diagnosis. Increases the penalty for child molesting if it results in the transmission of a dangerous sexually transmitted disease. Allows the state to seek the death penalty or a sentence of life without parole for a murder committed in a building primarily used for educational purposes if the murder is committed: (1) on school property or in a building owned by a postsecondary educational institution; and (2) at a time when children are likely to be present (for a building on school property) or classes are in session (for a building owned by a postsecondary educational institution). Authorizes the state to seek the death penalty or a sentence of life without parole for a murder committed in a building primarily used for religious worship if the murder is committed at a time when persons are likely to be present for religious worship or education. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF HB 1305 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:13 pm - DI 103)

Various motor vehicle issues. Raises the penalty for reckless driving resulting in bodily injury from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor. Reduces the penalty for reckless driving resulting in property damage from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class C misdemeanor. Provides that simultaneous possession of an out-of-state driver's license or identification card and an

Indiana driver's license or identification card is a Class C infraction. Provides that counterfeit reproduction of a driver's license is a Class B misdemeanor. Imposes penalties for failing to change lanes or slow a vehicle when approaching certain stationary vehicles that display alternately flashing amber lights. Provides that a driver's license or vehicle registration, or both, may be suspended once for each failure to provide proof of financial responsibility. Requires motorists to contact a 911 telephone operator following a vehicular collision resulting in injury or death. Provides that failure to render assistance to injured or entrapped victims of a vehicular collision is a Class C misdemeanor for certain persons. Provides that a driver's license suspension originating from another jurisdiction prohibits the receipt of specialized driving privileges. Makes other changes to statutes concerning vehicle titles and disposal facilities. Establishes that felonies codified in IC 9 are qualifying offenses for habitual traffic violator status. Provides that felony offenses requiring the operation of a vehicle as a material element of a crime are qualifying offenses for habitual traffic violator status. Precludes an individual from being adjudicated a habitual traffic violator more than once for the same underlying offenses. Allows individuals to declare habitual traffic violator status by petitioning a court. Prohibits a driver's license suspension or lifetime forfeiture for operating a vehicle while driving privileges are suspended or in violation of a license restriction. Provides that, at the request of a defendant, the court may find habitual traffic violator status by a preponderance of the evidence. Requires the prosecuting attorney of the county in which a petition for reinstatement of driving privileges is filed to represent the state. Allows holders of commercial driving licenses to seek specialized driving privileges. Creates the habitual vehicle substance offender enhancement. Establishes who is eligible for specialized driving privileges. Makes unreasonably obstructing traffic a Class C infraction and obstructing traffic with the intent to do so a Class B misdemeanor. Places specific criminal penalties in corresponding sections. Repeals language that applies criminal penalties to an entire chapter. Removes the felony enhancement for selling a rebuilt vehicle without written notice. Permits a person who has held a learner's permit to obtain specialized driving privileges. Requires vehicles on specified multilane roads to change lanes to permit an overtaking vehicle to pass, with certain exceptions. Specifies the conditions under which a person's driver's license, permit, or driving privileges may be suspended, the duration of the suspension, and whether the person may receive specialized driving privileges. Makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

DIGEST OF HB 1307 (Updated April 16, 2015 5:11 pm - DI 84)

Lake County city and town court jurisdiction. Increases the maximum civil jurisdiction from an amount in controversy of \$3,000 to an amount in controversy of \$6,000 for the: (1) East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Hobart, and Crown Point city courts; and (2) Merrillville town court. Specifies that a "clerk serving the county" includes the clerk of a city or town court for purposes of supplementing jury fees from the local jury pay fund.

DIGEST OF HB 1311 (Updated April 21, 2015 1:39 pm - DI 84)

Alcoholic beverage issues. Requires brewers that are permitted to sell beer by the glass to make

food available for consumption on the brewery premises. (Current law requires brewers that are permitted to sell beer by the glass to furnish the minimum food requirements as prescribed by the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission)). Provides that the holder of a farm winery permit or a small brewer's permit that provides only wine or beer by the glass at a festival, fair, or other temporary location and does not provide food: (1) is exempt from the sanitation requirements governing food establishments; and (2) may not be subject to local government licensure, registration, or certification. Allows a small brewer, with the approval of the commission, to participate in a trade show or an exposition for not more than 45 days in a calendar year. Allows a small brewer to store or condition beer in a building separate from the brewery that is owned or leased by the brewer. Provides that to qualify for an artisan distiller's permit, a person must hold at least a majority ownership interest (instead of 100% ownership interest) in the entity that holds a farm winery, brewer's, or distiller's permit. Provides that a township or county (in addition to a city or town) may not regulate a liquor retailer's business or affect a person's ability to hold a liquor retailer's permit. Repeals a provision requiring the clerk of a city or town to certify and mail to the commission an ordinance regulating a liquor retailer in violation of the law.

DIGEST OF HB 1318 (Updated April 22, 2015 2:11 pm - DI 84)

Communications services and energy production. Eliminates the state requirement that a communications service provider allow a physical connection by other providers to its system. Establishes a uniform statewide procedure for applications for and issuance of permits for the construction and modification of structures and facilities for the provision of wireless communications service. Specifies that local planning and zoning laws apply to the issuance of permits for communications structures and facilities under the new provisions. Requires applications for permits to show evidence of compliance with criteria set forth in applicable zoning ordinances with respect to special exceptions, special uses, contingent uses, conditional uses, and variances. Provides that a permit authority may not: (1) require an applicant to submit information about; or (2) evaluate; certain business decisions of the applicant. Specifies that the Indiana department of transportation, the Indiana finance authority, the state of Indiana (and its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, authorities, and instrumentalities), and the director of the department of natural resources (DNR) are not permit authorities for purposes of the provisions. Defines "utility" for purposes of the law concerning utility easements across land under the jurisdiction of the DNR to include a communications service provider. Provides that the director of the DNR may not impose a charge to issue a permit to erect or construct a utility line upon or across a public highway right-of-way that passes through state land. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications (committee) the topic of amending Indiana's statute concerning alternate energy production, cogeneration, and small hydro facilities to: (1) include as private generation projects under the statute certain cogeneration facilities; and (2) include as eligible facilities under the statute certain alternate energy production facilities, cogeneration facilities, and small hydro facilities. Provides that if the topic is assigned to the committee, the committee shall issue a final report, including any recommendations for legislation, to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2015.

DIGEST OF HB 1319 (Updated April 28, 2015 3:16 pm - DI 103)

Acquisition of distressed utilities. Provides that a public water or wastewater utility that acquires the utility property of a "distressed utility" may petition the utility regulatory commission to include the "cost differential" associated with the acquisition as part of its rate base. Requires the commission to approve a petition under certain circumstances. Requires the commission to report annually to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications concerning such acquisitions. Requires the department of natural resources (department) to cooperate with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a program under which volunteers may monitor the water resource (which includes both ground and surface water) and provide monitoring data to the natural resources commission, the department, and the USGS.

DIGEST OF HB 1323 (Updated April 29, 2015 3:00 pm - DI 104)

Medical residency education. Establishes the medical residency education fund for the purpose of expanding medical education in Indiana by funding new residency program slots at licensed hospitals. Specifies uses of money from the medical residency education fund and the graduate medical education fund. Establishes the graduate medical education board (board) in order to: (1) provide funding for residents not funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; (2) provide technical assistance for entities that wish to establish a residency program; (3) fund infrastructure costs for an expansion of graduate medical education; and (4) provide startup funding for entities that wish to establish a residency program. Provides that a recipient of a medical education residence grant or money from the graduate medical education fund must agree to provide matching funds equal to at least 25% of the money provided. Allows the board to require an entity receiving a grant for infrastructure expenses to financially participate in the expenses in an amount not to exceed 25% of the infrastructure expenses. Requires the board to prepare and submit a report to the general assembly before November 1, 2016, concerning recommendations for the expansion of graduate medical education in Indiana.

DIGEST OF HB 1333 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:56 pm - DI 92)

Higher education financial assistance. Removes Indiana residency requirements for scholarships under the National Guard tuition supplement program and the National Guard scholarship extension program. Requires applicants for the National Guard tuition supplement program and the National Guard scholarship extension program to have used any available state or federal assistance, if applicable. Establishes cumulative grade point average requirements for the renewal of scholarships under the National Guard tuition supplement program. Provides that an applicant is eligible for a first year higher education award if the applicant is ineligible for a National Guard tuition supplement grant or a scholarship under the National Guard scholarship extension program. Amends the cumulative grade point average requirements for certain tuition and fee exemptions for children of veterans. Amends the definition of "eligible student" for purposes of the employment aid readiness network (EARN) Indiana program

DIGEST OF HB 1335 (Updated March 23, 2015 2:57 pm - DI 84)

Removal of public officers. Specifies that a "public officer", for purposes of the law concerning removal of public officers, includes an individual who holds an elected office or an appointed office of the state or a political subdivision. (Current law includes state, county, township, city, or town officials.)

DIGEST OF HB 1341 (Updated April 16, 2015 3:49 pm - DI 84)

Insurance matters. Requires disregard of a spouse's assets in Medicaid eligibility determinations related to long term care insurance. Corrects a conflict concerning payment of expenses of the department of insurance (department) from the general fund. Amends the law concerning internal audits of domestic insurer and insurer group financial statements. Requires an insurer or insurance group to file with the commissioner of insurance an annual corporate governance disclosure. Specifies requirements concerning use and disclosure of information related to the annual corporate governance disclosure. Removes a requirement for placement of the insurance commissioner's (commissioner) signature on approval of a proposed insurer. Defines "designated home state license" and provides for the licensure for certain out of state insurance producers. Specifies a designated home state license fee. Adds certain: (1) guarantees made by an insurer; and (2) acquisitions or investments; to the list of transactions between a domestic insurer and another person in an insurance holding company system that require prior notice to the commissioner. Repeals and replaces a section of the public adjuster law concerning public adjuster violations and penalties. Excludes information related to title insurance from the law concerning electronic posting or delivery of insurance notices and documents. Removes a requirement that a policy insure more than four automobiles for purposes of application of the law concerning cancellation of automobile insurance policies. Provides for issuance of group casualty and liability insurance in certain circumstances. Allows the department to adopt emergency rules to conform the definition of "small employer" to federal law. Provides for registration renewal annually on the last day of the month of issuance, rather than on June 30 of each year, for claim review agents and utilization review agents. Removes an annual reporting requirement by the police benefit fund to the department of insurance.

DIGEST OF HB 1350 (Updated April 20, 2015 2:17 pm - DI 84)

Environmental variances and other matters. Makes the following changes concerning variances from environmental rules: (1) If a variance would be in effect for more than one year: (A) the application for the variance must include a demonstration of how the applicant would come into compliance with the rule within the period for which the variance would be in effect; and (B) the variance, if granted, must include a compliance schedule requiring that compliance be achieved while the variance is in effect; and (C) the variance may be revoked for failure to comply with the compliance schedule. (2) Eliminates the renewal of variances, except for variances from certain water quality standards. Authorizes the department of environmental management (department) to require the submission of information or documents electronically. Requires the

department to offer certification examinations for certain water treatment plant operator and water distribution system operator certifications at least once per year. Authorizes the commissioner of the department to authorize independent third parties to administer additional certification examinations. Allows the commissioner to provide certain notices to persons by a means other than by mail. Provides that the offsite location of compensatory mitigation required of a person proposing a wetland activity in a state regulated wetland may be within a designated service area established in an approved in lieu fee mitigation program. Provides for solid waste disposal fees and state solid waste management fees to be remitted to the department on a quarterly basis and for hazardous waste disposal fees to be paid to the department on or before March 1 of the year following the year in which they accrue. Provides that a recycler that elects to report its recycling activities on an annual basis shall, before March 1 of 2016 and of each succeeding calendar year, submit to the commissioner a report on the recycling activities conducted by the recycler during the previous calendar year. Eliminates the requirement that a manufacturer of video display devices report annually to the department the total weight of video display devices sold to households.

DIGEST OF HB 1362 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:43 pm - DI 84)

License plate life cycle. Provides that the cycle for issuance and replacement of certain license plates is not less than five years and not more than 10 years. (Current law requires a five year cycle for the license plates.) Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1371 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:25 pm - DI 87)

Public officials, liens, and restricted addresses. Provides that, for purposes of the law concerning common law liens, a public official includes former officeholders. Creates a definition for "public employee". Provides if a person notifies the county recorder that the person is a public official or public employee, a common law lien that is recorded on the person's property is automatically void after 30 days if the lienholder has not commenced suit on the lien. (Under current law, a person must file an affidavit of service of notice with the county recorder in order to release the lien.) Prohibits a person from slandering the title to land by use of the law concerning common law liens. Provides that certain judicial officers, law enforcement officers, victims of domestic violence, and certain public officials who want to restrict access to their home addresses by means of a public property data base web site must submit a written request to the appropriate county, municipality, or township. Requires a county, municipality, or township that operates a public property data base web site to establish a process to prevent a member of the general public from gaining access to these home addresses by means of the public property data base web site. Makes conforming amendments. Requires a person who requests a circuit court clerk to send an additional mailing by registered or certified mail to provide: (1) an addressed envelope with postage prepaid; (2) the United States Postal Service forms for registered or certified mail; and (3) the United States Postal Service fee for service by registered or certified mail. Provides that any fees collected by the circuit court clerk for preparing a transcript or copy of a record are deposited in the clerk's records perpetuation fund

(instead of the county general fund).

DIGEST OF HB 1388 (Updated April 23, 2015 10:58 am - DI 84)

Property tax matters. Specifies that if a taxpayer files an amended personal property tax return for a year: (1) before July 16 of that year, the taxpayer shall pay the taxes payable in the immediately succeeding year based on the assessed value reported on the amended return; or (2) after July 15 of that year, the taxpayer shall pay the taxes payable in the immediately succeeding year based on the assessed value reported on the original personal property tax return. Requires a public utility company to file its property tax return with the department of local government finance (DLGF) on or before April 1 (rather than March 1, under current law). Provides that on or before July 1 of each year, for years ending before January 1, 2017, and on or before June 15, for years beginning after December 31, 2016, (rather than June 1 under current law), the DLGF shall certify to the county assessor and the county auditor of each county the distributable property assessed values that the DLGF determines are distributable to the taxing districts of the county. Deletes a provision in current law requiring a county auditor to cancel a standard deduction for a homestead under certain circumstances in which: (1) the taxpayer acquires an interest in or contracts to purchase a second homestead after the assessment date; and (2) on the assessment date, the property on which that second homestead is located was vacant land or the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the second homestead was not completed. Removes requirements for the DLGF to adopt rules for the administration of certain property tax deductions and exemptions. Voids certain department of local government finance rules. Specifies that the calculation of the amount of the levy for a debt service fund is based on a budget year (instead of an ensuing year under current law). Provides that the maximum amount allowed for an operating balance in a debt service fund is the sum of the maximum allowable operating balance for each debt included in the debt service fund. Provides that a common area is exempt from property taxation. Defines "common area" as a parcel of land in a residential development that: (1) is legally reserved for the exclusive use and enjoyment of all lot owners; (2) is owned by the developer, or each lot owner, or a person or entity that holds title to the land in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of the lot owners; (3) cannot be transferred for value to another party without the approval of the lot owners; (4) does not include a Class 2 structure; and (5) is not designed or approved for the construction of a Class 2 structure. Provides that certain tangible property is exempt from property taxation if the tangible property is owned by an agricultural organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code. Provides that the exemption is retroactive to the 2011 assessment date. Provides that eligible taxpayers may submit exemption applications before September 1, 2015, for property tax exemptions for eligible properties with respect to the 2011 through 2015 assessment dates. Provides that an eligible taxpayer is entitled to a property tax exemption if the county assessor finds that the parcel would have qualified for an exemption if the retroactive exemption had been in place on the covered assessment dates. Provides that an eligible taxpayer is entitled to a refund for any back taxes, penalties, and interest paid with respect to the eligible property. Provides that refunds may be paid in two annual installments. Requires the county property tax assessment board of appeals to send notice of a scheduled hearing on a review of an assessment

or deduction to a taxpayer's representative. Specifies that the statute governing homeowners associations established after June 30, 2009, applies only to homeowners associations authorized to impose mandatory dues on their members.

DIGEST OF HB 1393 (Updated April 16, 2015 3:51 pm - DI 84)

Various motor vehicle matters. Amends various title, registration, and driver's license requirements and taxing of vehicles. Provides that a partial services provider may impose, collect, and retain a convenience fee, subject to the approval of the bureau of motor vehicles commission. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) to have an annual internal audit. Revises requirements for requests by the bureau for evidence of financial responsibility following an accident or a judgment or conviction for a violation of a motor vehicle law. Establishes administrative review procedures for claims of material error by the bureau. Repeals various provisions concerning: (1) commercial driver's licenses; (2) obsolete fees; (3) division of safety responsibility and driver improvement; (4) appeal of denial or revocation of hazardous materials endorsement; and (5) suspension of driving privileges. Repeals chapters concerning the following license plates: (1) Yard tractor repair. (2) Drug free Indiana trust. (3) Indiana food bank trust. (4) Indiana girl scouts trust. (5) Indiana retired armed forces member. (6) Indiana antique car museum trust. (7) Indiana mental health trust. Voids obsolete rules.

DIGEST OF HB 1394 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:02 pm - DI 84)

Supervision of probationary drivers. Amends existing supervised driving requirements to receive a learner's permit or an operator's license. Provides that an individual with a disability who satisfies certain requirements is eligible to receive an operator's license. Repeals a superseded provision concerning probationary operator's licenses. Provides that an operator's license issued to an individual who is less than 21 years of age is a probationary license. (Under current law, the age limit for a probationary license is 18 years of age.) Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to adopt rules to establish minimum hours of instruction for approved driver education courses.

DIGEST OF HB 1396 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:03 pm - DI 84)

Motor vehicle regulatory authority, salvage, and leasing. Makes various changes concerning the dealer services division (division) within the office of the secretary of state. Establishes new requirements for an applicant for a vehicle salvaging license. Requires an automotive salvage recycler that purchases a vehicle to report the purchase of the vehicle to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System not later than 30 days after the purchase. Changes the term applied to a certain type of facility from "disposal facility" to "recycling facility". Makes changes in provisions concerning the issuance of an offsite motor vehicle sales permit (formerly, offsite sales license) and adds new provisions concerning the issuance of an out-of-state dealer special event permit. Provides for the certification of distributor representatives and manufacturer representatives and eliminates distributor representatives and manufacturer representatives from the definition of "dealer". Makes certain changes corresponding to the elimination, by a 2014 act,

of the wholesale dealer's license. Changes certain requirements concerning the delivery of a motor vehicle certificate of title. Repeals and relocates provisions concerning disclosures required in motor vehicle leases and transfers authority over motor vehicle leases from the division to the office of the attorney general. Makes corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1397 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:06 pm - DI 84)

Private toll facilities. Authorizes the operator of a private toll facility to enforce toll violations (violation) through an automated traffic law enforcement system. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles (BMV) shall withhold the registration of a vehicle that was operated in the commission of a violation if the owner of the vehicle fails to pay applicable fines and charges and authorizes the BMV to impose a fee for reinstating the registration of a vehicle used in the commission of a violation. Provides that the operator of a private toll facility is not required to pay fees for certain BMV records.

DIGEST OF HB 1398 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:08 pm - DI 84)

Northwest Indiana regional development authority. Provides for direct distributions of riverboat admissions taxes and supplemental distributions to the northwest Indiana regional development authority (RDA) to satisfy the obligations of Lake County, East Chicago, Gary, and Hammond to annually transfer money to the RDA. Eliminates the requirement (in current law) that the certified public accountant who conducts the annual audit of the Gary airport authority also: (1) perform a study and evaluation of the airport authority's internal accounting controls; and (2) express an opinion regarding the audit controls. Provides that the RDA may fund projects only to the extent that the project is consistent with certain duties imposed upon the RDA or the Marquette Plan. Provides that funding a project is subject to review by the state budget committee. Establishes a goal for projects of the RDA to employ and retain a certain percentage of local residences from cities in the northwest Indiana region with a high unemployment rate. Requires the RDA to include in the RDA's annual report to the legislative council: (1) a report on the progress toward meeting the goal for the previous year; (2) obstacles to achieving the goal; and (3) the use of the northwest Indiana plan. Defines "northwest Indiana plan" as the activities of the Indiana plan for equal employment in its northwest Indiana region. Provides for the intercept of gaming tax revenue to recover unpaid transfers to the RDA occurring before July 1, 2015.

DIGEST OF HB 1401 (Updated April 9, 2015 2:48 pm - DI 84)

Medicaid fraud. Expands the crime of Medicaid fraud to include knowingly or intentionally making, uttering, presenting, or causing to be presented to the Medicaid program a Medicaid claim that is materially false or misleading.

DIGEST OF HB 1403 (Updated April 29, 2015 5:20 pm - DI 113)

Regional cities. Establishes the Indiana regional city fund (fund) to provide grants and loans to regional development authorities. Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation administers the fund. Broadens the definition of "project" under the regional development authority statute to include any project that enhances a region with the goal of attracting people or business. Specifies that the board of the Indiana economic development corporation (board) may not approve an application for a grant unless: (1) the budget committee has reviewed the application; (2) the board finds that approving the application will have an overall positive return on investment for the state; and (3) the application has received a positive recommendation from the strategic review committee. Provides that when the board awards a grant or makes a loan from the fund, the Indiana finance authority, upon request of the board, may determine that part of the grant or loan shall be made from the environmental remediation revolving loan fund if: (1) sufficient money has been transferred from the excess liability fund to the environmental remediation revolving loan fund; (2) the application requests funds for the elimination or mitigation of a release of petroleum from an underground storage tank; (3) the project is ineligible for assistance from the excess liability fund; and (4) the project meets applicable eligibility requirements established by the Indiana finance authority for assistance from the environmental remediation revolving loan fund. Provides that third class cities and towns may become members of a regional development authority. Changes the rules governing the membership of a board of a regional development authority. Requires a regional development authority to report various types of information to the Indiana economic development corporation. Replaces mandatory contributions to a regional development authority by a member county or municipality as a condition of membership with contributions for the support of specific projects that have been agreed to by some or all of the member counties and municipalities.

DIGEST OF HB 1413 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:13 pm - DI 84)

Aircraft. Removes the automatic reclassification of an aircraft in an aircraft dealer's inventory from the status of "aircraft inventory" to the status of "property of a nondealer" after 180 days. Provides that an airplane that has total time in service exceeding 50 hours in a year is no longer considered an aircraft in inventory and requires the sales and use sales tax to be paid. Provides that a dealer who has had an aircraft reclassified out of the dealer's aircraft inventory because of the 180 day provision may: (1) elect to return an aircraft to the dealer's aircraft inventory if it would have qualified under the modified law; and (2) obtain a refund of the registration fees and sales or use taxes that were required to be paid when the statutory reclassification occurred (including any penalties and interest), if paid within the previous three years. Increases the amount of financial responsibility required for the ownership, maintenance, or use of an aircraft to: (1) \$100,000 for the bodily injury or death of one person; (2) \$200,000 for the bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and (3) \$100,000 for damage to property in any one accident. Provides that the owner of an aircraft who is not the pilot is not vicariously liable for damages unless: (1) the owner engages in negligent, reckless, knowing, intentional, or unlawful conduct that is the proximate cause of the damages; (2) an agency relationship exists

between the owner and the person who proximately caused the damages; or (3) the owner's liability is based on the doctrine of respondeat superior. Specifies that certain provisions relating to the ownership of an aircraft are not intended to modify Indiana law on bailments or bailor liability.

DIGEST OF HB 1414 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:16 pm - DI 84)

School safety drills. Allows a school to substitute a tornado drill or manmade occurrence disaster drill for not more than two fire drills each semester. Provides that the substitutions may not be made in consecutive months. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may direct schools to conduct additional emergency preparedness drills.

DIGEST OF HB 1432 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:38 pm - DI 84)

Regulation of e-liquids. Defines "e-liquid" as a substance that is intended to be vaporized and inhaled using a vapor pen. Requires a manufacturer of e-liquid to obtain a permit from the alcohol and tobacco commission before bottling e-liquid or selling e-liquid to retailers or distributors. Provides that the initial application for a manufacturing permit must include: (1) plans for the applicant's manufacturing facility; (2) a service agreement between the applicant and a security firm requiring the security firm to certify that the manufacturer meets certain security requirements; and (3) an application fee of \$1,000. Provides that a manufacturer's permit is valid for five years and establishes requirements for permit renewal, including a \$500 permit renewal application fee. Establishes requirements for e-liquid retailers, distributors, and manufacturers. Limits the ingredients that can be used in making e-liquids. Provides for the suspension or revocation of a manufacturer's permit and the assessment of a civil penalty against a manufacturer for a violation of the law. Provides that a retailer who knowingly: (1) sells e-liquid to a minor; (2) sells e-liquid purchased from a manufacturer that does not have a permit; or (3) sells e-liquid that has been altered or tampered with; commits a Class C infraction. Makes other unauthorized actions involving e-liquid a Class A infraction. Authorizes a permit holder to bring a civil action against an e-liquid producer that distributes e-liquid not approved for sale in Indiana.

DIGEST OF HB 1434 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:21 pm - DI 84)

Department of child services. Makes changes to the child services and juvenile laws concerning the following: (1) Criminal history background checks. (2) Exception of certain governmental employees to licensing or certification requirements of social workers and counselors. (3) The responsibilities of the department of child services. (4) Transitional services plans for certain individuals receiving foster care or collaborative care. (5) Regional service strategic plans. (6) Foster care. (7) Detention of children alleged to be children in needs of services. (8) Case plans for children in need of services. (9) Dispositional decrees and review of disposition decrees concerning children in needs of services. (10) Dispositional decrees and review of dispositional decrees concerning delinquent children. Repeals provisions concerning local plans for the

provision of child protection services.

DIGEST OF HB 1435 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:50 pm - DI 87)

Beer, wine, liquor prizes/charity auction sales. Allows a nonprofit corporation that is a qualified organization under the charity gaming law (qualified organization) to give sealed bottles or cases of alcoholic beverages as prizes in a charity gaming event without obtaining an alcoholic beverage permit. Allows a qualified organization to auction purchased or donated alcoholic beverages in sealed bottles or cases, without obtaining an alcoholic beverage permit. Prohibits alcoholic beverages that are auctioned or given as prizes from being consumed on the premises. Repeals and replaces the current statute regarding payments to the commission. Requires the commission to accept payments by certain financial instruments. Allows the commission to charge certain fees.

DIGEST OF HB 1438 (Updated April 28, 2015 3:10 pm - DI 116)

Adult high schools. Provides that the department of education shall distribute funding for adult high schools to the adult high school's organizer. Provides that an adult high school may be authorized by the executive of a consolidated city. Provides that an authorizer may not authorize an adult high school without obtaining an appropriation by the general assembly.

DIGEST OF HB 1448 (Updated April 16, 2015 5:12 pm - DI 84)

Mental health drugs and coverage. Includes inpatient substance abuse detoxification services as a Medicaid service. Authorizes the office of Medicaid policy and planning to require prior authorization for addictive medication used as medication assisted treatment for substance abuse. Allows money in the forensic treatment services account to be used to fund grants and vouchers for licensed mental health or addiction providers. Requires information and training to judges, prosecutors, and public defenders concerning diversion programs, probationary programs, and involuntary commitment.

DIGEST OF HB 1452 (Updated April 22, 2015 2:13 pm - DI 84)

Natural resources matters. Allows the department of administration to sell abandoned railroad corridor property to an adjacent landowner under certain conditions. Adds supplies purchased for resale at properties owned or managed by the department of natural resources (department) to the purchases exempt from the public purchasing requirements. Allows the state forester to use a geographic information system for classified land inspections if a landowner chooses to not accompany the state forester on the inspection. Provides that certain information concerning an endangered species may be kept confidential. Allows the director of the department to issue an order vacating a public highway within property owned or managed by the department. Provides that rules adopted by the department concerning the use of motorized carts at state parks and

recreation areas must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Allows the natural resources commission (commission) to set the compensation rate for the development of game bird habitats. Specifies that certain restrictions on the transfer of fish do not apply to the roe bearing fish that are separately regulated as roe bearing fish. Allows licenses, stamps, and permits of the department that are purchased electronically to be validated through an electronic affirmation. Provides that trout and salmon stamps are electronically generated. Provides that a duplicate license to hunt, trap, or fish is valid only with the signature or electronic affirmation of the licensee. Establishes the date by which a fur buyer's report must be submitted to the department. Provides that a law enforcement officer may seize certain animals and items if certain laws are violated. (Current law requires seizure.) Allows certain floodway permits to be renewed for five years. Transfers control of the flood control revolving fund from the commission to the Indiana finance authority. Increases the amount of a surety bond that a timber buyer must pay to engage in the business of timber buying in Indiana. Increases the maximum security required for a timber buyer's license to \$50,000 beginning January 1, 2017. Removes the requirement that a timber buyer designate a principle agent. Makes conforming and stylistic changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1454 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:22 pm - DI 84)

Auto-injectable epinephrine. Allows a health care provider with prescriptive authority to prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine to a business, association, or governmental entity (entity) or an entity's branch office. Sets requirements for certain individuals employed by an entity to fill, store, and administer auto-injectable epinephrine. Provides civil immunity for: (1) a certain entity's employees in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine; and (2) health care providers in the prescribing of auto-injectable epinephrine and in the training of employees in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.

DIGEST OF HB 1456 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:29 pm - DI 84)

Servicemembers civil relief act. Creates the servicemembers civil relief act. Provides that protections under Indiana's civil relief act supplement protections for servicemembers under the federal servicemembers civil relief act.

DIGEST OF HB 1466 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:55 am - DI 113)

Various pension matters. Provides that an employer that is eligible but not required to participate in the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) must pay the employer's share of the unfunded liability attributable to the employer's current and former employees if the employer withdraws from PERF or otherwise phases out its participation in PERF. Establishes a procedure by which a political subdivision may participate in the defined contribution only plan (the plan) and choose whether the political subdivision's employees participate in PERF, the plan, or may elect whether to participate in PERF or the plan. Provides that an ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of a political subdivision that specifies the departmental, occupational, or other

definable classification of employees: (1) who are required to become members of the plan; or (2) who may elect whether to become members of PERF or of the plan; may not take effect before January 2, 2016. Permits a political subdivision that allows its employees to make an election to choose a default option for employees who fail to do so. Provides that the default option is PERF, if a political subdivision does not choose a default option. Permits a political subdivision to establish its employer contribution rate to the plan and to elect to match a percentage of its employees' additional contributions to the plan. Requires the board of trustees (board) of the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS) to assess an employer a supplemental contribution to PERF, if necessary, to fund the employer's share of the actuarial accrued liability that is unfunded because the employer's employees are members of the plan rather than PERF. Requires the board to notify the interim study committee for pension management oversight (interim committee) if the board determines contributions and contribution rates for one or more employers participating in PERF or the teachers' retirement fund (TRF) that differ from the contributions and contribution rates recommended by the INPRS actuaries. For purposes of the statutes allowing the state to make an election or take discretionary action under the public retirement system laws, specifies which entities may make the election or take the action. Requires the office of management and budget to report to the interim committee each year concerning information received from political subdivisions about the subdivisions' retirement plans other than plans administered by INPRS. Requires participation in the plan by an entity or political subdivision that withdraws from or freezes participation in PERF and thereafter offers its employees a retirement benefit. Requires any other public employer that is eligible but not required to participate in PERF and that wishes to offer a retirement benefit to an employee after June 30, 2015, to participate in either PERF or the plan. Grandfathers participation in another defined contribution plan for entities, political subdivisions, and other public employers participating in another plan on July 1, 2015. Provides that after June 30, 2016, a retired member of PERF or TRF may change the member's beneficiary, if the member and the member's designated beneficiary are no longer in a relationship that caused the member to make the original beneficiary designation. Permits a retired member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund) who is at least 55 years of age to: (1) be rehired by the same unit that employed the member in a position covered by the 1977 fund for a position not covered by the 1977 fund without a minimum period of separation from employment; and (2) continue to receive the member's retirement benefit from the 1977 fund.

DIGEST OF HB 1469 (Updated April 28, 2015 4:06 pm - DI 96)

Wage payment and wage assignment. Provides that an employer who fails to make timely payment of wages or withholds wages shall pay the wages due, a reasonable fee for the plaintiff's attorney, and court costs. Provides that if a court finds that the failure to pay the employee was not in good faith, the court shall order that the employee be paid an amount equal to two times the amount of wages due the employee as liquidated damages. Provides that an employee may assign wages for: (1) the purchase, rental, or use of uniforms or equipment necessary to fulfill the duties of employment, provided that the total amount of wages assigned may not exceed the lesser of: (A) \$2,500 per year; or (B) 5% of the employee's weekly disposable earnings; (2)

reimbursement for education or employee skills training, unless the education or employee skills training were provided through an economic development incentive from a federal, state, or local program; (3) an advance for payroll or vacation pay; and (4) merchandise, goods, or food offered by the employer, for the employee's benefit, use, or consumption, at the written request of the employee.

DIGEST OF HB 1471 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:24 pm - DI 84)

Recreational trails guidelines. Requires the division of outdoor recreation of the department of natural resources to develop recreational trails guidelines to address the following issues as they relate to recreational trails: (1) Clear statement of ownership and management of each trail. (2) Right-of-way inconsistencies. (3) Fence line and drainage issues. (4) Tree and brush control. (5) Weed and mowing issues. (6) Law enforcement jurisdiction issues. (7) Signage issues. (8) Conflict resolution procedures. (9) Appeal procedures. (10) Use by public utility facilities.

DIGEST OF HB 1472 (Updated April 29, 2015 12:00 pm - DI 58)

Specifies that an attorney employed by a state agency is subject to the attorney-client and work product privileges. Permits a county council to impose a local service fee on each person that has business personal property exempt from taxation because the person's business personal property in the county has an acquisition cost of less than \$20,000. Authorizes the department of local government finance (DLGF) to increase the maximum property tax levy of Brown Township, Jackson Township, and Blue River Township in Hancock County if the township submits a petition to the DLGF requesting the increase. Specifies the maximum increase that may be granted. Allows Brown County to impose an additional property tax levy of \$478,115 each year in 2016 and 2017. Defines "licensed practitioner" for purposes of the sales and use tax law. Specifies that the definition of "storage" for purposes of the use tax does not include temporary storage of property for not more than 180 days for the purpose of the subsequent use of the property solely outside Indiana. Removes the 36 month rolling time limit on filing refund claims for utility purchases exempt from sales and use tax. Amends the sales tax exemption for medical equipment, supplies, and devices to: (1) restate the application of the sales tax exemption for medical equipment, supplies, and devices; and (2) provide a sales tax exemption for food, food ingredients, and dietary supplements that are sold by a licensed practitioner or pharmacist. Amends the sales tax exemption for drugs, insulin, oxygen, blood, or blood plasma to restate the application of the sales tax exemption. Repeals the sales tax exemption for food and food ingredients prescribed as medically necessary by a physician. Amends the definition of "research and development activities" for purposes of the sales tax exemption for research and development equipment and property. Modifies the sales tax exemption for receiving recycling materials. Adds recycling carts to the sales tax exemption for certain recycling equipment. Makes changes regarding sales or use tax collection and manufacturers that have meters exempt or partially exempt from sales and use tax. Provides guidance on when a retail merchant's certificate may be revoked. Updates references to the Internal Revenue Code. Provides that "base amount" and "qualified research expense" for purposes of the state research expense income tax credit

have the same meaning as those terms are defined under the Internal Revenue Code and that the federal research and development credit used for purposes of calculating the Indiana research expense income tax credit is the same as the federal research and development credit allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. Removes outdated references to earned income tax advance payments. Provides that, when construction of jail facilities are complete and bonds and leases are fully paid, the county adjusted gross income tax rate in Marshall County shall be established at a rate such that the revenue from the tax does not exceed the costs of operating and maintaining the jail facilities. Authorizes Tipton County to impose an additional county adjusted gross income tax rate of not more than 0.4% for constructing and equipping a jail and related facilities and renovating the county courthouse. Authorizes Rush County to impose an additional county adjusted gross income tax rate of not more than 0.6% for constructing, equipping, operating, and maintaining a jail and related facilities. Provides that the maximum combined county economic development income tax (CEDIT) and county option income tax (COIT) rates in Greene County may not exceed 1.25% (rather than 1%, under current law). Reduces the maximum public safety local option income tax (LOIT) rate otherwise applicable (0.25%) in Greene County by the amount that the combined CEDIT and COIT tax rates exceed 1%. Requires an employer to file annual withholding tax reports (Form WH-3) not later than 31 days after the end of the calendar year. Amends the definition of "captive insurer" for insurance regulation and taxation purposes. Permits the department to deny an application for a motor carrier in certain situations. Requires the department to enter into an agreement with the fiscal officer of a capital improvement board of managers to provide the fiscal officer with certain information. Establishes standards governing the date by which a taxpayer must notify the department of state revenue (department) of a modification of a taxpayer's federal income tax return or tax liability for a taxable year. Makes changes concerning the withholding of income taxes for nonresident partners, shareholders, and trust beneficiaries. Provides that the time limit to appeal: (1) letters of findings; and (2) a denial of a refund claim; may be extended according to terms of a written agreement. Aligns the administrative procedures for protesting refund denials and proposed assessments. Provides that the interest required to be paid on an overpayment of tax begins to accrue: (1) on the date the tax was due; or (2) the date the tax was paid; whichever is later. Provides that a tax judgment may be released and a tax warrant expunged if the commissioner of the department determines that the release of the tax judgment and the expungement of the tax warrant are in the best interest of the state. Requires the department to adopt rules to define the circumstances under which a release and expungement may be granted based on a finding that the release and expungement would be in the best interest of the state. Authorizes the DLGF to increase the maximum school corporation transportation fund levy for the New Durham Township School Corporation and the North Vermillion Community School Corporation, if the school corporation submits a petition to the DLGF requesting the increase. Specifies the maximum increase that may be granted. Provides that a tax increment financing area established by a redevelopment authority that has a United States government military base that is scheduled for closing or is completely or partially inactive or closed does not expire before July 1, 2016. Requires the legislative services agency to conduct a study to determine the amount of statutory tax relief that C corporations have realized in the calendar years from 2011 through 2014 and are anticipated to realize from 2015 through 2021. Requires the legislative services

agency to submit a report of the study by December 31, 2016. Requires the department of state revenue to: (1) study the department's current information systems; (2) develop a plan for modernizing the department's information systems; and (3) submit a report of the study and plan to the budget committee and the legislative council.

DIGEST OF HB 1475 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:27 pm - DI 84)

Statewide 911 system. Removes the requirement that a county council (for a county adjusted gross income tax) or a county income tax council (for a county option income tax) must impose certain additional tax rates as a condition of imposing an additional tax rate for public safety (public safety LOIT). Provides that in a county in which a public safety LOIT is not in effect on July 1, 2015, the county council or county income tax council (as appropriate) may adopt a resolution providing that up to 100% of the tax revenue from a public safety LOIT imposed by a county shall be dedicated to a PSAP in the county that is part of the statewide 911 system. Provides that in a county in which a public safety LOIT is in effect on July 1, 2015, the county council or county income tax council (as appropriate) may adopt a resolution providing that up to 100% of the public safety LOIT tax revenue derived from the part of the tax rate that exceeds the tax rate in effect on July 1, 2015, shall be dedicated a PSAP in the county that is part of the statewide 911 system. Authorizes the fiscal bodies of a county and another political subdivision that are parties to a contract under which the county has assumed the responsibility of operating a PSAP to jointly petition the department of local government finance to adjust the maximum property tax levies of the respective units. Increases the enhanced prepaid wireless charge from \$0.50 to \$1. Increases the statewide 911 fee for a standard user from \$0.90 to \$1. Provides that: (1) the statewide 911 board (board) may increase the enhanced prepaid wireless charge and the statewide 911 fee only one time after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2020 (and only after review by the budget committee); and (2) if the charge or fee is increased, the amount of the increase must be ten cents. Establishes a \$1 enhanced prepaid wireless charge, a \$1 statewide 911 fee, and payment schedules for providers that are designated as eligible telecommunications carriers for purposes of receiving reimbursement from the universal service fund. Authorizes the board to audit wireless telecommunications service providers on an annual basis to determine compliance with statewide 911 laws. Beginning with the 2016 fiscal year, requires the board to ensure a distribution of statewide 911 fees to each county in an amount equal to the amount distributed to the county in the 2014 fiscal year. Requires PSAPs to provide an annual report to the board concerning dispatch costs and funding. Requires the board to forward the report to the general assembly. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF HB 1483 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:15 pm - DI 116)

Various education issues. Adds "school psychologist" to the definition of "teacher" for the purposes of teacher preparation and licensing. Requires an election for a student to have legal settlement in the school corporation whose attendance area contains the residence of the student's mother or father to be made on a yearly basis and apply throughout the school year unless the student's parent no longer resides within the attendance area of the school corporation. Provides

that the visual acuity required of a school bus driver is not required of a school bus monitor. Provides that an accredited school may not offer, support, or promote a student program, class, or activity that provides student instruction that is contrary to a curriculum required to be provided to students. Requires the department of education to allow the use of computer or digital response technology to complete a statewide, national, or international student assessment. Provides that a school corporation or school may allow a student to use computer or digital response technology to complete an assessment. Provides that factfinding initiated by the Indiana education employment relations board (IEERB) may not last more than 30 days. Provides that the board must rule on an appeal within 60 days. Provides the factfinding process may not exceed 30 days. Urges the legislative council to assign to an existing study committee the topics of: (1) determining appropriate and feasible incentives to encourage highly effective teachers to teach in poorly performing schools; and (2) the feasibility of changing timelines related to teacher collective bargaining and impasse resolution.

DIGEST OF HB 1485 (Updated April 29, 2015 12:04 pm - DI 58)

Local taxation. Provides for a transition from the county adjusted gross income tax (CAGIT), the county option income tax (COIT), the county economic development income tax (CEDIT), and the various local income taxes for special purposes and special projects to a single local income tax with three rate components. Retains special distributions. Specifies that the transition is to take effect in 2017. Provides for a report by the office of management and budget to the legislative council in 2015 showing the effect of the transition on taxing units and taxpayers. Authorizes Rush County to impose a CAGIT tax rate for the construction, renovation, operation, or maintenance of a county jail. Provides that the tax rate adopted by the county may range from 0.15% to 0.6%. Urges the legislative council to assign to the fiscal policy interim study committee a study of COIT councils and a review of changes to the Indiana Code that are necessary to bring provisions into conformity with this act, including those laws enacted during the 2015 regular session of the general assembly.

DIGEST OF HB 1495 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:45 pm - DI 84)

Various local government issues. Provides the following with regard to a permit required to move or transfer title to a mobile home: (1) The permit must be issued by the county treasurer not later than two business days after a completed permit application is received. (2) The permit expires 90 days after the date the permit is issued. Requires the owner of a mobile home to obtain a new permit if the owner wishes to move, or transfer title to, the mobile home after expiration of the original permit. Requires the county auditor, rather than the county treasurer, to give notice of tax rates in the county. Provides that 48 hours notice of a special meeting of the county executive must be given. (Under current law, six days notice must be given of a special meeting of the county executive.)

DIGEST OF HB 1497 (Updated April 16, 2015 4:47 pm - DI 84)

Reemployment services for unemployment recipients. Provides that certain individuals who have been determined by the department of workforce development to need reemployment services may be required to participate in certain additional services provided by the department of workforce development.

DIGEST OF HB 1501 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:44 pm - DI 84)

Invasive species council. Extends the expiration date of the invasive species council from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2023. Makes technical changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1505 (Updated April 20, 2015 2:19 pm - DI 84)

Sale of nonsurplus municipal water utility property. Amends the procedures for the sale or disposition of nonsurplus municipally owned water, wastewater, or combined water and wastewater utility property as follows: (1) Provides that the municipal legislative body shall hold the required hearing on the sale or disposition not later than 90 days (instead of 45 days under current law) after the return of the appraisal concerning the property. (2) Provides that the legislative body may adopt an ordinance providing for the sale or disposition not less than 30 days or more than 60 days after the date of the required hearing on the proposed sale or disposition. (Under current law, the ordinance may be adopted at the hearing.) (3) Provides that not later than 30 days after an ordinance is adopted, registered voters of the municipality may submit a signed petition opposing the proposed sale or disposition. (Current law allows registered voters to submit such a petition within the 30 day period from the date of notice of the hearing to the date of the hearing on the proposed sale or disposition.) (4) Sets forth new numbers for the required number of signatures for a petition opposing a sale or disposition, based on the number of registered voters in a municipality. (Under current law, the required number of signatures is based on the number of registered voters required for a petition to place a candidate on a ballot.) (5) Specifies the effective date of an ordinance adopted under these procedures. (6) Specifies that an ordinance that: (A) is adopted before July 1, 2015, under the procedures set forth in current law; and (B) takes effect before July 1, 2015, in accordance with current law; is not subject to challenge under the amended procedures, regardless of whether the 30 day period after the date of adoption of the ordinance expires after June 30, 2015.

DIGEST OF HB 1508 (Updated April 20, 2015 2:20 pm - DI 84)

Performance bonds of land developers. Prohibits a unit of local government from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, rule, or other policy requiring a land developer of Class 1 or Class 2 structures to do the following: (1) With certain exceptions, obtain a performance bond or other surety before an approved secondary subdivision plat is recorded. (2) Obtain a maintenance bond that has an effective period of greater than three years. Authorizes a unit of local government to require the land developer, as a condition precedent to recording the secondary plat, to obtain a performance bond or other surety for incomplete or unfinished streets, sanitary piping, storm water piping systems, water mains, sidewalks and ornamental landscaping in common areas, and

erosion control. Provides, that an ordinance, rule, or policy requiring a land developer to obtain a performance bond or other surety must include a provision for: (1) the release of the bond or other surety upon completion to the satisfaction of the local unit of the subject matter upon which the bond or other surety was obtained; and (2) the partial release of the bond or other surety on an annual basis in accordance with a partial release schedule.

DIGEST OF HB 1509 (Updated April 9, 2015 2:59 pm - DI 84)

Study committee on obsolete statutes. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the topic of reducing the size of the Indiana Code by identifying for repeal statutes that are: (1) obsolete; (2) superseded; (3) no longer applied; or (4) unnecessarily burdensome to the residents of Indiana when the burdens of compliance are compared to the governmental interests served by the statute.

DIGEST OF HB 1531 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:54 pm - DI 69)

Video conferencing by confined persons. Allows certain court proceedings involving a person confined to the department of correction to be conducted by video conferencing with the consent of the confined person. Allows a person confined in a county jail to receive a mental health evaluation for the purpose of mental health assessment and treatment by means of video conferencing. Specifies that a mental health evaluation for the purpose of: (1) determining competency to stand trial; or (2) establishing a defense to a crime; may not be conducted by video conferencing. Prohibits recording of a mental health evaluation.

DIGEST OF HB 1539 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:24 pm - DI 84)

Securities. Provides that living residents of bankrupt continuing care retirement communities who executed a continuing care agreement before July 1, 2009, are eligible to receive distributions from the guaranty association fund. (Current law provides that any living resident of a bankrupt continuing care retirement community is eligible to receive distributions from the guaranty association fund.) Removes a provision that provides that IC 4-21.5 (laws governing administrative orders and proceedings) does not apply to certain provisions regulating loan brokers. Removes certain provisions concerning transactions involving securities that are exempt from registration. Provides that IC 4-21.5 (laws governing administrative orders and proceedings) and any rules of practice adopted by the securities division are applicable to administrative proceedings under the uniform securities act. (Current law provides that IC 4-21.5 is not applicable to administrative proceedings under the uniform securities act.) Makes a correction.

DIGEST OF HB 1540 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:34 pm - DI 107)

Various gaming matters. Specifies the process for entering into tribal-state compacts concerning Indian gaming. Authorizes riverboats to move inland to adjacent properties meeting certain

requirements. Makes the promotional play deduction for riverboats and racinos permanent. Caps the number of gambling games offered by a licensed owner or an operating agent at the greatest number of gambling games offered since January 1, 2007, regardless of whether the licensed owner relocates gaming operations to an inland casino. Authorizes table games at the racinos beginning in 2021 if approved by the Indiana gaming commission. Provides for the use of AGR attributable to table games to support the horse racing industry. Provides a licensee may not offer more than 2,200 gambling games on the premises of a licensee's racetrack after January 1, 2021. Provides that after June 30, 2015, the racino wagering tax is based on 88% of adjusted gross receipts (rather than 91.5%, under current law). Exempts the riverboat located in a historic hotel district from the admissions tax. Requires a racino licensee to pay a \$2,500,000 historic hotel district community support fee and allocates the fee among various entities. Changes the formula for distributing among the state and local entities the wagering taxes collected from a riverboat in a historic hotel district. Establishes the French Lick historic tax credit to provide a credit against the wagering tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts of a riverboat in a historic hotel district if the riverboat did not receive more than \$80,000,000 of adjusted gross receipts during the preceding state fiscal year. Provides that the percentage of the credit depends on the amount of adjusted gross receipts during the preceding state fiscal year. Requires the revenue retained under the credit to be applied to the maintenance and operation of a historic hotel. Provides that \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and that \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund for each state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2015, for purposes of expenditures for a qualified historic hotel, the grounds surrounding the hotel, supporting buildings and structures related to the hotel, and other facilities used by the guests of the hotel. (Under current law, only the interest accruing to the fund is annually appropriated for those purposes.) Specifies that the wagering taxes currently being paid into the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund shall instead be paid into the state general fund. Imposes a food and beverage tax and a supplemental innkeeper's tax on transactions occurring at the French Lick resort. Provides that the tax revenue from the food and beverage tax and the supplemental innkeeper's tax shall be paid to the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund. Authorizes the county council of a county containing a historic hotel district to impose a public safety LOIT without imposing any other LOIT. Repeals a requirement that the gaming commission study the use of complimentary promotional credit programs. Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee certain study topics related to gaming.

DIGEST OF HB 1542 (Updated April 29, 2015 12:17 pm - DI 116)

Various alcoholic beverage matters. Establishes certain procedures and requirements for applications for renewal of alcoholic beverage permits. Allows the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) to process a permit application while the location of the permit premises is pending and upon a showing of need by the applicant. Requires the commission to issue a temporary beer permit or temporary wine permit if: (1) the permit application is submitted not later than five business days before the event; and (2) the applicant meets all the requirements

for a permit. Allows, if authorized by the chairman or chairman's designee and at the commission's discretion, the commission to issue a temporary beer permit or temporary wine permit to an applicant that: (1) submits an application later than five business days before the event; and (2) meets all the requirements for the permit. Requires the holder of a supplemental caterer's permit to give the commission 48 hours notice of a catered event (instead of 15 days notice of a catered event). Provides that provisions that prohibit the commission from issuing, renewing, or transferring permits to applicants that are delinquent in paying certain taxes does not apply to employee's permits. Allows a senior residence facility to, without an alcoholic beverage permit, possess and give or furnish an alcoholic beverage, by the bottle or by the glass, on the premises of the senior residence facility campus for consumption on the premises to: (1) a resident of the senior residence facility who is not a minor and who resides on the premises of the senior residence facility; or (2) a guest or family member of a resident who is not a minor and who is visiting the resident. Adds certain restaurants, hotels, catering halls, and locations for which the use of a supplemental catering permit has been approved to the types of premises that are excepted from certain provisions regarding the issuance of alcoholic beverage permits near a school or church. Provides that, if the commission receives a written statement from the authorized representative of a church or school and determines the church or school does not object to the issuance of an alcoholic beverage permit for certain premises, the commission may not consider subsequent objections from a church or school to the issuance of the same permit type at the same premises location. Changes, for three-way permits for certain restaurants and seasonal permits, requirements that the commission post notices in newspapers to posting notices on the commission's Internet web site. Allows for the posting of printed notices, instead of publication of notice in a newspaper, if: (1) the commission is unable to procure advertising of the notice in a newspaper at the rate set forth in law; or (2) the newspaper refuses to publish the notice. Requires the publication of a notice of a pending investigation be at least five days (instead of 15 days) before the investigation. Provides that the holder of a club permit may designate one day each calendar week as a "guest day". (Current law provides that the holder of a club permit may designate three or fewer days in a month or nine or fewer consecutive days in a quarter as "guest days".) Allows certain employees who are convicted of operating while intoxicated to retain employee's permits if the employees submit information to the commission verifying that the employees have completed appropriate substance abuse treatment or education programs. (Current law requires the commission to revoke an employee's permit of an employee who is convicted of operating while intoxicated.) Establishes requirements and restrictions for certain drug stores or grocery stores and restaurants that are located in the same building. Allows the department of natural resources to permit, in the terms of a lease or contract, the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises of a marina located within the Newton-Stewart State Recreational Area and within Orange County if the lessee or concessionaire applies for and secures the necessary permits. Voids part of a commission administrative rule concerning requirements for the issuance of permits located in municipal riverfront development projects. Exempts hotels other than the part of a hotel that is a room in a restaurant in which a bar is located over which alcoholic beverages are sold or dispensed by the drink from certain provisions prohibiting minors in public places where alcoholic beverages are sold or furnished. (The current law exempts that part of a hotel that is separate from a room in

which is located a bar over which alcoholic beverages are sold or dispensed by the drink.) Removes provisions that: (1) increase the penalty for an alcoholic beverage retailer or dealer to accept a gift from an alcoholic beverage manufacturer or certain other permittees from a Class A misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony if the value of a gift is at least \$750; (2) restrict selling alcoholic beverages on Christmas; and (3) allow the holder of a club permit to designate 24 guest days in each calendar year if the club furnishes alcoholic beverages on not more than two days each week. Removes references to certain repealed provisions in the definition of "conviction for operating while intoxicated". Repeals language that restricts Sunday sales of alcohol in clubs.

DIGEST OF HB 1545 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:12 pm - DI 84)

Hunting guide services. Amends the definition of "guide services" to include: (1) offering to transport; and (2) transporting; an individual to a location for the purpose of hunting or fishing in exchange for money or other consideration. Provides that a person who provides guide service by knowingly or intentionally transporting an individual to private property to hunt or fish without the permission or consent of the owner of the private property commits a Class A misdemeanor.

DIGEST OF HB 1549 (Updated March 9, 2015 1:41 pm - DI 84)

Grain buyer and warehouse operators. Increases the fee for inspecting a moisture testing device. Requires the Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing agency (agency) to employ all necessary employees to administer the grain buyer and warehouse laws. Defines "daily position record", "grain coproducts", and "seed inventory". Amends the definition of "grain assets". Changes the organization that administers the series 3 examination. Provides that an entity associated with a person with a revoked or suspended license may not operate as a grain buyer or warehouse. Adds seed inventory to the list of a warehouse's or grain buyer's (licensee's) unencumbered assets. Increases certain license fees. Adds certain information that must be included in a licensee's financial statements. Requires the agency to charge a fee for capacity changes between license renewal periods. Changes the structure and amounts of a licensee's late fees. Adds information that the agency may disclose about a licensee. Increases the amounts of a licensee's surety bond. Requires the agency to give public notice when a license is suspended or revoked. Reorganizes provisions concerning the grain indemnity fund and the administrative expense account, including repealing a law. Places a cap on the amount that the grain indemnity board may spend on administrative expenses. Raises the Indiana grain indemnity fund's cap to collect premiums for the grain indemnity program. Repeals laws concerning the licensing of a person to sell seed under a contract to purchase the seed crop produced.

DIGEST OF HB 1562 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:57 am - DI 92)

Professional licensing matters. Requires that terminated pregnancy reports be filed electronically. Requires an individual who holds a professional license or certificate and who is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony to provide written notice of the conviction to the appropriate professional licensing board not later than 90 days after entry of the order or judgment of conviction. Provides

that if a professional license or certificate is initially issued to the holder less than 90 days before the date on which such licenses or certificates generally expire, the license or certificate does not expire on the general expiration date but instead expires at the conclusion of the next licensing period. Provides that a mandatory notice to a license holder of the upcoming expiration of the license holder's license must be sent at least 90 days (instead of 60 days) before the expiration date. Allows the professional licensing agency (agency) to delay issuing a license renewal for up to 120 days for purposes of investigation. (Current law allows a delay of up to 90 days.) Provides that, after December 31, 2017, athletic trainer licenses expire on a date established by the agency in odd-numbered years. Provides that the auctioneer commission is to elect officers at the first meeting held each year (instead of at the January meeting). Repeals the chapter of the professional licensing law concerning the revocation or suspension of a diabetes educator's license. Adds the failure to complete or timely transmit a pregnancy termination form to the list of violations subject to a civil penalty in the physicians licensing law. Provides that the members of the manufactured home installer licensing board, and the home inspectors licensing board serve at the will and pleasure of the governor.

DIGEST OF HB 1601 (Updated April 15, 2015 3:08 pm - DI 84)

Various workforce development matters. Reorganizes and recodifies the duties and programs of the department of workforce development (department). Allows the division of family resources and the department to enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning administering federal work requirements for public welfare programs. Permits the Indiana career council to meet only at the call of the chair rather than monthly. Repeals obsolete, expired, and superseded provisions. Updates cross-references and makes conforming and technical changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1603 (Updated April 28, 2015 3:33 pm - DI 120)

Property tax appeals. Provides that when a deadline imposed upon a political subdivision, the department of local government finance, or the Indiana board in the property tax statutes is not a business day, the last day for the political subdivision, the department of local government finance, or the Indiana board to take the action required is the first business day after the stated deadline. Allows the fiscal officer of a taxing unit to establish a property tax assessment appeals fund to hold property tax receipts that are attributable to an increase in the taxing unit's tax rate caused by a reduction in the taxing unit's net assessed value (as permitted under current law). Provides that money in the account may be used only to pay a county assessor's appeal expenses and property tax refunds. Provides that the balance in a taxing unit's property tax assessment appeals fund may not exceed 5% of the amount budgeted by the taxing unit for a particular year. Provides that money deposited in the fund is not considered miscellaneous revenue and is disregarded for purposes of determining the taxing unit's property tax levy, property tax rate, and budget. Provides that a county assessor shall quarterly send a notice to the fiscal officer of each taxing unit affected by a property tax appeal. Specifies the information that must be included in the notice. Provides that each township assessor (if any) shall furnish to the county assessor all requested information necessary for purposes of providing the quarterly notices.

DIGEST OF HB 1613 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:14 pm - DI 84)

Family and social services administration. Specifies that the secretary of family and social services, rather than certain division directors, is: (1) the appointing authority for divisions within the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary); (2) authorized to advise the governor concerning adopted rules; (3) authorized to adopt administrative rules; (4) authorized to enter into contracts for the office of the secretary; and (5) the authority for administering specified programs and grants.

DIGEST OF HB 1617 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:45 pm - DI 84)

Mineral estates of unknown or missing owners. Establishes a procedure that allows a person that: (1) is engaged in the production or development of a mineral; and (2) owns or leases a property interest in an area within the boundaries of a proposed production unit established by spacing regulations of the division of oil and gas, which the person seeks to develop, or the mineral estate adjacent to, adjoining, or contiguous to the mineral interest of an unknown or missing owner of the mineral interest; to bring an action in court that allows the person to enter into a lease to produce and develop the mineral interest of the unknown or missing owner.

DIGEST OF HB 1631 (Updated March 26, 2015 2:46 pm - DI 84)

Identification cards without an image. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to issue a photo exempt identification card (card) that does not bear the image of the holder. Requires that an application for a card, among other requirements, must contain a digital image of the applicant. Provides that an individual may not have a card and a driver's license or identification card at a time. Provides that a retailer that in good faith accepts a card as proof of identification for a retail transaction is immune from civil liability that may occur as a result of the acceptance. Sets a fee of \$11.50 for the issuance, renewal, amendment, or replacement of a card. Makes technical corrections and corresponding changes.

DIGEST OF HB 1635 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:25 pm - DI 116)

Various education matters. Allows grants from the safe schools fund to provide school wide programs to improve school climate and professional development and training in alternatives to suspension and expulsion and evidence based practices that contribute to a positive school environment. Provides that a consolidated school corporation shall offer to transfer property to the township from which the consolidated school corporation received the property for any purpose if the property is no longer needed by the school corporation. (Current law requires the transferred property to be used for park and recreation purposes.) Allows the township to sell or lease the property to an Indiana nonprofit corporation that is exempt from federal taxation. Requires a consolidated school corporation to offer to transfer property to the city or town from which the consolidated school corporation received the property for any purpose if the property is no longer needed by the school corporation. Requires a consolidated school corporation to

provide to a township, city, or town written notice of its intent to demolish a structure located on a property subject to transfer. Allows a township, city, or town 90 days to inform the school corporation whether the township, city, or town wishes to retain the structure. Prohibits a school corporation from demolishing a structure if the township, city, or town wishes to retain the structure. Requires the department of education (department) to develop guidelines for use by accredited teacher education institutions in preparing teachers to successfully apply classroom behavioral management strategies, including culturally responsive methods, to provide alternatives to suspension and expulsion. Makes changes to the information that must be reported in a school corporation's annual performance report. Provides that a rural school corporation shall provide transportation to a charter school student in the same manner transportation is provided to a nonpublic school student.

DIGEST OF HB 1636 (Updated April 23, 2015 2:05 pm - DI 84)

Charter schools. Provides that a governing body of a school corporation, a state educational institution, and a nonprofit college or university must register with the state board of education (state board) if it has not previously issued a charter for any charter school prior to July 1, 2015. Makes changes to the definition of an "organizer". Requires the state board to provide a formal evaluation of the overall state of charter school outcomes in Indiana every five years. Provides that a charter school may give enrollment preference to children of the charter school's founders, governing body members, and charter school employees, as long as preference is not given to more than 10% of the charter school's total population. Provides that if a proposal to establish a charter school concerns an existing charter school overseen by a different authorizer than the authorizer to which the organizer is submitting the proposal, the proposal must include written acknowledgement of the proposal from the current authorizer. Provides that a charter school may limit admissions to allow preschool students who attend a Level 3 or Level 4 Paths to QUALITY program preschool to attend kindergarten at a charter school if the charter school and the preschool provider have entered into an agreement to share services or facilities. Provides that a governing body is not bound by a collective bargaining agreement for employees of a conversion charter school. Provides that employees of a conversion charter school may collectively bargain.

DIGEST OF HB 1637 (Updated April 29, 2015 12:02 pm - DI 116)

Various education issues. Reduces the number of members of the governing body of the school city of East Chicago from nine to five, beginning January 1, 2017. Provides that if a vacancy occurs on the governing body before January 1, 2017, the vacancy shall not be filled unless the vacancy reduces the number of members to fewer than five. Provides that three members of the governing body are elected from districts and two members of the governing body are elected at large by all the voters of the city. Repeals and provides for the expiration of statutes consistent with the new structure of the governing body. Requires higher education representatives with subject matter expertise to be appointed to academic standards committees. Provides that a waiver provision concerning psychomotor skills training for CPR expires July 1, 2015. Makes changes to provisions relating to guidelines or thresholds established by the state board of

education (state board) to identify students who are likely to require remedial work at a postsecondary educational institution or workforce training program. Provides that the guidelines and thresholds for remediation established by the state board must include criteria and thresholds determined by the commission for higher education in consultation with state educational institutions. Specifies types of advanced course work and qualifying grades that may be considered as part of the determination of whether a student needs remediation. Removes the requirement that PSAT assessment scores are to be included in a student's transcript. Provides that prior to coaching football to individuals who are less than 20 years of age and are in grades 1 through 12, each head football coach and assistant football coach shall complete a certified coaching education course.

DIGEST OF HB 1638 (Updated April 29, 2015 10:31 pm - DI 116)

State intervention in failing schools. Changes the timeline, from six years to four years, for state intervention for a school initially placed in the lowest category or designation of school improvement after June 30, 2016. Makes various changes to the provisions relating to management of turnaround academes by special management teams. Provides that a school may not offer any item of monetary value to a student or the parent of a student in exchange for enrolling at the school. Repeals a provision relating to a correction of a disbursement of state and federal funds to the Indianapolis Public Schools for the 2012-2013 state fiscal year. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF SB 1 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:46 pm - DI 116)

State board of education governance. Adds a statement of legislative intent regarding the roles of the general assembly, the state board of education (state board), and the department of education (department) relating to education. Makes changes, beginning June 1, 2015, to the composition of the state board. Provides that the state board may hire staff and administrative support. Provides that, after December 31, 2016, the state board shall elect a chairperson annually from the members of the state board. Provides that the state board shall, after June 30, 2015, elect a vice chairperson annually from the members of the state board. Provides that at least eight of the members of the state board appointed by the governor must have professional experience in the field of education. Provides that the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate shall each appoint one member to the state board. Provides that a state board member serves a four year term. Provides that the state board and the department are considered state educational authorities within the meaning of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Requires the chairperson to provide notice of a state board meeting on the state board's and the department of education's Internet web sites at least five days before the meeting.

DIGEST OF SB 2 (Updated April 7, 2015 2:49 pm - DI 84)

Service of process. Specifies that "registered or certified mail" includes any means of delivery

that provides a return receipt. Provides that the cost of service to not more than two parties may be paid from court fees. Requires a person who requests a circuit court clerk to send an additional mailing by registered or certified mail to provide: (1) an addressed envelope with postage prepaid; (2) the United States Postal Service or other forms for registered or certified mail; and (3) the United States Postal Service fee or other fee for service by registered or certified mail.

DIGEST OF SB 4 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:19 pm - DI 84)

Technical corrections. Resolves: (1) technical conflicts between differing 2014 amendments to Indiana Code sections; and (2) other technical problems in the Indiana Code, including incorrect statutory references, nonstandard tabulation, and various grammatical problems. Provides that the technical corrections bill may be referred to as the "technical corrections bill of the 2015 general assembly". Specifies that this phrase may be used in the lead-in line of SECTIONS of another bill to identify the provisions added, amended, or repealed by the technical corrections bill that are also amended or repealed in the other bill. Provides the publisher of the Indiana Code with guidance concerning resolution of amend/repeal conflicts between the technical corrections bill and other bills passed during the 2015 legislative session. Specifies that if there is a conflict between a provision in the technical corrections bill and a provision being repealed in another bill, the other bill's repealer is law. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)

DIGEST OF SB 6 (Updated April 15, 2015 3:56 pm - DI 84)

Powdered or crystalline alcohol. Makes it a Class B infraction to possess, purchase, sell, offer to sell, or use powdered or crystalline alcohol. Establishes exceptions. Urges the legislative council to assign to the public policy interim study committee topics related to powdered or crystalline alcohol.

DIGEST OF SB 7 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:04 pm - DI 84)

Abandoned mobile homes. Makes changes to the procedure in current law for the sale or salvage of an abandoned mobile home located on private property, other than mobile homes located in a mobile home community. Provides, except in the case of an abandoned mobile home offered for sale at auction, that the bureau of motor vehicles may not transfer the title to a mobile home or change the names on the title to a mobile home unless the owner holds a valid permit issued by the county treasurer. Provides that a permit to move, or transfer title to, a mobile home expires 90 days after the permit is issued.

DIGEST OF SB 8 (Updated April 13, 2015 1:54 pm - DI 84)

Death penalty aggravator. Makes a murder eligible for the death penalty if the murder involved decapitating or attempting to decapitate the victim while the victim was still alive.

DIGEST OF SB 10 (Updated March 30, 2015 5:17 pm - DI 84)

Coroner and conflict of interest. Requires a coroner to obtain the services of the coroner of another county if the coroner believes that he or she has a conflict of interest. Provides that the coroner of the other county shall be reimbursed for all costs incurred in the case by the county in which the conflict of interest exists.

DIGEST OF SB 26 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:25 pm - DI 84)

Coverage of prescription eye drops. Requires that, beginning January 1, 2016, certain state employee health plans, policies of accident and sickness insurance, and health maintenance organization contracts must cover refills of prescription eye drops under specified conditions. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services.)

DIGEST OF SB 27 (Updated April 21, 2015 2:42 pm - DI 84)

Obstructions at railroad-highway grade crossings. Imposes a minimum judgment of \$200 for blocking a railroad-highway grade crossing. Deposits funds collected as judgments in the industrial rail service fund. Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee for the 2015 interim period the topic of blocked railroad grade crossings.

DIGEST OF SB 33 (Updated April 29, 2015 2:32 pm - DI 84)

Worker's compensation. Allows an officer of a corporation who is also an owner of any interest in the corporation to elect not to be an employee of the corporation under worker's compensation. Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee for the 2015 interim period the topic of worker's compensation reimbursement to all providers of worker's compensation related claims outside of hospitals, including the study of a common baseline of the providers' Medicare reimbursement rate plus a reimbursement above the Medicare level, seeking fair reimbursement. Removes outdated language.

DIGEST OF SB 35 (Updated March 24, 2015 2:41 pm - DI 84)

Speed limits in school zones. Provides that a city, town, or county may establish a speed limit of not less than 20 miles per hour on a street or highway upon which a school is located if the street or highway is under the jurisdiction of the city, town, or county. (Current law provides that the speed limit may not be less than 30 miles per hour outside an urban district.) Removes outdated language.

DIGEST OF SB 50 (Updated April 2, 2015 3:35 pm - DI 51)

Antidiscrimination safeguards. Indicates that the law related to adjudicating a claim or defense

that a state or local law, ordinance, or other action substantially burdens the exercise of religion of a person: (1) does not authorize a provider to refuse to offer or provide services, facilities, use of public accommodations, goods, employment, or housing to any member or members of the general public; (2) does not establish a defense to a civil action or criminal prosecution for refusal by a provider to offer or provide services, facilities, use of public accommodations, goods, employment, or housing to any member or members of the general public; and (3) does not negate any rights available under the Constitution of the State of Indiana. Excludes churches, religious organizations and societies (including affiliated schools), and certain individuals engaged in religious or affiliated educational functions from the definition of provider.

DIGEST OF SB 59 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:40 pm - DI 84)

Eligibility to vote for political party officers. Provides that an individual who will meet the age and residency requirements on the date of the next general, municipal, or special election may vote for precinct committeeman and state convention delegate elected at a primary election.

DIGEST OF SB 62 (Updated February 23, 2015 2:26 pm - DI 84)

2015 ISTEP program. Provides that the department of education (department) may waive certain assessment inspection requirements for purposes of administration of the 2015 ISTEP program. Provides that, if the department waives inspection requirements for any questions on the 2015 ISTEP program, the department must establish criteria to allow a student's parent the opportunity to inspect questions used as part of the 2015 ISTEP program in a manner that will not compromise the validity or integrity of the 2016 ISTEP program. Provides that the department may waive the administration of the social studies portion of ISTEP program during the 2015 administration of the ISTEP program.

DIGEST OF SB 65 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:38 am - DI 106)

Probate claims study committee. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of whether a creditor's right to bring a claim against an estate should be extended beyond the current nine month period.

DIGEST OF SB 80 (Updated March 31, 2015 2:29 pm - DI 84)

Taxation of Internet access. Provides that neither the state nor a political subdivision may impose, assess, collect, or attempt to collect a tax on Internet access or the use of Internet access.

DIGEST OF SB 94 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:18 pm - DI 84)

Statute of limitations for rape. Provides that a rape charge otherwise barred by the statute of limitations may be brought within five years of the time that: (1) the state first discovers DNA evidence sufficient to charge the offender; (2) the state first becomes aware of the existence of a

recording that provides evidence sufficient to charge the offender; or (3) a person confesses to the offense.

DIGEST OF SB 98 (Updated April 21, 2015 2:44 pm - DI 84)

Lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Prohibits a person from bringing certain actions against a firearms manufacturer, ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or seller, and makes the prohibition effective upon passage. Prohibits awards for attorney's fees and incurred costs in certain instances.

DIGEST OF SB 101 (Updated March 24, 2015 1:46 pm - DI 84)

Religious freedom restoration. Prohibits a governmental entity from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless the governmental entity can demonstrate that the burden: (1) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering the compelling governmental interest. Provides a procedure for remedying a violation. Specifies that the religious freedom law applies to the implementation or application of a law regardless of whether the state or any other governmental entity or official is a party to a proceeding implementing or applying the law. Prohibits an applicant, employee, or former employee from pursuing certain causes of action against a private employer.

DIGEST OF SB 113 (Updated April 21, 2015 2:45 pm - DI 84)

Direct wine sales. Removes certain requirements for the issuance of a direct wine seller's permit concerning filing of surety bonds or depositing cash in escrow. Removes requirements that before a direct wine seller may sell wine to a consumer: (1) the consumer must provide information in one face-to-face transaction at the seller's place of business; or (2) under certain circumstances, the consumer must provide a verified statement that the consumer is at least 21 years of age, and the seller must provide the name and address of the consumer to the alcohol and tobacco commission. Allows a direct wine seller to sell and ship wine directly to a consumer if the consumer provides: (1) the consumer's name; (2) a valid delivery address and telephone number; and (3) proof of age by a state government issued or federal government issued identification card showing the consumer to be at least 21 years of age. Amends the direct wine seller's annual permit fee. Increases the total amount of wine a direct wine seller may direct ship in Indiana during a permit year from not more than 27,000 liters to not more than 45,000 liters. Removes provisions establishing residency requirements for liquor wholesalers. Removes the requirement that a partnership, in order to hold a liquor wholesaler permit, must consist of members who each satisfy the individual applicant requirements for a liquor wholesaler permit. Clarifies that the wine excise tax and the hard cider excise tax must be paid by the holder of a direct wine seller's permit on applicable alcoholic beverages.

DIGEST OF SB 123 (Updated April 29, 2015 2:44 pm - DI 110)

Higher education. Revises the law setting forth the locations and names for centers for comprehensive medical education.

DIGEST OF SB 137 (Updated April 23, 2015 2:35 pm - DI 84)

Trials and magistrates. Conforms Indiana statutes concerning the right to a jury trial in a criminal case with the provisions in the Indiana Rules of Criminal Procedure concerning waiver of the right to a jury trial. Provides that, unless the defendant consents, a magistrate may not preside over a sentencing hearing if the magistrate did not preside over the criminal trial.

DIGEST OF SB 166 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:00 pm - DI 104)

Spinal cord and brain injury fund. Allows the spinal cord and brain injury fund to be used to provide funding for facilities, treatment, and services for spinal cord and brain injuries. Specifies the percent of funds that must be used for treatment and services grants for spinal injury related services and the amount to be used for brain injury related services. Adds two members to the spinal cord and brain injury research board (board). Requires the board: (1) to consider applications and make grants to nonprofit health care clinics that employ physical therapists and provide activity based therapy services in Indiana to individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries that require extended post acute care; and (2) to consider the applicant's efficacy in providing significant and sustained improvement to individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries. Requires the state department of health to provide the board with certain financial information.

DIGEST OF SB 168 (Updated April 27, 2015 2:58 pm - DI 104)

Controlled substance data base. Permits physicians who hold a temporary medical license to have access to confidential information in the Indiana scheduled prescription electronic collection and tracking (INSPECT) program.

DIGEST OF SB 171 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:21 pm - DI 84)

Update of federal law citations. Makes technical corrections to federal law citations throughout the Indiana Code. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)

DIGEST OF SB 173 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:20 pm - DI 84)

DOC specialized vocational program. Allows the department of correction to establish a specialized vocational program to train minimum security risk inmates in certain trades that are capable of providing inmates with employment paying a sustainable wage.

DIGEST OF SB 174 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:08 pm - DI 84)

Sentence modification. Makes a person who commits an offense before July 1, 2014, eligible for sentence modification on the same terms as a person sentenced on or after that date. Provides that a violent criminal, as defined, may file one petition for sentence modification without the consent of the prosecuting attorney if the petition is filed within 365 days of sentencing. Allows a person who is not a violent criminal to file two petitions for sentence modification without the consent of the prosecuting attorney. Allows certain offenders who committed an offense after June 30, 2014, and before May 15, 2015, to file an additional petition.

DIGEST OF SB 175 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:22 pm - DI 84)

Credit time. Defines "accrued credit", "credit time", "educational credit", and "good time credit", and applies these definitions uniformly in the criminal code and the corrections code.

DIGEST OF SB 177 (Updated April 9, 2015 11:00 am - DI 84)

Water and wastewater infrastructure costs. Amends the law on distribution system improvement charges to allow the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to approve the petition of a public utility providing water or wastewater service for an adjustment of the public utility's basic rates and charges to provide for recovery of infrastructure improvement costs if the total adjustment revenues produced by approving the petition would not exceed 10% of the public utility's base revenue level approved by the IURC in the public utility's most recent general rate proceeding. (Under current law, the limit is 5% of the public utility's base revenue level.)

DIGEST OF SB 193 (Updated March 23, 2015 3:26 pm - DI 84)

Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Designates the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as a criminal justice agency, and specifies that it is a board certified training center. Defines the powers and duties of its board of directors.

DIGEST OF SB 197 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:06 pm - DI 84)

Chauffeur's license exemption. Authorizes an individual to transport: (1) a recreational vehicle; or (2) a towing vehicle and recreational vehicle; without a chauffeur's license in certain circumstances.

DIGEST OF SB 199 (Updated April 9, 2015 3:38 pm - DI 84)

Substantive problems in the Indiana Code. Resolves various nontechnical conflicts and problems not suitable for resolution in the annual technical corrections bill, including: (1) statutes that have been both amended and repealed; (2) ambiguous language and references; (3) faulty definitions; and (4) references to defunct entities. Replaces certain instances of "lieutenant governor" with "director of the Indiana office of energy development". Provides a definition of "small business ombudsman". Replaces instances of "ombudsman" with "small business ombudsman". (The

introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)

DIGEST OF SB 207 (Updated April 14, 2015 11:54 am - DI 84)

Aggregate purchasing of prescription drugs. Exempts the purchase of prescription drugs dispensed from an onsite clinic from inclusion in the program for aggregate purchasing of prescription drugs by the state personnel department and state educational institutions.

DIGEST OF SB 216 (Updated March 23, 2015 3:34 pm - DI 84)

St. Joseph River basin commission. Allows members of the St. Joseph River basin commission (commission) and the commission's executive board that participate in a meeting by electronic means of communication to be counted for purposes of a quorum and to vote. Requires the following for an electronic meeting to take place: (1) At least 1/3 of the members must be physically present at the meeting location. (2) All votes must be taken by roll call vote. Allows the commission to adopt a policy to govern participation in electronic meetings.

DIGEST OF SB 217 (Updated April 21, 2015 2:47 pm - DI 84)

Service of process fees collected by a sheriff. Requires a sheriff to collect a service of process fee of \$25 instead of \$13 from a party requesting service of a writ, an order, a process, a notice, a tax warrant, or any other paper completed by the sheriff. Provides that a sheriff may collect an additional fee of \$25 per case for postjudgment service.

DIGEST OF SB 249 (Updated April 29, 2015 4:35 pm - DI 77)

Agricultural matters. Authorizes the department of agriculture (department) to establish a farm commodities and market news service as a pilot program for the 2015-2017 biennium. Authorizes the department to expand the program beginning July 1, 2017. Provides that a program established by the department must be funded from the livestock industry promotion and development fund. Allows the feeding of garbage to swine if the garbage is treated to kill disease organisms in accordance with rules adopted by the Indiana Board of Animal Health (board) and the processing occurs at a facility operated by a person holding a valid license issued by the board. Requires the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and the Purdue University College of Agriculture to study the impact of local land use ordinances on the construction of buildings or other structures used in the breeding, feeding, and housing of livestock. Makes certain changes to the exemptions to the food establishment requirements concerning eggs and poultry.

DIGEST OF SB 251 (Updated April 21, 2015 2:53 pm - DI 84)

Controlled projects. Provides that for purposes of determining whether a capital project by a political subdivision located in Hamilton County, other than a school corporation, is a controlled

project for purposes of the petition and remonstrance process or the referendum process, the cost of the project does not include any expenditures that will be paid from money that has accumulated or has been deposited by the political subdivision in a fund. Specifies that the political subdivision must, before the preliminary determination is made for the capital project, segregate the money as provided in a capital improvement plan, a capital development plan, or a similar plan adopted by the political subdivision. (Current law also excludes any expenditures that will be paid from donations or other gifts.) Provides that a person that owns property within a political subdivision or a person that is a registered voter residing within a political subdivision may file a petition with the department of local government finance (DLGF) objecting that the political subdivision has artificially divided a capital project into multiple capital projects in order to avoid the petition and remonstrance requirements or the referendum requirements. (Current law prohibits the artificial division of capital projects for such a purpose.) Requires the DLGF to make a final determination not later than 30 days after receiving the petition.

DIGEST OF SB 252 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:37 am - DI 92)

Horse racing matters. Requires the Indiana horse racing commission (IHRC) to promote the horse racing industry in Indiana, including its simulcast product. Provides that promotional costs may be paid from the breed development funds. Increases the amount of money in the breed development funds that may be used for IHRC expenses from 2% to 4%. Provides that not more than 50% of that amount may be used to pay costs incurred to promote the Indiana horse racing industry. Requires the IHRC to annually report and account for its promotional actions and expenditures. Specifies that the number of days that the IHRC shall require for: (1) standardbreds to be at least 160 days, but not more than 180 days to race at Hoosier Park; and (2) horses that are mounted by jockeys and run on a course without jumps or obstacles to be at least 120 days but not more than 150 days to race at Indiana Grand. Provides that the minimum salary per diem for a member of the Indiana horse racing commission equals the maximum per diem amount that an employee of the executive branch of the federal government receives. Changes the appointment process for members of breed development advisory committees and the process to appoint new members. Changes the distribution of funds to promote horses and horse racing.

DIGEST OF SB 261 (Updated April 23, 2015 2:37 pm - DI 84)

Appeals by the attorney general. Specifies the circumstances under which the state can appeal in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases.

DIGEST OF SB 265 (Updated March 23, 2015 3:41 pm - DI 84)

Purchase of service credit. Permits a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) to purchase at full actuarial cost the member's prior service in the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund). Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system to transfer from the 1977 fund to PERF the member's contributions and the present value of the unreduced benefit payable upon retirement that is attributable to the

member. Requires the transferred amounts to be credited against the contributions required to purchase the member's prior 1977 fund service. Permits the member's employer to pay all or a part of the member's contributions required for the purchase of the member's prior 1977 fund service. Provides that credit in the 1977 fund for the service that is purchased is waived. Makes a technical correction to service purchase provisions of public pension and retirement funds.

DIGEST OF SB 267 (Updated April 28, 2015 2:47 pm - DI 71)

Dual language immersion; biliteracy. Establishes the dual language immersion pilot program to provide grants to school corporations and charter schools that establish dual language immersion programs in certain foreign languages. Creates the state certificate of biliteracy. Requires that the appropriate designation appear on the student's transcript. Requires the state board of education to adopt rules and to direct the department of education to administer the state biliteracy program. Provides that a school corporation, a charter school, or a nonpublic high school is not required to participate in the biliteracy program.

DIGEST OF SB 280 (Updated April 14, 2015 12:02 pm - DI 84)

Military designation on driver's licenses and ID cards. Provides that an individual may request an indication of the individual's veteran status or active military or naval service status on the individual's driver's license or state identification card. (Current law provides only for an indication of veteran status.)

DIGEST OF SB 282 (Updated April 13, 2015 1:56 pm - DI 84)

Unclaimed property act and savings bonds. Provides that, for purposes of the law concerning unclaimed property, United States savings bonds are presumed abandoned three years after the date the bonds stop earning interest. Provides that all property rights and legal title to United States savings bonds and proceeds from the bonds vest solely in the state. Requires the attorney general to: (1) collect any United States savings bonds escheated to the state, including any proceeds from the bonds; and (2) transfer all money received to the treasurer of state for deposit in the abandoned property fund. Allows a person who wishes to make a claim for a United States savings bond escheated to the state to file a claim with the attorney general.

DIGEST OF SB 283 (Updated March 30, 2015 5:28 pm - DI 84)

Amortization of unfunded pension liabilities. Provides that the board of the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS) may determine a term that does not exceed 30 years over which to amortize various unfunded accrued liabilities associated with the funds administered by INPRS. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

DIGEST OF SB 285 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:43 pm - DI 84)

Inmate correspondence. Allows a confined person to elect to use another method of correspondence offered by the department of correction instead of using stationery, envelopes, and postage provided by the department.

DIGEST OF SB 289 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:25 pm - DI 84)

Confidential victim services requests. Permits, for purposes of the public records law, a law enforcement agency to share certain information with a crime victim advocate without the agency losing the discretion to keep this information confidential from other persons requesting records.

DIGEST OF SB 293 (Updated April 7, 2015 2:54 pm - DI 84)

Medical peer review. Provides for use of a peer review committee by a medical school located in Indiana. Allows sharing of peer review information between a medical school peer review committee and another peer review committee.

DIGEST OF SB 294 (Updated March 31, 2015 2:35 pm - DI 84)

Legend drug investigations. Provides that certain laws concerning obtaining a legend drug or the validity of a prescription or drug order do not apply to actions of a person, practitioner, or pharmaceutical manufacturer performed in an investigation of a pharmaceutical manufacturer's legend drug that is suspected of being counterfeited, adulterated, or misbranded. Requires a pharmaceutical manufacturer that collects drug samples during an investigation to maintain records of the drug samples and to make the records available to certain law enforcement agencies. Prohibits a person from owning or operating a store, facility, or other place of business in Indiana where: (1) prescriptions are accepted to be filled; or (2) prescription drugs or devices are ordered, offered or advertised for sale, or paid for; unless the person has a pharmacy permit. Excludes mail order and Internet based pharmacies to the extent that they are allowed to operate under state law.

DIGEST OF SB 297 (Updated March 31, 2015 2:37 pm - DI 84)

Small brewer barrel limits. Changes the number of barrels of beer that a small brewer may manufacture in a calendar year for sale or distribution within Indiana from 30,000 to 90,000. Provides that the barrel limits apply to the aggregate number of barrels of beer that the small brewer manufactures at all the small brewer's breweries. Prohibits a small brewer from selling and delivering more than a total of 30,000 barrels of beer in a calendar year directly to a person holding an alcoholic beverage retailer or dealer permit. Makes conforming changes to brewery and brewer permit provisions. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF SB 298 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:47 pm - DI 109)

Voluntary veterans' preference employment policy. Provides for a voluntary veterans' preference

policy for hiring, promoting, or retaining a veteran in private employment.

DIGEST OF SB 306 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:27 pm - DI 84)

Limited liability arising from trespassing. Provides that a person who possesses any fee, reversionary, or easement interest in real property, including an owner, a lessee, or another lawful occupant of real property, does not owe a duty of care to a trespasser, except to refrain from willfully or wantonly injuring the trespasser, after the trespasser has been discovered on the real property possessed by the person. Provides that the person may be subject to liability for physical injury or death to a child trespasser under certain circumstances.

DIGEST OF SB 307 (Updated April 28, 2015 3:06 pm - DI 101)

Consumer protection. Amends the statute concerning telephone solicitations of consumers (Indiana's "do not call" law) to provide that a person may not provide substantial assistance or support to a telephone solicitor, a supplier, or a caller if the person knows or consciously avoids knowing that the telephone solicitor, supplier, or caller has violated the "do not call" law or the statute concerning the regulation of automatic dialing machines. Specifies that a communications service provider: (1) does not violate this prohibition; and (2) is not subject to any criminal penalties or civil remedies set forth in the "do not call" law or the statute concerning automatic dialing machines; if the communications service provider's equipment or services are used only to transport, handle, or retransmit a communication that violates those statutes. Amends the statute concerning the investigation and prosecution of complaints concerning regulated occupations to add to the permissible reasons for disclosing information concerning a complaint a disclosure that is made to a law enforcement agency that has or is reasonably believed to have jurisdiction over a person or matter involved in the complaint. Adds a new provision to the statute concerning life insurance companies and policies to provide that a life insurance policy or certificate: (1) that is issued after June 30, 2015; (2) the proceeds of which may be designated for use in the purchase of funeral services or merchandise upon the death of the insured; and (3) the ownership of which is not irrevocably assigned to a trustee and used to fund a prepaid funeral services contract under the statute governing such contracts; may not be delivered or issued for delivery in Indiana unless the life insurance policy or certificate either contains or includes in an attached disclaimer certain provisions. Provides that an issuer of such a life insurance policy or certificate may not represent to any person that the life insurance policy or certificate is: (1) a contract for prepaid funeral services under the statute governing such contracts; or (2) a funeral policy or a policy with any similar designation. Provides that a person that willfully violates these provisions commits an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance.

DIGEST OF SB 309 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:08 pm - DI 84)

Electricity suppliers' service areas. Provides that after May 19, 2015, a municipality that: (1) owns and operates an electric utility; and (2) annexes an area beyond the assigned service area of its municipally owned electric utility; may not petition the utility regulatory commission (IURC)

to change the assigned service area of the municipally owned electric utility to include the annexed area according to certain procedures permitted under current law. Provides that the prohibition does not affect a petition that is: (1) filed with the IURC before May 20, 2015, according to the procedures permitted under current law; and (2) pending before the commission on May 20, 2015.

DIGEST OF SB 311 (Updated April 9, 2015 11:01 am - DI 84)

Recovery of remedial action oversight costs. Amends the definitions of the terms "remedial action", "removal", and "response" to provide that those definitions apply to the law concerning releases of petroleum. Provides that an agreement that the commissioner of the department of environmental management enters into with a potentially responsible person concerning removal and remedial action at a contaminated site may allow the commissioner to obtain reimbursement of oversight costs incurred by the department in reviewing the removal and remedial action undertaken by the potentially responsible person.

DIGEST OF SB 312 (Updated April 21, 2015 2:58 pm - DI 84)

Tank reporting and water threat minimization. Requires the owner or operator of an above ground storage tank (AST) that is designed to contain more than 660 gallons of liquid to report certain information about the AST to the department of environmental management (department) before January 1, 2016. Establishes certain exceptions from this reporting requirement. Requires the environmental rules board to adopt rules concerning the reporting requirement. Requires a person who is responsible for operation of a public water system that uses surface water as a source of drinking water to develop a surface water quality threat minimization and response plan for the public water system and to submit the report to the department. Requires the environmental rules board to adopt rules concerning surface water quality threat minimization and response plans.

DIGEST OF SB 313 (Updated March 24, 2015 2:51 pm - DI 84)

Definition of "sexual conduct". Adds exhibition of the female breast to the definition of "sexual conduct" for purposes of the law concerning child exploitation and child pornography.

DIGEST OF SB 317 (Updated April 14, 2015 12:10 pm - DI 84)

Community foundations. Defines an "eligible community foundation" for state income tax purposes as an organization that: (1) is a tax exempt charitable organization; (2) satisfies the public support test for public charities; (3) is an autonomous, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with component funds established by many separate donors; (4) is accredited under national standards for United States Community Foundations; and (5) supports a broad range of charitable activities in a specific area of the state.

DIGEST OF SB 318 (Updated March 24, 2015 2:54 pm - DI 84)

Insulin provided by township trustees. Allows a township trustee to require an individual who presents a claim for insulin to file a standard application for township assistance. (Current law allows the township trustee to require an individual to file a standard application after the second time the individual presents a claim for insulin.)

DIGEST OF SB 324 (Updated April 23, 2015 2:40 pm - DI 84)

Various child support matters. Makes various changes to family and juvenile law concerning the following: (1) Parties entitled to file a paternity action. (2) Petitions for child support. (3) Petitions for adoption. (4) Adoption decrees. (5) Duties of the child support bureau. (6) Costs of services for children and payments of child support. Repeals the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act currently in effect and replaces it with an updated version of the act. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF SB 327 (Updated April 14, 2015 6:17 pm - DI 84)

Charity gaming. Provides that the prize for a progressive bingo game may not exceed \$2,000. Provides that the total prizes for one pull tab, punchboard, or tip board game may not exceed \$10,000. (Current law provides that the total prizes may not exceed \$5,000.) Provides that the prize limit for a game using a seal card is \$1,000 and a progressive or carryover pull tab game is \$5,000. Requires that a qualified organization may pay for licensed supplies only with a check drawn on or by an electronic funds transfer from the qualified organization's gaming account. Provides that a licensed distributor may obtain licensed supplies to be used in charity gaming only from an entity licensed by the gaming commission as a manufacturer or distributor or from certain qualified organizations. Reduces from three years to one year the amount of time that an Indiana affiliate of a qualified organization holding an annual comprehensive charity gaming license must be in existence in Indiana before it may conduct a raffle or door prize event. Adds "bona fide state foundations" and "bona fide state organizations" to the list of qualified organizations that may receive an annual comprehensive charity gaming license. Requires a licensed distributor to notify the gaming commission of the sale of any licensed supply that has a certain prize level.

DIGEST OF SB 329 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:00 pm - DI 84)

Disposition of aborted remains. Defines "fetus". Establishes a right, beginning January 1, 2016, for a pregnant woman who has an abortion to determine the final disposition of the aborted fetus. Requires that a pregnant woman be informed orally and in writing before an abortion: (1) that the pregnant woman has a right to determine the final disposition of the remains of the aborted fetus; (2) of available options for disposition of the aborted fetus; and (3) of available counseling services. Requires the state department of health to: (1) adopt rules concerning the disposal methods to be used for aborted fetuses; and (2) develop the forms for certain information that is

to be provided to the pregnant woman.

DIGEST OF SB 330 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:38 pm - DI 87)

Annexation. Provides the following for annexations for which an annexation ordinance is adopted after June 30, 2015: (1) Remonstrance petitions are filed with the county auditor (instead of a court). (2) An annexation ordinance does not proceed if at least 65% of owners of nontax exempt land or the owners of 80% of the assessed value of nontax exempt land in the annexation territory sign a remonstrance. (3) Provides that an annexation may proceed to a hearing if a petition for remonstrance is signed by at least 51% of the owners of land (excluding tax-exempt land) or the owners of 60% of the assessed value land in the territory (excluding tax-exempt land). (4) Eliminates a separate remonstrance for property that consists of not more than 100 parcels and is 80% contiguous to a municipality. (5) Requires a municipality to conduct an outreach program to inform citizens about a proposed annexation. (6) Requires a municipality to provide locations where remonstrance petitions may be signed. (7) Allows remonstrators that prevail at a hearing on a remonstrance to recover reasonable attorney's fees from the municipality that are incurred in litigating an annexation, including appeal costs, not to exceed \$37,500. (8) Specifies the circumstances under which a public highway or rights-of-way of a public highway may be annexed. (9) Provides for municipal reimbursements to counties related to infrastructure owned by the county. (10) Provides that remonstrance waivers executed after June 30, 2015, expire not later than 15 years after the date the waiver was executed. Requires a municipality with respect to a deed recorded after June 30, 2015, to provide written notice to the property owner that a waiver of the right of remonstrance exists with respect to the property. (11) Requires a municipality to exempt property from property tax liability for municipal purposes while the property is assessed as agricultural land under the real property assessment rules and guidelines of the department of local government finance. (12) Requires a municipality to give notice of an annexation hearing to a landowner whose agricultural property is exempted from property taxes for municipal purposes. (13) Specifies the requirements for completing a remonstrance petition. Provides the following with regard to the elements that landowners must prove in a remonstrance hearing for the court to order an annexation not to take place: (A) Provides that a court may not consider personal finances or business finances of an owner or resident of land in determining whether the annexation will have a significant financial impact on the residents or owners of land. (B) Provides that proof of opposition to the annexation may be shown by the remonstrance petitions minus any written revocations of remonstrances that are filed with the court. Provides for an annexation for which an ordinance is adopted after December 31, 2016, that an annexation of land connecting an economic development project to a municipality may proceed to a remonstrance hearing even if the signature threshold is met for voiding the annexation ordinance. Removes an annexation procedure applicable only to a municipality in St. Joseph County. Allows only the owners of nontax exempt property to file a landowner initiated annexation petition that is filed after June 30, 2015. Requires a municipality to obtain the consent of the county executive before annexing property owned by a county redevelopment commission. Provides that fiscal plans prepared after June 30, 2015: (1) must be similar to plans required for local government mergers and reorganizations; and (2) may not be amended after a remonstrance

petition is filed, unless the amendment is consented to by at least 65% of the remonstrators. Requires a municipality to notify video service providers of the addition of property to the municipality as a result of an annexation. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of the effect of SEA 330 on economic development projects.

DIGEST OF SB 336 (Updated March 24, 2015 2:57 pm - DI 84)

Library board appointments. Provides that if a library district located in one township and part of a municipality expands to include two additional townships that are located only within the municipality, the library board members shall continue to be appointed as they were before the expansion (by the municipality and by the township only partially located within the municipality).

DIGEST OF SB 355 (Updated April 15, 2015 3:57 pm - DI 84)

Various probate and trust matters. Provides that a trust may incorporate by reference a document that exists at the time the trust is executed. Specifies that funeral expenses and expenses of a tombstone are expenses of administration. Expands the definition of "person" in certain cases under the probate code to include governmental entities and other legal entities. Provides that a nonprobate transfer to a testamentary trust: (1) is valid upon the will being admitted to probate; and (2) is not subject to claims against the probate estate. Allows a governmental entity or business entity (in addition to an individual) to be a transfer on death beneficiary of an automobile or a watercraft. Allows a governmental entity or business entity (in addition to an individual) to be appointed a health care representative. Provides that a power of attorney may delegate the authority of a parent or guardian with respect to the health care of a minor or protected person. Provides that an attorney in fact is entitled to judicial review and settlement of an account. Provides that absent fraud, misrepresentation, inadequate disclosure, or failure to provide proper notice, an attorney in fact is discharged from all liability as to the transactions in the accounting if proper notice is provided of the court's approval of the accounting.

DIGEST OF SB 358 (Updated April 9, 2015 3:40 pm - DI 84)

Medications. Defines "medication therapy management" for the purposes of the regulation of pharmacies and pharmacists. Adds the provision of medication therapy management to the definition of "the practice of pharmacy". Includes advanced practice nurses and physician assistants in the definition of "direct supervision" for the purposes of consulting with a pharmacist on certain drug regimen protocols. Establishes the INSPECT oversight committee. Provides the committee's approval for the board to execute a contract with a vendor to administer the INSPECT program. Requires approval from the chairperson of the board of pharmacy to hire a director of the INSPECT program. Provides that if a dispenser's pharmacy is closed the day following a dispensing, the information required to be sent to the INSPECT program must be transmitted by the end of the next business day. Amends the definition of "medication assistance" in the administrative code for purposes of the rules concerning home health agencies.

DIGEST OF SB 361 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:10 pm - DI 84)

Defense to liability concerning liquefied petroleum gas providers. Provides that the provider of liquefied petroleum gas that was used in: (1) liquefied petroleum gas equipment; or (2) a liquefied petroleum gas appliance; involved in causing bodily injury or property damage has an affirmative defense in any action brought against the provider if a person assumed the risk of causing the bodily injury or property damage because of certain actions taken by the person in unreasonably altering, modifying, repairing, or using the equipment or appliance. Changes the standard for altering petroleum gas equipment or appliances from "unreasonably alters" to "materially alters". Removes language stating that the assumption of a risk is a complete defense to certain actions against a provider of liquefied petroleum gas.

DIGEST OF SB 369 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:44 am - DI 87)

Publication and Internet posting of information. Requires local governments and school corporations to provide information for posting on the Indiana transparency Internet web site as follows: (1) Expenditures categorized by personal services, other operating expenses or total operating expenses, and debt service, including lease payments, related to debt. (2) A listing of fund balances, specifically identifying balances in funds that are being used for accumulation of money for future capital needs. Requires the department of local government finance (DLGF) after July 31, 2016, to publish an annual financial and operational summary of each political subdivision on the Indiana transparency Internet web site. Requires a political subdivision that has a public web site to publish a link to the Indiana transparency web site. Requires the DLGF to determine the summary's form, content, and publishing dates. Provides that the department of education determines the educational performance information to be included in the summary published by a school corporation. Allows a state or local government public agency to charge a fee for the time required by the public agency in excess of two hours, to search for a public record. Restricts the hourly rate charged for the search. Prohibits a public agency from charging a fee for the public agency to transmit a public record by electronic mail. Provides that if a public record is in an electronic format, a public agency shall provide a public record (excluding a public record recorded in the office of the county recorder) in electronic form or in paper form, at the option of the person making the request for a public record. Provides that a search fee collected by a department, agency, or office of a county, city, town, or township shall be deposited in the general fund of the county, city, town, or township. Changes a waiting period described by cross reference from 30 days to 60 days to conform with the extension of the waiting period enacted in SEA 7-2015. Specifies that a political subdivision or the appropriate fiscal body may also publish in one or more newspapers the budget information required to be submitted to the department of local government finance's computer gateway. Provides that in certain circumstances, a political subdivision (other than a county) may publish notice in a locality newspaper that has its business office located in the political subdivision instead of in a newspaper that is published in the county and circulates in the political subdivision. Establishes requirements for locality newspapers that may publish notice. Resolves a conflict with a provision in ESB 530-2015 that removes a duplicative provision from the publication statute that

prescribes a publication procedure if another specific publication procedure does not apply to an event.

DIGEST OF SB 370 (Updated April 28, 2015 2:52 pm - DI 92)

State emblems. Designates the Republic Aviation P-47 Thunderbolt as the official state aircraft of Indiana.

DIGEST OF SB 372 (Updated March 31, 2015 2:54 pm - DI 84)

Standard deduction for homesteads. Provides that after December 31, 2015, if more than one individual or entity qualifies property as a homestead for an assessment date, only one standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead may be applied for the assessment date.

DIGEST OF SB 374 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:02 pm - DI 84)

Property tax assessment date trailer. Corrects references to the property tax assessment date to make the law consistent with the change of the assessment date from March 1 to January 1. Makes corresponding changes in certain filing dates. Specifies how to determine the year of acquisition for depreciable tangible personal property.

DIGEST OF SB 380 (Updated April 15, 2015 3:58 pm - DI 84)

Crisis intervention teams. Requires the law enforcement training academy to include an overview of crisis intervention team (CIT) training model in initial training. Establishes the Indiana technical assistance center for crisis intervention teams to: (1) identify grants and other funds that may be used to fund CIT programs; (2) create and support a statewide CIT advisory committee; and (3) provide training, information, and technical assistance.

DIGEST OF SB 383 (Updated April 13, 2015 5:00 pm - DI 84)

Autocycles and motorcycles. Defines autocycle for purposes of the motor vehicle code; provides that an autocycle is a motorcycle. Removes the requirement that the handlebars of a motorcycle or a motor driven cycle rise not higher than the shoulders of the driver when the driver is seated. Provides that the operator of or a passenger on an autocycle who is less than 18 years of age is not required to wear a helmet or protective face equipment. Regulates the operation of autocycles.

DIGEST OF SB 390 (Updated April 15, 2015 4:00 pm - DI 84)

Lake County solid waste management district. Provides that the county executive of Lake County, in response to a recommendation submitted by the solid waste management district of the county, may adopt a resolution: (1) confirming the authority of the solid waste management

district to exercise certain powers concerning final disposal facilities or borrowing in anticipation of taxes as proposed in the recommendation; or (2) denying the solid waste management district the authority to exercise the powers as proposed in the recommendation. Provides that the solid waste management district is authorized to exercise the powers as proposed in a recommendation if: (1) the county executive adopts a resolution confirming the solid waste management district's authority; or (2) the county executive adopts no resolution within 45 calendar days after the day on which the solid waste management district submits the recommendation to the county executive.

DIGEST OF SB 393 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:11 pm - DI 84)

Public official surety bonds. Requires that copies of political subdivision personnel bonds must be filed with the county auditor or fiscal officer of the political subdivision and with the state board of accounts. Requires the state board of accounts to maintain a database of received bonds. Requires certain public employees and contractors that have access to public funds to file a bond. Specifies guidelines for fixing the amount of certain bonds. Provides for purchase of a blanket bond that includes aggregate coverage.

DIGEST OF SB 394 (Updated March 31, 2015 3:18 pm - DI 84)

Reporting of government malfeasance. Provides for confidentiality and relief for an individual who reports certain suspected violations of law by local public officers.

DIGEST OF SB 406 (Updated April 15, 2015 4:02 pm - DI 84)

Overdose intervention drugs. Requires certain emergency personnel to report to the state department of health the number of times an overdose intervention medication is administered. Allows specified health care professionals with prescriptive authority to dispense, write a prescription, or prepare a standing order for an overdose intervention drug without examining the individual to whom it may be administered if specified conditions are met. Allows for an individual who is a person at risk, a family member, friend, or other individual or entity in a position to assist another individual who, there is reason to believe, is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, to obtain and administer an overdose intervention drug if certain conditions are met. Provides for civil immunity.

DIGEST OF SB 408 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:04 pm - DI 84)

Real estate brokers and broker companies. Defines "broker company" as a partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or individual acting as a sole proprietorship that is licensed as a broker and, for consideration, undertakes or offers to undertake certain activities with respect to real estate. Provides that an individual, to obtain a broker license, must associate with a broker company (instead of with a managing broker). Provides that a partnership, a limited liability company, or a corporation, to obtain a broker license, must include a licensed broker who

qualifies as a managing broker. Defines "managing broker" as an individual who is a broker and whom the real estate commission holds responsible for the actions of the licensees affiliated with the broker company. Provides that an individual, to become a managing broker, must have held an active broker's license for at least two years. Requires a person conducting a broker course to have a permit issued by the real estate commission. Defines "in-house agency relationship" as an agency relationship involving two or more clients who are represented by different licensees within the same broker company. Provides that, in an in-house agency relationship, an individual licensee affiliated with a broker company represents only the client with which the licensee is working. Removes Indiana residency as a prerequisite for corporation broker licenses and manager-managed limited liability companies. Provides that a licensed real estate broker is not liable for certain real estate related reports, statements, or information except in certain circumstances. Adds a reference to the list of statutes that grant immunity from civil liability. Makes additional changes concerning brokers and broker companies and corresponding changes in current law.

DIGEST OF SB 412 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:13 pm - DI 84)

Integrated resource plans and energy efficiency. Requires a public utility to submit an integrated resource plan to the utility regulatory commission (IURC). Requires certain electricity suppliers to submit an energy efficiency plan to the IURC at least one time every three years. Provides that evaluation, measurement, and verification procedures required to be included in an electricity supplier's energy efficiency plan must include independent evaluation, measurement, and verification. Provides that the IURC may not require a third party administrator to implement an electricity supplier's energy efficiency program or plan. Provides that if the IURC finds an electricity supplier's energy efficiency plan to be reasonable, the IURC shall allow the electricity supplier to recover or receive certain energy efficiency program costs. Provides that a retail rate adjustment mechanism proposed by an electricity supplier to recover program costs may be based on a reasonable forecast. Provides that if forecasted data is used, the retail rate adjustment mechanism must include a reconciliation mechanism to correct for any variance between forecasted and actual program costs. Specifies that an industrial customer's previous opt out of an energy efficiency program of an electricity supplier constitutes an opt out of an energy efficiency program that is part of the electricity supplier's required energy efficiency plan.

DIGEST OF SB 415 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:07 pm - DI 84)

Vacant and abandoned housing. Provides that a county, city, or town fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to establish a deduction period for rehabilitated property that has also been determined to be abandoned or vacant. Specifies that there must be delinquent property taxes or special assessments on real property before it may be sold by the county treasurer as abandoned or vacant property. Provides that an order of a local building standards hearing authority that real property is abandoned or vacant and nonpayment of the associated penalty permits the executive of the county, city, or town to certify to the county auditor that the real property should be sold as abandoned or vacant property. Specifies that the county treasurer and not the county auditor is to

auction abandoned or vacant property. Eliminates the concept of redemption after sale regarding abandoned or vacant property to be sold by the county treasurer. Provides that the county, city, or town executive that certifies a property as abandoned or vacant has an option to take ownership of the property if the minimum bid is not received. Prohibits owners of property that was found to be vacant or abandoned in any county, from buying property at a tax sale. Provides for the following: (1) Removal of properties not suitable for tax sale from the tax sale list. (2) A redemption period of 120 days from the date of the tax sale from which the property was removed. (3) Notice of removal of property from the tax sale list. Eliminates a provision that permitted the county auditor to be the only signer of a sales disclosure form in the case of a tax sale because the sale disclosure form is not required for a tax sale. Prohibits business associations that have not registered with the secretary of state from participating in the tax sale. Specifies that any form of registration by a business entity with the secretary of state allows the business entity to participate in a tax sale. Separates out several provisions concerning abandoned and vacant property sales from delinquent tax sales and makes related changes. Moves certain provisions concerning determinations of abandonment from the property law to the local government law. Requires that notifications of unsafe building law orders state that a property may be determined to be abandoned during administrative proceedings. Provides for hearings to review civil penalties imposed at enforcement proceedings. Provides for civil penalties if a property owner does not comply with a repair order when a hearing was not requested. Provides for administrative approval of costs of emergency action. Provides for appeals of a hearing authority's determination of abandonment and in approving costs for emergency actions. Provides that the costs of emergency actions may be collected in the same way other unsafe building law costs are collected. Establishes additional provisions for receiverships of abandoned properties. Requires recording of civil penalty orders issued by an enforcement authority. Provides that procedures that apply to judicial determination of abandonment apply to determinations of abandonment in administrative proceedings. Provides that a hearing authority may use the same standards that are used by a court in finding that real property is abandoned or vacant for purposes of selling the real property at an abandoned and vacant property sale. Permits a county, city, or town executive to use the courts instead of a hearing authority for the determination that a property is abandoned or vacant. Adds a requirement to issue a judgment when property is found to be abandoned. Extends the mortgage foreclosure counseling and education court fee until July 1, 2017. Provides that certain actions of political subdivisions relating to mortgage foreclosure are preempted by Indiana law. Allows the disposing agent of any county to sell or transfer certain properties for no compensation or a nominal fee to a nonprofit corporation created for agricultural, educational, or recreational purposes. (Current law provides the authority to only Grant County.) Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF SB 420 (Updated April 9, 2015 3:42 pm - DI 84)

Developmental disability terminology. Changes the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability". Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF SB 423 (Updated April 28, 2015 2:42 pm - DI 84)

Property tax issues. Provides that, following a petition for review contesting the assessed value of tangible property, a taxpayer and a township or county official may enter into an agreement in which both parties: (1) agree to waive a determination by the county property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) and submit a dispute directly to the Indiana board of tax review; or (2) agree to stipulate to the assessed value of the tangible property as determined by an independent appraisal. Provides certain provisions that must be included in an agreement, including provisions for selecting an independent appraiser. Specifies that a taxpayer and township or county official may still enter into a resolution of disputed issues following an informal meeting, notwithstanding the provisions that allow for an independent appraisal and stipulated determination. Requires a PTABOA, upon receipt of an agreement of the parties and an independent appraisal, to enter a stipulated determination of the assessed value of the tangible property in dispute equal to the value as determined by the independent appraisal. Provides that a taxpayer or a township or county official may seek review before the Indiana board of tax review of a stipulated determination entered by a PTABOA. Requires each PTABOA to prepare an annual report of the notices for review filed with the PTABOA in the preceding year. Requires the report to be submitted to the department of local government finance, the Indiana board of tax review, and the legislative services agency. Requires the Indiana judicial center to review the workload and backlog of cases in the Indiana tax court for calendar year 2016 and submit a report of the center's findings, analysis, and recommendations (if recommendations are made) to the legislative council before December 1, 2016. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF SB 425 (Updated April 28, 2015 4:32 pm - DI 97)

Unclaimed life insurance benefits. Requires the department of insurance to develop, post, and maintain on the Internet information concerning life insurance and financial affairs. Specifies that the law concerning unclaimed life insurance benefits: (a) applies to policies, annuities, and retained asset accounts issued after June 30, 2015; and (b) does not prevent the attorney general from performing certain examinations of life insurance company records. Repeals a requirement for insurer procedures related to death master file search data.

DIGEST OF SB 426 (Updated April 28, 2015 2:54 pm - DI 92)

County and township assessor qualifications. Removes requirements that a candidate for county or township assessor must attain a certain level assessor-appraiser certification as a condition for becoming a candidate for the office. Provides that an individual who has never held the assessor's office must have a level two assessor-appraiser certification before the individual assumes the office of assessor (county or township). Provides that an individual who has held the assessor's office must have a level three assessor-appraiser certification before the individual assumes a new term of office (county or township). Requires a county fiscal body to establish a salary schedule in which the salary of a county assessor who has attained a level three certification is entitled to an annual salary that is at least \$1,500 more than the salary of a county assessor who has a level two certification. Provides that if a county assessor who takes office with a level two certification attains level three certification not later than January 1 of the third year of the county

assessor's term of office, the county assessor is entitled to the level three salary, beginning on the date the county assessor attains level three certification. Provides that an additional salary given to an assessor who has attained a level two or a level three certification is not eliminated but becomes a part of the assessor's annual compensation. Makes analogous changes for township assessors. Specifies that after June 30, 2017, an employee of the county assessor or township assessor who is responsible for placing an assessed valuation on real property must have attained the certification of a level three assessor-appraiser. Specifies that after June 30, 2017, if the county assessor or township assessor has not attained the level three certification, the county or township fiscal body shall authorize either: (1) the employment of at least one deputy or employee who has attained certification of a level three assessor-appraiser; or (2) contracting for the services of an individual who has attained certification of a level three assessor-appraiser to assist the elected assessor with assessment duties as determined by the assessor. Provides that the cost of employing or contracting for a level three assessor-appraiser shall be paid from the assessor's budget. Makes conforming changes in related statutes. Removes a provision relating to the existence of a vacancy of the office of township assessor if the township assessment duties are transferred to the county assessor. Repeals obsolete statutes relating to the referendum held in 2008 in townships to determine whether the township assessor's office should be maintained.

DIGEST OF SB 429 (Updated March 24, 2015 3:22 pm - DI 84)

Lake County zoning. Allows Lake County to adopt the area planning law. Makes a provision regarding legislative body approval of special exceptions, special uses, and use variances apply to a city or town in Lake County (instead of Lake County).

DIGEST OF SB 433 (Updated March 24, 2015 3:30 pm - DI 84)

Shotguns. Repeals the prohibition against manufacturing, importing, selling, or possessing a sawed-off shotgun. Provides for a 10 year sentence enhancement if a person possesses a sawed-off shotgun in violation of federal law while committing certain offenses. Makes conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF SB 434 (Updated March 16, 2015 2:42 pm - DI 84)

Financial aid and tuition. Provides that a person who: (1) is a nonresident; (2) is a member of the Indiana National Guard; and (3) attends a state educational institution; is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate for undergraduate and graduate courses. Provides that certain: (1) veterans; and (2) persons who serve on active military duty; are eligible to pay the resident tuition rate for graduate courses. Provides that the commission for higher education: (1) may consider only the residency status of a student; and (2) may not consider the residency status of the student's parents or legal guardian even if the student is considered a dependent for purposes of federal or state financial aid; for purposes of eligibility for the National Guard tuition supplement program and the National Guard scholarship extension program. Amends the definition of "eligible student" for purposes of the employment aid readiness network (EARN) Indiana program.

State and local taxation. Provides that if a taxpayer has personal property subject to assessment in more than one township in a county or has personal property that is subject to assessment and that is located in two or more taxing districts within the same township, the taxpayer shall file a single tax return with the county assessor. Provides that a personal property return notice must be filed with the county assessor, and not the township assessor, of the county in which the owner resides when the personal property is located in a different county. Provides a property tax exemption for taxpayers with less than \$20,000 of total business personal property in a county. Removes the requirement in current law that such an exemption is effective in a county only if adopted by the county income tax council. Requires, for the \$20,000 personal property exemption, that the owner's certification be notarized and signed under penalties for perjury. Extends the expiration date of the law specifying the value of outdoor signs through the 2018 assessment date. Specifies that for purposes of property tax assessment, certain land is considered to be devoted to agricultural use. Specifies that "agricultural use" includes certain uses defined as agricultural uses for purposes of planning and zoning law. Provides that the soil productivity factors used for the March 1, 2011, assessment of agricultural land must be used for the March 1, 2015, assessment date. Specifies that new soil productivity factors shall be used for assessment dates occurring after March 1, 2015. Provides that the statewide agricultural land base rate value per acre for the 2015 assessment date is \$2,050 (the base rate used for the 2014 assessment date). Provides that for the 2016 assessment date and each assessment date thereafter, the statewide agricultural land base rate value per acre is equal to the base rate value for the immediately preceding assessment date, multiplied by the assessed value growth quotient. Removes the provision specifying that the statute governing the assessment of agricultural land does not apply to land purchased for residential uses. Specifies conditions for valuing big box retail properties and commercial nonincome producing real property for property tax purposes and excludes multi-tenant income producing shopping centers from both provisions. Requires the Indiana board of tax review (IBTR) to recommend that the parties settle or mediate any case pending before the board as of May 1, 2015, that has not yet received a hearing if certain conditions apply. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of studying the need for a definition of the term "utility of the user" under the current property tax assessment system. Specifies that in the case of a change occurring after February 28, 2015, in the classification of real property, the assessor has the burden of proving that the change is correct in any review or appeal heard by the property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) and in any appeals taken to the IBTR or to the Indiana tax court. Allows county assessors to apply negative influence factors to determine the assessed value of land classified as residential excess land. Provides that the basement of a dwelling or other building that is situated in a special flood hazard area as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is exempt from property taxation if: (1) the basement floor level has been elevated to mitigate the risk of flooding; and (2) as a result, the basement is rendered unusable as living space. Specifies that, to be eligible for a homestead deduction for property that an individual is buying under contract, the contract must obligate the owner to convey title to the individual upon completion of all of the individual's contract obligations. Provides that on the form forwarded by the assessor to the

county auditor and the county board after a preliminary informal meeting with a taxpayer, the assessor must attest that the assessor described to the taxpayer the taxpayer's right to a review of the issues by the county board and the taxpayer's right to appeal to the IBTR and to the Indiana tax court. Provides that for property tax appeals for the 2014 assessment date, or before, a county auditor may pay refund claims greater than \$100,000 over a period of five years (through 2019) by using credits against future property taxes owed on the property. Authorizes a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to allow political subdivisions and local agencies within the county to use a uniform property tax disclosure form. Specifies the information that must be disclosed on the form. Provides that the department of local government finance (DLGF) shall: (1) review the tax rates and levies for each fire protection territory whose establishment was effective not later than July 1, 2012; (2) make recommendations to the participating units concerning their existing tax rates and tax levies; and (3) report its findings and recommendations to the legislative council. Deletes the requirement that a county may impose the motor vehicle license excise surtax only at the same rate or amount on each motor vehicle. Authorizes counties to: (1) impose the surtax at the same rate or amount on each motor vehicle; or (2) impose the surtax at one or more different rates based on the class of vehicle (passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trucks with a declared gross weight that does not exceed 11,000 pounds, and motor driven cycles). Does the following in the case of a certified technology park that is operating jointly by multiple redevelopment commissions: (1) Increases the total maximum amount of tax increment that may be captured by the certified technology park. (2) Authorizes a party to the agreement to allocate a part of the maximum amount that may be deposited in the party's incremental tax financing fund to one or more other parties to the agreement. Provides that a redevelopment commission may enter into a written agreement with a taxpayer in which the taxpayer waives review of any assessment of the taxpayer's tangible property that is located in an allocation area. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the issue of alternative means of agricultural land assessment. Provides that for purposes of the provisions in current law concerning: (1) the designation of a township as distressed; (2) the requiring of a separate township assistance benefits levy and a separate township assistance administration levy; and (3) the transfer of municipal territory to an adjacent township after a referendum; those provisions apply to a township if the township's township assistance property tax rate is more than the result of the statewide average township assistance property tax rate for the preceding year (rather than for the current year, under existing law) multiplied by 12. Urges a legislative study of methods used to determine the true tax value for nonincome producing commercial property.

DIGEST OF SB 437 (Updated March 17, 2015 2:47 pm - DI 84)

Compression release engine brakes. Provides that it is a Class C infraction for a person to drive a motor vehicle equipped with compression release engine brakes unless the motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working condition so that excessive noise is prevented, with certain exceptions.

DIGEST OF SB 441 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:30 pm - DI 73)

Various tax matters. Eliminates the World War I veteran property tax deduction for property taxes imposed for an assessment date after 2015. Provides that the equipment eligible for the double direct sales tax exemption includes material handling equipment purchased for the purpose of transporting materials into production activities from an onsite location. Provides that: (1) the cutting of steel bars into billets; and (2) the felling of trees for further use in production or for sale in the ordinary course of business; is to be treated as processing of tangible personal property for purposes of the double direct sales tax exemption for certain manufacturing activities. Eliminates the taxation of income that is attributed to a state that does not have an income tax (the "throwback rule"). Specifies that gross receipts derived from the sale of computer software shall be treated as sales of tangible personal property. Increases the maximum amount of the state income tax deduction for federal civil service annuity income to \$8,000 for 2015 and \$16,000 for 2016 and thereafter. Provides that the deduction is also available to a surviving spouse. Extends the sunset date of the venture capital investment tax credit and the Hoosier business investment tax credit from January 1, 2017, to January 1, 2021. Provides that upgrading or building passing lines or automated switches on a rail line is an eligible logistics investment for purposes of the Hoosier business investment tax credit. Provides that, in the case of the Hoosier business investment tax credit, the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) may under a written agreement accelerate payment (at a discounted amount) of any unused excess tax credit that certain taxpayers would otherwise be eligible to carry forward to a subsequent tax year. Provides that the total amount of such accelerated tax credits that the IEDC may approve may not exceed \$17 million in a state fiscal year. Provides that after December 31, 2015, qualified investments for purposes of the community revitalization enhancement district tax credit do not include a taxpayer's expenditures made on property that is classified as residential for property tax purposes. Eliminates various add backs for purposes of determining Indiana adjusted gross income. Provides that business income is all income apportionable to the state under the Constitution of the United States. Eliminates various income tax deductions, exemptions, and credits. Broadens the add back to Indiana adjusted gross income related to intercompany interest expenses. Makes technical corrections and conforming amendments. Provides that in addition to any appropriations made in HEA 1001-2015, there is appropriated from the state general fund to the department of correction \$9,000,000 in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, for community corrections programs.

DIGEST OF SB 447 (Updated March 31, 2015 3:20 pm - DI 84)

Management of funeral trust accounts. Provides that the bank, trust company, savings association, or credit union that receives the payments made by the settlor of a funeral trust may enter into a contract under which the settlor's account will be managed by a third party. Requires that the third party be an investment adviser registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or with the Indiana securities commissioner. Requires an investment adviser managing a funeral trust settlor's account to comply with the Indiana Uniform Prudent Investor Act.

DIGEST OF SB 450 (Updated April 14, 2015 12:32 pm - DI 84)

Notice of tax sales. Provides that if properties are not sold at an initial tax sale, the county auditor may publish an abridged tax sale notice for any subsequent tax sales. The abridged tax sale notice may omit the descriptions of specific properties eligible for sale if the abridged notice includes a statement that the descriptions are available on the county's Internet web site and in printed form from the county auditor upon request.

DIGEST OF SB 460 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:25 pm - DI 84)

Comprehensive care health facilities. Prohibits the state department of health from approving: (1) the licensure of comprehensive care health facilities; (2) new or converted comprehensive care beds; or (3) the certification of new or converted comprehensive care beds for participation in the state Medicaid program; through June 30, 2018. Makes exceptions for certain facilities that are: (1) under development; (2) small house health facilities; (3) replacement facilities; (4) continuing care retirement communities; (5) facilities located in counties whose comprehensive care bed occupancy rate exceeds 90%; and (6) facilities that undergo a change of ownership for certain purposes. Limits small house facilities to 100 new licensed or Medicaid certified comprehensive care beds per year.

DIGEST OF SB 461 (Updated April 29, 2015 9:41 pm - DI 104)

Health matters. Amends the definition of "basic life support" to include blood glucose monitoring. Authorizes the state department of health (state department) to enter into partnerships to encourage best practices in: (1) identification and testing of populations at risk of disease related to illegal drug use; and (2) the health care treatment of incarcerated individuals for conditions related to illegal drug use. Authorizes the state health commissioner to declare a public health emergency. Specifies that hospital discharge information filed with the state department is confidential except under specified circumstances. Sets forth conditions in which a local health department, a municipality, a county, or a nonprofit organization may operate a syringe exchange program and expires the authorization of a program July 1, 2019. Further specifies the circumstances for the review of the death of a child by a local child fatality review team. Allows a local child fatality review team to review the near fatality or serious injury of a child. Adds hepatitis A to the list of schoolchildren immunizations. Requires the state department, before November 30 of each year, to publish a two year immunization calendar. Provides information to parents of grade 6 students concerning the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. (Current language provides this information only to parents of female grade 6 students.) Requires the state department to provide the department of education with immunization materials, and requires the materials to be distributed to students' parents and guardians. Requires a health care provider who administers an immunization to enter the information into the state immunization data registry. Requires a school corporation to ensure that immunization information is complete in the state immunization data registry not later than the first Friday in February. Specifies that onsite sewage systems of private homes built by the individual are required to comply with state laws and rules. Provides exceptions to certain criminal laws concerning the funding, possession, and distribution of needles and syringes. Urges

the legislative council to, during the 2015 interim, assign to a joint committee the topic of needle and syringe exchange programs and a review of the appropriate criminal penalties for certain drug offenses.

DIGEST OF SB 463 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:57 am - DI 104)

Cigarettes and tobacco sales. Prohibits the sale at retail of an electronic cigarette without a valid tobacco sales certificate issued by the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) and includes electronic cigarettes in the certification regulation statutes. Provides that the commission may not enforce an action regarding tobacco sales certificates and electronic cigarettes until after August 31, 2015. Permits smoking in certain cigar stores and bars. Removes the requirement that members of a club or fraternal club must vote to allow smoking on the premises. Provides that the club or fraternal club may allow guests in the designated smoking room or area only when accompanied by a bona fide member. Specifies that a condition in allowing smoking in a specialty cigar store is that the store does not sell any food or beverage that would require a certified food handler. Removes a requirement that a specialty cigar store not sell food and beverages in a manner that would require consumption on the premises and that there not be an area set aside for food consumption. Specifies that e-liquids must use tamper evident packaging. Sets time frames in which manufacturers and retailers must distribute or sell an e-liquid. Specifies that an e-liquid manufacturer must obtain a permit before July 1, 2016, in order to mix, bottle, package, or sell e-liquids after June 30, 2016. Amends the law on the qualified escrow fund for tobacco product manufacturers: (1) to exempt cigarettes sold on federal military installations and other state excise tax exempt cigarette sales from the definition of "units sold"; and (2) to require the department of state revenue (department) to adopt rules that are necessary to ascertain the number of units sold of a tobacco product manufacturer for each year regardless of whether the state excise tax was due or collected. Authorizes the department, the commission, and the attorney general to provide certain information to courts, arbitrators, and data clearinghouses for the purpose of making calculations under the tobacco master settlement agreement if a protective order is executed. Makes specified tobacco sales data that is provided by an outside party confidential. Prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of: (1) a liquid or gel substance containing nicotine; or (2) a nicotine liquid container; unless the product is contained in child resistant packaging. Authorizes the commission to seize and destroy products sold or distributed in violation of this prohibition and to impose a civil penalty on a person who sells or distributes a product in violation of the prohibition. Limits the civil penalty to the greater of: (1) 500% of the retail value of the product sold or distributed; or (2) \$5,000. Urges the legislative council to assign certain tobacco related issues to the public policy interim study committee during the 2015 interim.

DIGEST OF SB 464 (Updated April 29, 2015 4:53 pm - DI 104)

Mental health issues. Specifies limitations for reimbursement for methadone by: (1) the state employee health plan; (2) Medicaid; (3) certain policies of accident and sickness insurance; and (4) certain health maintenance organization contracts; if the drug is prescribed for the treatment

of pain. Provides that addiction counseling, inpatient detoxification, case management, daily living skills, and long acting, nonaddictive medication may be required to treat opioid or alcohol addiction as a condition of parole, probation, community corrections, pretrial diversion, or participation in a problem solving court. Requires the department of correction to estimate the amount of operational cost savings as a result attributable to sentencing changes. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to: (1) develop quality measures and reporting to ensure a managed care organization's compliance with the coverage; and (2) report the clinical use of certain medications to the mental health Medicaid quality advisory committee. Requires coverage under the Indiana check-up plan of nonaddictive medication assistance treatment drugs prescribed for the treatment of substance abuse. Authorizes the division of mental health and addiction (division) to approve before June 30, 2018, not more than five new opioid treatment programs if: (1) the programs are run by a hospital, a specified institution, or a certified community mental health center; and (2) the division determines that there is a need for a new opioid treatment program in the proposed location. Requires the division to report to the general assembly before July 1, 2018, specified information concerning any new opioid treatment programs. Requires a prescriber who is prescribing methadone for the treatment of pain or pain management to indicate this treatment on the prescription or order. Establishes the mental health and addiction forensic treatment services account (account) within the statutes governing the division, rather than the statutes governing corrections (under current law). Provides that the division may use money in the account to fund grants and vouchers that are provided to the following for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services: (1) Community corrections programs. (2) Court administered programs. (3) Probation and diversion programs. (4) Community mental health centers. (5) Certified mental health or addiction providers. Allows the division to use money in the account as a state match under the Medicaid rehabilitation program and the Primary Health Coordination Program. Requires the division to provide an education and training program concerning involuntary commitment and medication assisted treatment. Specifies that an individual is eligible for such mental health and addiction forensic treatment services if the individual meets certain criteria and if reimbursement for the service is not available to the individual under a health insurance policy, a health maintenance organization contract, the Medicaid program, the Medicare program, or any other federal assistance program. Requires the division to survey and develop demographic research on individuals receiving services. Makes certain changes to the purposes of the mental health and addiction services development programs board under the loan forgiveness program. Places restrictions on coverage under a health insurance policy and a health maintenance organization contract for methadone used in pain management. Requires the division to work jointly with the department of workforce development to coordinate employment and training services for individuals receiving services.

DIGEST OF SB 465 (Updated April 29, 2015 4:57 pm - DI 104)

Human services and health matters. Amends the definition of "autism". Makes multiple changes to the administration of the office of the secretary of family and social services. Moves the authority to operate a disability determination bureau from the division of disability and rehabilitative services (division) to the office of the secretary. Expires the health facility

preadmission screening assessment process statute June 30, 2016. Requires the division of aging to: (1) meet with stakeholders to collaborate on changes in the health facility preadmission screening assessment process; and (2) submit a written report to the general assembly before November 1, 2015, concerning any recommendations for statutory changes to the process. Repeals the law that requires the division to operate a disability determination bureau that adjudicates whether a state employee is entitled to long term disability benefits. Repeals the step ahead comprehensive early childhood grant program. Repeals Medicaid eligibility parameters concerning patients in an institution for the mentally diseased. Removes language that prohibited certain Medicaid copayment for services. Makes changes in the manner that voter registration applications and declinations can be transferred. Removes language that provided an incentive payment to the offices of prosecuting attorneys for the investigation or prosecution of food stamp fraud. Repeals language concerning public records reports of Medicaid recipients. Makes changes to the community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled board (board). Provides for four year terms on the board and staggers the terms of the members. Repeals the law that requires the director of the division of family resources to appoint the director of each county office of family resources. Provides that the director of the division of family resources appoints the assistants with the county. (Currently the appointments are made by the county director.) Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee the topic of drug testing for individuals receiving public assistance. Makes technical and conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 466 (Updated April 27, 2015 2:41 pm - DI 84)

Various election matters. Provides that the election division, rather than the Indiana election commission, approves a uniform set of election and registration forms for use throughout Indiana. Provides that a person who is physically present in a precinct for a temporary purpose does not gain residency in the precinct. Adds language concerning where a student attending a postsecondary educational institution may register to vote. Permits voter conversations and communications, including the use of cellular telephones and other electronic devices, in the polls as long as loud and disruptive conversations and electioneering do not occur. Prohibits a voter from taking a digital image or photograph of the voter's ballot except to document and report to a precinct election officer, county election board, or the division a problem with the functioning of the voting system. Prohibits distributing or sharing a digital image or photograph of a voter's ballot using social media or other means. Permits a voter to bring a list of candidates and public questions into the polling place (including a list stored on a cellular telephone or electronic device) for the voter's use in voting provided electioneering does not occur. Eliminates the rule that a vote cast for a deceased candidate in a primary election is void, and provides that if a deceased candidate receives the most votes in a primary election, a candidate vacancy occurs that the candidate's party may fill. Provides that a state party convention may nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate electors and elect delegates and alternate delegates to the political party's national convention. (Under current law, a political party's state convention is required to perform these functions.) Provides that if a state party convention does not perform either or both of these functions, the functions shall be done as provided in the state

party's rules. Requires the state recount commission to conduct a recount resulting from a statewide public question. Provides that the statute prohibiting the use of an automatic dialing-announcing device does not apply to messages to voters from a county election board, a county board of elections and registration, or a county voter registration office. Requires certain information to be filed with the election division concerning judicial elections in Allen County, Monroe County, and Vanderburgh County. Makes other changes regarding the following: (1) Election filings with the secretary of state's office and the election division. (2) Challengers, pollbook holders, and watchers. (3) Transmitting National Voter Registration Act notices by electronic mail. (4) Voter registration applications. (5) Cancelling voter registrations. (6) Voting histories. (7) Disposition of civil penalties collected by county election boards. (8) Absentee ballot applications. (9) Submission of absentee ballot applications by electronic mail. (10) Signing absentee ballot applications by voters with disabilities. (11) The period during which a traveling absentee voter board may visit a voter at the voter's residence or place of confinement. (12) The effect of changes in census block data on precinct establishment orders. (13) Precinct size. (14) Voting and counting absentee ballots. (15) Preparing ballots in vote center counties. (16) Testing voting systems. (17) Certification of electronic poll books. (18) Use of electronic poll books for absentee voting. (19) Use of electronic poll books at vote centers. (20) Printing provisional ballots. (21) Filing statement of economic interests by individual who fills a candidate vacancy for a local or school board office. (22) Determining the end of the line of voters who are waiting to vote at the time the polls close.

DIGEST OF SB 467 (Updated March 31, 2015 3:23 pm - DI 84)

Admissibility of appraisal reports. Provides that the Indiana board of tax review shall admit into evidence an appraisal report prepared by an appraiser, unless the appraisal report is ruled inadmissible on grounds other than hearsay.

DIGEST OF SB 474 (Updated April 9, 2015 11:02 am - DI 84)

Analysis of water utility planning and needs. Requires the Indiana finance authority (authority) to prepare an analysis of the planning and long range needs of: (1) the water utilities serving the 15 most populous cities in Indiana; and (2) five other water utilities selected by the authority, each of which serves fewer than 10,000 customers. Authorizes the authority to contract with professionals or with a state educational institution for the performance of some or all of the authority's duties relating to the analysis. Requires the authority to complete the analysis and submit it to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2015. For calendar year 2015, relieves the utility regulatory commission of the duty to submit an annual report concerning water utilities to the legislative council and the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications.

DIGEST OF SB 476 (Updated April 28, 2015 4:36 pm - DI 92)

School capital projects fund tax rate. Provides that when calculating the maximum rate for a

school corporation's capital projects fund for taxes due and payable in calendar year 2016, the first step in the calculation (the previous year's maximum rate) shall be the larger of: (1) the actual maximum rate for the school corporation's capital projects fund for the previous year; or (2) the maximum rate that would have been established for the school corporation's capital project fund for the previous year if the formula used in current law to determine the maximum rate had been in effect for each calendar year after 2006.

DIGEST OF SB 484 (Updated April 7, 2015 4:49 pm - DI 84)

Fire and emergency response issues. Creates the intrastate mutual aid compact to complement existing mutual aid agreements. Allows the Indiana department of homeland security (IDHS) to deploy a national urban search and rescue response system task force as a state resource during Indiana emergencies and disasters, in conformance with federal requirements, through an agreement with a political subdivision that is a sponsoring agency of a task force. Repeals the interstate emergency management and disaster compact. Repeals the local emergency planning and right to know fund administered by the department of state revenue. Moves the statute concerning the local emergency planning and right to know fund (but continues to have the fund administered by the state department of revenue). Requires fees paid by facilities submitting tier II emergency and hazardous chemical inventories to be paid to the Indiana emergency response commission for deposit in the local emergency planning and right to know fund.

DIGEST OF SB 487 (Updated March 30, 2015 5:56 pm - DI 84)

Business and other associations. Makes changes to business and other association laws concerning the following: (1) Filing fees for agricultural cooperative associations. (2) Requirements regarding filings and fees for certain filings with the office of the secretary of state. (3) Delivering of documents by the office of the secretary of state. (4) Meetings of shareholders of corporations, including notice requirements. (5) Merger of a parent corporation with a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent corporation. (6) Administrative dissolutions. (7) Reporting requirements. (8) Correcting documents filed with the office of the secretary of state. Repeals provisions concerning the registration of the name of a foreign corporation, foreign limited liability partnership, foreign limited partnership, foreign nonprofit corporation, or foreign limited liability company. Makes a technical correction.

DIGEST OF SB 489 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:27 pm - DI 84)

State board of accounts issues. Provides that the state board of accounts has access to any periodic statement of condition filed by a depository with the treasurer of state. Provides that a vendor upon request shall allow the state board of accounts to access all software and records of computer services that a vendor has supplied to a political subdivision. Defines a vendor as a person who supplies electronic goods, software, or technological services (including computer services) to a political subdivision.

DIGEST OF SB 500 (Updated April 9, 2015 3:44 pm - DI 84)

Education deregulation. Makes comprehensive revisions to the Indiana Code relating to all aspects of the administration of schools and school corporations and the education of students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Repeals various obsolete provisions and provisions that limit local control of schools. Establishes a school reporting oversight committee to review all reporting requirements by the state for schools. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

DIGEST OF SB 506 (Updated March 24, 2015 3:46 pm - DI 84)

Fleet vehicle registration. Establishes the fleet registration program (program) for Indiana residents who own or lease at least 1,000 passenger motor vehicles or trucks with a declared gross weight of not more than 11,000 pounds. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles shall administer the program.

DIGEST OF SB 508 (Updated April 27, 2015 3:50 pm - DI 109)

Animals and agriculture. Defines "equine massage therapy". Provides that equine massage therapy is not included in the practice of veterinary medicine. Provides that an individual may not immunize an animal for a fee unless the individual is a veterinarian.

DIGEST OF SB 509 (Updated April 23, 2015 2:44 pm - DI 116)

Scholarships and grants. Provides that at the end of each state fiscal year, the commission for higher education (commission) may order the auditor of state to transfer money among certain funds if the commission determines that the remaining appropriation in a particular fund could be used by eligible applicants for an award under one of the other funds in the following state fiscal year. Provides that the auditor of state shall make a transfer ordered by the commission. Provides that a student who applies for a twenty-first century scholars program tuition scholarship must certify in writing that the student complied with certain requirements before the student's graduation from high school and not each year a scholarship is awarded. Renames the "part-time student grant" as the "adult student grant". Renames the "part-time student grant fund" as the "adult student grant fund". Requires the commission for higher education to award an additional amount, not to exceed \$500, in a recipient's final semester to a recipient graduating with a degree aligned to priority economic sectors identified by the department of workforce development. Makes technical and conforming amendments.

DIGEST OF SB 514 (Updated April 9, 2015 11:06 am - DI 84)

Vacancy in office of clerk-treasurer. Provides that if a town legislative body is unable to fill a vacancy in the office of town clerk-treasurer, a town legislative body member may serve ex officio as the town clerk-treasurer for the remainder of the clerk-treasurer's term. Provides that the town legislative body member may not receive additional compensation for serving as the ex

officio town clerk-treasurer. Provides that the duties assumed by the town legislative body member are duties of the office of town legislative body member and do not constitute a second lucrative office. Allows the town legislative body to enter into an interlocal agreement with another town clerk-treasurer to assist the town legislative body member in performing the clerk-treasurer's duties for the remainder of the clerk-treasurer's term. Provides that if an interlocal agreement cannot be reached, the town legislative body may contract with a certified public accountant to assist the town legislative body member in performing the duties of the clerk-treasurer for the remainder of the term of the clerk-treasurer.

DIGEST OF SB 515 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:12 pm - DI 84)

Alcoholic beverage permits. Allows the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) to issue: (1) eight new three-way permits to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption to applicants who are proprietors of restaurants located within, or not more than 1,500 feet from, a motorsports investment district; and (2) two new three-way permits to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption for premises located within a qualified motorsports facility. Requires, as a condition of eligibility for certain: (1) three-way, two-way, and one-way alcoholic beverage permits issued in a historic area; (2) three-way, two-way, and one-way alcoholic beverage permits issued in a municipal riverfront development project area; (3) three-way alcoholic beverage permits issued in a motorsports investment district area; and (4) three-way alcoholic beverage permits located within a qualified motorsports facility; that a municipal legislative body enter into a formal written commitment with the permit applicant regarding the character and type of business for which the permit is issued. Limits the applicability of language concerning formal written commitments and certain permits to units where ordinances have been adopted requiring a formal written commitment. Provides that the commission has discretion to deny an application to renew a certain permit or revoke certain permits. Provides that a formal written commitment: (1) may not be limited or restricted; and (2) is terminated at the time a permit is lost, revoked, or not renewed. Specifies that the ownership and location of a permit may not be transferred. Provides that if business operations cease at the location for which the permit was issued for more than six months, the permit reverts to the commission. Requires the commission to deny the renewal of a permit or revoke a permit if the written commitments are violated. Provides that if alcoholic beverages are sold within the Indiana Dunes State Park, the alcoholic beverages may be consumed within 100 feet of the pavilion and the pavilion parking lot.

DIGEST OF SB 516 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:13 pm - DI 84)

Utility infrastructure improvements. Amends the law on water and wastewater utility distribution system improvement charges so that the law applies to municipally owned utilities and not-for-profit utilities as well as to public utilities. Allows a municipally owned utility or not-for-profit utility that is under the jurisdiction of the utility regulatory commission (commission) for the approval of rates and charges to petition the commission for the adjustment of its basic rates and charges to provide for the recovery of infrastructure improvement costs. Provides that

"infrastructure improvement costs", for a municipally owned utility, means debt service and depreciation expenses associated with eligible infrastructure improvements and, for a not-for-profit utility, means debt service associated with eligible infrastructure improvements. Defines "eligible infrastructure improvements" for purposes of municipally owned and not-for-profit utilities. Allows the commission to consider certain factors in determining the amount of infrastructure improvement costs that a not-for-profit utility or a municipally owned utility will be allowed to recover.

DIGEST OF SB 522 (Updated April 2, 2015 10:38 am - DI 84)

Serious sex offenders. Defines "serious sex offender". Makes entry on school property by a serious sex offender a Level 6 felony. Provides that a serious sex offender is entitled to vote by mail. Requires the department of correction to inform a serious sex offender at the time of discharge from the department: (1) that a serious sex offender who knowingly or intentionally enters school property commits unlawful entry by a serious sex offender, a Level 6 felony; and (2) of voting options for the serious sex offender.

DIGEST OF SB 523 (Updated April 29, 2015 2:48 pm - DI 106)

Marion County township courts. Makes the township small claims courts in Marion County courts of record as of July 1, 2018. Permits a part-time small claims court to become a full-time court on January 1, 2016, by submitting to the township board a notice of intent to become a full-time court, approved by the township trustee, before August 1, 2015. Makes all small claims courts full-time courts after December 31, 2016. Provides that a court which was a full-time court on January 1, 2015, will remain a full-time court. Sets the annual salary of a full-time small claims court judge at 75% of the salary of a Marion County circuit court judge. Provides that the judge of a small claims court has the authority to employ staff, and that staff serve at the pleasure of the judge. Increases the jurisdictional amount to \$8,000. Requires the courts to use a centralized case management system approved by the division of state court administration. Defines "low caseload court" and requires certain fees to be transferred to low caseload courts. Requires the judge of a low caseload court to identify five days during each month in which the judge will be available to assist the other judges with their judicial duties, and establishes a process by which the small claims presiding judge may assign the judge of a low caseload court to assist other judges.

DIGEST OF SB 524 (Updated April 21, 2015 3:15 pm - DI 84)

Tax deeds and conveyance documents. Provides that when a county auditor sends out certain notices for a tax sale by certified mail, the notices must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. Requires that a verified petition for a tax deed to real property acquired in a tax sale must include copies of various notices sent by the petitioner, copies of certified mail mailing receipts, copies of certified mail return receipts, returned mailing envelopes, and evidence used by the petitioner to ascertain the owner of property and any other persons with a substantial

property interest of public record in the property. Provides that a tax deed is not prima facie evidence of the validity of a tax sale, if the petitioner for the tax deed fails to include with the petition the copies of notices, copies of mailing receipts, return receipts, returned mailing envelopes, and copies or descriptions of the evidence used to ascertain the owner and other persons having a substantial property interest of public record in the property. Provides that an instrument that does not comply with certain filing requirements is validly recorded, regardless of when it is recorded. Provides that if a county executive reasonably believes that: (1) 10 or more tracts or items of real property on the tax sale list are owned by one person or some combination of persons in an affiliated group of persons; and (2) each of the 10 or more tracts or items of real property were acquired by the owners in a previous tax sale; the county executive may petition a court for a finding that serial tax delinquencies exist with respect to the tracts or items of real property. Provides that if the tracts or items of real property are all located in a city or town, the county executive may authorize the city or town to file the petition for a finding that serial tax delinquencies exist with respect to the subject properties. Provides that if a petitioner obtains a court order finding that serial tax delinquencies exist with respect to the subject properties: (1) the owners of the real property do not have a right of redemption with respect to the subject properties; (2) the county auditor is to remove the properties from the tax sale list; (3) not later than six months from the date of the order, the petitioner may request that the county auditor deliver a tax deed for the subject properties to the petitioner; and (4) the petitioner may dispose of the subject properties in any lawful manner.

DIGEST OF SB 528 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:27 am - DI 84)

Preservation of public records. Changes the name of the state commission on public records to the Indiana archives and records administration (administration). Changes the name of the central micrographics laboratory to the state imaging and microfilm laboratory. Adds and changes certain terms to reflect changes in technology, materials, and processes. Specifies that the administration administers the law regarding preservation of public records for political subdivisions. Requires a county commission of public records to notify the administration within 30 days after selecting a chairman or secretary of the county commission. Provides that the administration may maintain damaged court record books. Requires a state agency to submit a recommended retention schedule to the administration (instead of to the oversight committee on public records). Provides that a political subdivision has the duties and responsibilities of a state agency under the law regarding preservation of public records. Requires the administration, with the approval of the oversight committee on public records, to advise the office of technology with respect to records management and archival principles as applicable to the purchase of electronic content and information management systems. Provides that a certificate of death received by a local health department or the state department of health is a public record that, upon request, must be made available for inspection and copying if certain conditions are met. Authorizes the state registrar to deny a request to inspect or copy a record concerning vital statistics if the state registrar has a reasonable suspicion that releasing the record may result in fraud or identity theft.

DIGEST OF SB 530 (Updated April 7, 2015 5:18 pm - DI 84)

Public notice in newspapers. Adds a provision requiring a certain average circulation to the definition of "newspaper" for purposes of the statute concerning notice publication. Removes a duplicative provision from the publication statute that prescribes a publication procedure if another specific publication procedure does not apply to an event. Removes from the publication statute two provisions that have expired.

DIGEST OF SB 531 (Updated April 7, 2015 4:53 pm - DI 84)

Various tax sale matters. Makes numerous changes to the tax sale statute, including the following: (1) Provides that a purchaser of real property by an installment land contract may request notice of the tax sale list. (2) Adds an alternative provision for a county executive to transfer a tax sale property to a nonprofit entity. For purposes of these provisions, defines the "county executive" of Marion County to mean the board of commissioners (consisting of the county auditor, county treasurer, and county assessor). (3) Provides that a county treasurer may use money held on a person's behalf in the tax sale surplus fund to pay property taxes and special assessments that become due during the tax sale redemption period. (4) Provides that a court may consider a petition for a tax deed without conducting a hearing if there are not any written objections filed. (5) Provides that the amount required for redemption of property includes all taxes, assessments, interest, and penalties that are delinquent after the sale. Provides that a political subdivision may conduct an electronic auction of surplus real property held by the political subdivision. Repeals the following: (1) A provision authorizing a county to adopt an ordinance allowing a county auditor to accept a bid that is less than the minimum bid normally required by the tax sale statute. (2) A provision requiring the state board of accounts to specify a form of tax deed to use when a grantee other than a purchaser takes the tax deed. (3) Several provisions that specify what action to take if the tax deed is ineffectual to convey title to tax sale property. (4) A provision specifying how a grantee of a tax deed recovers money owed to the grantee in the context of an action to quiet title filed by the grantee. (5) An obsolete provision that allowed a county to adopt an ordinance requiring the county treasurer to waive certain penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes. Makes conforming changes.

DIGEST OF SB 532 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:46 am - DI 69)

Human trafficking, promoting prostitution, and adult entertainment performers. Provides that, for purposes of the law concerning actions for indecent nuisances, an indecent nuisance includes a public place in or upon which human trafficking is conducted, permitted, continued, or exists, and the personal property and contents used in conducting and maintaining the place for such a purpose. Establishes the human trafficking prevention and victim assistance fund to fund human trafficking victim services and human trafficking prevention programs. Provides that: (1) 80% of money collected in the seizure of property used in connection with human trafficking will be transferred to the human trafficking prevention and victim assistance fund; and (2) 20% of the money will be transferred to the county for use by the prosecuting attorney. Allows a law enforcement agency to seize real or personal property, including a vehicle, that is used by a person to: (1) commit, attempt to commit, or conspire to commit; (2) facilitate the commission

of; or (3) escape from the commission of; an offense concerning human trafficking or promoting prostitution. Requires: (1) the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council to make an annual report to the legislative council concerning civil property forfeitures conducted in Indiana; and (2) the state police department to annually report to the legislative council the amount of money it has received from the federal government as the result of property forfeitures conducted by the federal government. Requires a holder of an alcohol retailer's permit that provides adult entertainment on the licensed premises to: (1) require adult entertainment performers to provide proof of age and proof of legal residency; (2) take a photograph of each adult entertainer who auditions to provide adult entertainment at the licensed premises and retain the photograph for at least three years; (3) require all employees to sign a document acknowledging their awareness of the problem of human trafficking; (4) display human trafficking awareness posters in at least two places in the licensed premises; and (5) cooperate with any law enforcement investigation. Authorizes the alcohol and tobacco commission to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a retailer's permit if the permit holder fails to comply with these requirements.

DIGEST OF SB 534 (Updated March 31, 2015 4:28 pm - DI 84)

Rules for prescribing controlled substances. Requires the medical licensing board to adopt standards and protocols for the prescribing of controlled substances, including the use of abuse deterrent formulations. Requires, before March 1, 2016, the following boards to adopt rules concerning the prescribing of opioid controlled substances for pain management treatment: (1) the medical licensing board, concerning physician assistants; (2) the board of podiatric medicine, concerning podiatrists; (3) the state board of dentistry, concerning dentists; and (4) the Indiana state board of nursing, concerning advanced practice nurses. Requires each board to report before December 31, 2015, to the legislative council with a status report on the board's efforts to adopt the required rules.

DIGEST OF SB 546 (Updated March 24, 2015 4:00 pm - DI 84)

Abortion matters. Amends the definition of "abortion clinic" as follows: (1) Refers to a health care provider instead of a freestanding entity. (2) Exempts from the definition of "abortion clinic" a health care provider that provides an abortion inducing drug for the purposes of inducing an abortion to fewer than five patients a year. (Current law exempts certain physician's offices.) Requires that a person seeking a waiver by the health commissioner from rules authorized by the hospital council must affirmatively demonstrate that the waiver will not adversely affect or increase any risk to the health, safety, or welfare of an existing or potential resident or patient. Includes reporting requirements for abortions that are performed using an abortion inducing drug. Removes language that prohibits the state department of health from exempting abortion clinics from certain licensure requirements.

DIGEST OF SB 556 (Updated March 31, 2015 3:46 pm - DI 84)

Fire prevention and building safety. Changes the definition of "building law" to include a law

governing sanitary conditions and sanitary facilities in elementary and secondary school buildings and on the school grounds. Allows the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt temporary rules in a manner provided for the adoption of emergency rules to administer the regulation of sanitary conditions and sanitary facilities in elementary and secondary school buildings and on the school grounds. Allows the division of fire and building safety to designate a qualified third party inspector or inspection agency to act as the division's agent for inspections of regulated boilers and pressure vessels. Repeals statutes that do the following: (1) Allow the state department of health to regulate construction and remodeling of school buildings and establishes requirements for school buildings and grounds. (2) Make it a Class B misdemeanor to transfer materials that do not comply with the requirements established in subdivision (1). (3) Make it a Class B misdemeanor to recklessly violate the requirements established in subdivision (1).

DIGEST OF SB 559 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:10 pm - DI 84)

Various criminal law matters. Adds unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon to the definition of "crimes of violence". Establishes new caps for consecutive sentences that result from a single episode of criminal conduct. Defines "emergency medical services provider". Provides that a person is a habitual offender if the state proves the person has been convicted of three prior unrelated felonies of any level. Allows the state to seek to have a person who allegedly committed a felony or misdemeanor, other than certain offenses, sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of between five and 20 years if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person, while committing the felony or misdemeanor, knowingly or intentionally: (1) pointed a firearm; or (2) discharged a firearm; at an individual whom the person knew, or reasonably should have known, was a police officer. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF SB 566 (Updated May 11, 2015 12:05 pm - DI 92)

Education. Requires the attorney general in consultation with the Indiana education employment relations board (IEERB) to draft and disseminate a letter by first class mail to teachers providing a summary of the teacher's rights and protections under state and federal law. Provides that the state board of education (state board) may not adopt Common Core standards or an assessment or test that is produced solely by the United States government or a consortium of states. Requires the department of education (department) to establish a program to permit an individual with a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and a minor in education to obtain a teaching license. Provides that a school corporation must consider certain factors in developing a performance evaluation model. Provides that the state board, in consultation with the department, shall define "low population schools" and shall determine the criteria for placing low population schools in performance categories. Provides that in developing metrics for the categories to measure school performance, the state board, in consultation with the department, shall consider the severity of tested students' disabilities when using ISTEP scores. Requests the legislative council to assign the topic of replacing the ISTEP test to a study committee.

DIGEST OF SB 567 (Updated April 15, 2015 4:05 pm - DI 84)

Redevelopment commissions and authorities. Requires a redevelopment commission or redevelopment authority to hold an organizational meeting on a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday and that is their first meeting day of the year. Provides that the fiscal officer of a redevelopment commission may disburse funds only after the disbursement is approved by the redevelopment commission. Allows a redevelopment commission to specify types of disbursements that the fiscal officer may make in advance of the commission's approval at its next regular meeting. Requires the treasurer of a redevelopment commission to report annually to the redevelopment commission before April 1 (rather than reporting to the fiscal body of the unit before July 1, under current law). Requires the treasurer of a redevelopment authority to report annually to the redevelopment authority before April 1 (rather than reporting to the fiscal body of the unit before July 1, under current law). Requires redevelopment commissions and redevelopment authorities to report annually to the unit's executive and fiscal body and the department of local government finance before April 15. Specifies that certain information currently reported annually by redevelopment commissions before August 1 shall instead be included with the April 15 report. Specifies information to be included in the annual report of a redevelopment authority.

DIGEST OF SJR 2 (Updated April 14, 2015 6:54 pm - DI 84)

Right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. Provides that the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife is a valued part of Indiana's heritage and shall be forever preserved for the public good. Provides that the people have a right, which includes the right to use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject only to the laws prescribed by the general assembly and rules prescribed by virtue of the authority of the general assembly to: (1) promote wildlife conservation and management; and (2) preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Provides that hunting and fishing are the preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. Provides that this constitutional amendment does not limit the application of any laws relating to trespass or property rights. This proposed amendment has been agreed to by one general assembly.

DIGEST OF SJ 19 (Updated April 29, 2015 11:47 pm - DI 73)

Balanced budget amendment. Provides that the total amount of expense appropriations enacted by the general assembly for a biennial budget may not exceed the estimated revenue of the state in the biennial budget period. Defines "revenue" as all income received by the state general fund and all other state funds, excluding the proceeds of bonds or other loans. Defines "expense" as the ordinary operating costs of state government, including any debt service payments made during the biennial budget period. Provides that a state budget enacted by the general assembly must appropriate money for the state's prefunded pension funds in the amount necessary to actuarially fund the accrued liability of all such pension funds during the budget period. Provides that if expenses exceed actual revenue when reconciled at the close of a biennial budget period, the subsequent biennial budget must subtract any shortfall from the projected revenue available

for that subsequent biennial budget. Allows these requirements to be suspended if at least two-thirds of the members of the house of representatives and at least two-thirds of the members of the senate vote to suspend the requirements. Provides that a court that orders a remedy pursuant to any case or controversy arising under these provisions may not order any remedies other than a declaratory judgment or such other remedies that are specifically authorized by the general assembly.