

2020 Bill Endorsements

Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council

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Letters From Council Leadership

January 31st, 2020

Respected Members of the Indiana General Assembly,

We, the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council, would like to offer our sincere gratitude for spending your time reviewing the Council's 2020 Bill Endorsements.

In the weeks since the Council's most recent Annual Report was published last November, our members have been meticulously following along with the developments of the 2020 Legislative Session. Such a dedication has culminated in the endorsement of eleven (11) bills and one (1) joint resolution currently introduced in either the House or the Senate, and a detailed listing of those youth-related bills and resolutions are included in the following pages of this report.

The publication of this year's Bill Endorsements reflect our Council's steadfast commitment to the legislative process, during which we serve in our best capacity as representatives for our fellow Hoosier youth. And indeed, this is a responsibility that we take with utmost seriousness. Many of the endorsed bills will begin holding opportunities for witness testimony in the coming weeks, after all, and the Council looks forward to reaching out and voicing support for the listed policies during such public hearings.

Our legislative youth council hopes that this report serves as a catalyst for increased real-time dialogue with the General Assembly. In fact, during our Council's meeting at the Statehouse on February 11th, 2020 (our second annual Legislative Day!), we plan to discuss the contents of the report with our lawmakers firsthand.

We look forward to ongoing communications with the General Assembly as the Legislative Session continues. Thank you for your continued support of Hoosier youth all across the Great State of Indiana.

Cordially,

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We, the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council, would like to offer our sincere gratitude for spending your time reviewing the Council's 2020 Bill Endorsements.

In a new era of youth involvement in the legislative and political process, the Council has never had more important of a role in advising the general assembly, and communicating with the public. In response to this responsibility we have taken steps to increase communication and interaction between both the public and the general assembly.

The most effective avenue to communicate with the public is through social media. The Council has established a dedicated website, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. For the first time in the Council's history, members of the public and general assembly can receive updates on our day to day activities and initiatives.

We thank the public and general assembly for ongoing support and listening to our perspective of how to address the issues affecting youth. We hope that over the next year The Council will maintain its status in the eyes of the public as trusted representatives of youth voices throughout Indiana.

Sincerely,

Kyle Feldkamp

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One-Page List of Bill Endorsements

One-Page Brief

This one-page List of Bill Endorsements serves as a brief of the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council's legislative priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session of the Indiana General Assembly. A more detailed overview on the listed bills (as well as a summary of the Council's endorsement process) can be found in the remaining pages of the 2020 Bill Endorsements Report.

The Council's Endorsed Bills of the 2020 Legislative Session

Bill Number	Bill Description	Endorsing Legislators	Vote
HB 1011	Meningococcal disease info for students.	Reps. Bacon (R) & Macer (D)	8-2
HB 1058	Voting pre-registration.	Reps. Boy (D) & Pressel (R)	9-2
HB 1075	Minimum age for juvenile detention.	Rep. Pryor (D)	9-2
HB 1094	Substance abuse prevention and recovery.	Rep. Ziemke (R)	10-1
HB 1221	Poll hours; vote centers.	Rep. Wesco (R)	10-1
SB 30	Tax credit for teacher supplies.	Sen. Randolph, Stoops (D)	8-3
SB 49	Immunity under the lifeline law.	Sen. Merritt (R)	9-2
SB 64	Indiana youth service program.	Sens. Ruckelshaus, Bohacek (R)	8-3
SB 137	Prohibited discrimination in civil rights statute.	Sen. Lanane (D) & Becker (R)	8-2
SB 193	Prohibition of flavored e-liquids.	Sen. Grooms (R)	8-3
SB 246	Mental health services.	Sen. Crider, Merritt (R)	10-1
HJR 1	Minimum age requirements for legislators.	Rep. Chyung (D)	Oral Vote, "Yes"

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Detailed List of Bill Endorsements

House Bill 1011 - Mental disease information for students.

Establishes additional information that a school chief administrative officer must give to students or parents of students about meningococcal disease and immunizations. Provides that the department of education (department), in consultation with the state department of health, must develop and make available materials in the most cost effective and efficient manner. Provides that the department must post the information on its Internet web site.

Bill Author	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Ronald Bacon (R-75) Rep. Karlee Macer (D-92)	Abby Thomas	Madeline Erdell	8-2

House Bill 1058 - Voting pre-registration.

Voting preregistration for 16 and 17 year olds. Creates a system for individuals 16 and 17 years of age to preregister to vote. Defines "preregistration individual".

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Pat Boy (D-9) Rep. Jim Pressel (R-20)	Hayden Redelman	Kyle Feldkamp Abby Thomas Sydney Strecker Wyatt Harvey	9-2

House Bill 1075 - Minimum age for juvenile detention.

Minimum age for juvenile detention. Provides that a child who is less than 12 years of age may not be held in a juvenile detention facility, unless: (1) the child is 10 years of age or 11 years of age; and (2) the court finds that: (A) there is probable cause to believe the child committed an act that would be murder if committed by an adult; and (B) it is in the best interests of the child or the community that a petition be filed alleging that the child is a delinquent child. Requires a court that orders a child 10 years of age or 11 years of age to be detained in a juvenile facility to make specified written findings and conclusions.

Bill Author	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Cherrish Pryor (D-94)	Kyle Feldkamp Abby Thomas	Eilidh MacLeod Sydney Strecker Wyatt Harvey	9-2

House Bill 1094 - Substance abuse prevention and recovery.

Substance use prevention and recovery. Requires the executive director of the Indiana criminal justice institute to work with local coordinating councils and other stakeholders when implementing certain recommendations concerning substance use and substance use disorder. Includes public safety programs in the statutory definition of "criminal justice services and activities". Specifies that local coordinating councils responsible for the combating of drug and substance use are: (1) collaborative; and (2) open to the public. Permits county drug free community funds to supplement local government spending on: (1) drug use recovery programs; (2) drug use intervention programs; and (3) drug use prevention programs. Defines certain terms

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Cindy Ziemke (R-55)	Madeline Erdell	Sydney Strecker	10-1

House Bill 1221 - Poll hours; vote centers.

Poll hours; vote centers. Provides that the polls close at 8 p.m. (Under current law, the polls must close at 6 p.m.) Provides that the adoption, recession, or amendment of a vote center plan may be taken by a majority vote of all members of a county election board. (Current law requires such action to be taken by the unanimous vote of a county election board.)

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Tim Wesco (R-21)	Eilidh MacLeod Hayden Redelman	Abby Thomas Matthew Quintos Tanner Bowman	10-1

Senate Bill 30 - Tax credit for teacher classroom supplies.

Tax credit for teacher classroom supplies. Increases the maximum amount of the income tax credit for an individual employed as a teacher for amounts expended on classroom supplies from \$100 to \$500 per taxable year.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Mark Stoops (D-40) Sen. Lonnie Randolph (D-2)	Matthew Quintos Eilidh MacLeod	Madeline Erdell Kelby Stallings Colton Ferguson	8-3

Senate Bill 49 - Immunity under the lifeline law.

Immunity under the lifeline law. Extends immunity under the lifeline law to the individual on whose behalf emergency medical assistance was requested. Repeals an obsolete provision.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Jim Merritt (D-31)	Madeline Erdell Abby Thomas	Eilidh MacLeod Sydney Strecker Matthew Stachler	9-2

Senate Bill 64 - Indiana youth service program.

Indiana youth service program. Provides that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis shall develop a proposal to establish the Indiana youth service program (program) to provide high school students with the opportunity to learn various skills and participate in service at host sites throughout Indiana. Provides that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis may seek input on the program from the department of workforce development, the commission for higher education, and the legislative services agency. Provides that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis shall present the proposed program, including costs of administration, to the budget committee and the general assembly for review and consideration not later than December 1, 2020.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Mike Bohacek (R-8) Sen. John Ruckelshaus (R-30)	Kyle Feldkamp Matthew Quintos	Wyatt Harvey	8-3

Senate Bill 137 - Prohibited discrimination in civil rights statutes.

Prohibited discrimination in civil rights statutes. Extends certain antidiscrimination and civil rights statutes to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, veteran status, and ancestry.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Tim Lanane (D-25) Sen. Vaneta Becker (R-50)	Matthew Quintos Eilidh MacLeod	Kelby Stallings Christian Means	8-2

Senate Bill 193 - Prohibition of flavored e-liquids.

Prohibition of flavored e-liquids. Prohibits the sale of flavored e-liquid to a person of any age. Defines "flavored e-liquid" as e-liquid that contains a constituent ingredient that is added for the purpose of imparting a characterizing flavor. Provides that a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer may not manufacture, distribute, or market flavored e-liquid in Indiana.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Ronald Grooms (R-46)	Eilidh MacLeod Elijah Roberson	Matthew Stachler Wyatt Harvey	8-3

Senate Bill 246 - Mental health services.

Mental health services. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school to certify to the department of homeland security that the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school has a memorandum of understanding in place with a community mental health center or provider certified or licensed by the state to provide mental and behavioral health services to students before applying for a grant from the Indiana secured school fund. Provides that the community mental health center or provider may be employed by the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. Requires a school corporation and a charter school to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community mental health center or provider certified or licensed by the state to provide mental and behavioral health services to students. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to develop a memorandum of understanding for referral and assist school corporations and charter schools in obtaining a memorandum of understanding with a community mental health center or an appropriate provider.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Jim Merritt (R-31) Sen. Michael Crider (R-28)	Elijah Roberson	Megan Stoner	10-1

House Joint Resolution 1

Changes the age that an individual is eligible for election to the Indiana senate from 25 years of age to 18 years of age. Changes the age that an individual is eligible for election to the Indiana house of representatives from 21 years of age to 18 years of age. Revises obsolete language.

Resolution Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Chris Chyung (D)	Megan Stoner	N/A	Oral Vote Held During November Meeting; Clear “Yes”

About the Council’s 2020 Endorsement Process

2020 Endorsement Process Calendar

1. Council Chair begins accepting House and Senate Bill suggestions on **5** with a **5** submission deadline.
2. Preliminary Vote is held to narrow down all suggestions to the Top Ten Bills **5**. The ballot is sent out on **1** and closes on **5**. The Top Ten Bills move onto a second Confirmation Vote for ratification
3. “Yes/No” Confirmation Vote is held to ratify Top Ten Bills for endorsement. The ballot is sent out on **1** and closes on **5**. Final vote is tallied and recorded.
4. Report is compiled and submitted by the Chair to the Indiana General Assembly on **5**.

ILYAC 2020 Bill Endorsements - Preliminary Vote

Select (10) Bills and Submit Vote by Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at 11:59pm ET

Select (5) out of the nominated (10) House bills, and select (5) out of the nominated (17) Senate bills. Altogether, there will be a combined number of (10) House and Senate bills for suggested endorsement by the Council. Please note that is is not necessarily a ballot for selecting the bills you personally agree with. Instead, this can also be a ballot for selecting the bills you think the Council would be well-suited to represent and advocate for.

1. First and Last Name

2. Select (5) House Bills

1. **HB 1221 - Poll hours; vote centers.** | Rep. Timothy Wesco (R-21) | Provides that the polls close at 8 p.m. (Under current law, the polls must close at 6 p.m.) Provides that the adoption, recession, or amendment of a vote center plan may be taken by a majority vote of all members of a county election board. (Current law requires such action to be taken by the unanimous vote of a county election board.)

2. **HB 1051 - Straight ticket voting.** | Rep. Thomas Saunders (R-54) | Removes a voter's option to vote for all candidates of a political

6. **HB 1156 - Sales tax holiday.** | Rep. Chris Campbell (D-26) | A week long period (Aug. 1-7) where sales tax is exempted for the purpose of school shopping. Clothes, supplies, and backpacks are included.

7. **HB 1094 - Substance abuse prevention and recovery.** | Rep. Cindy Ziemke (R-55) | Permits county drug free community funds to supplement local government spending on: (1) drug use recovery programs; (2) drug use intervention programs; and (3) drug use prevention programs.

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Summary of the 2020 Endorsement Process

The 2020 Bill Endorsement process was conducted entirely within the month of January¹. The endorsement suggestions window opened on January 10th, and a total of (27) bills from both the House and the Senate were submitted by Council members. A majority of these bills were submitted during a work period that was provided during an official Council meeting on January 10th. A detailed listing on all (27) bills was not provided in this Report, but can be obtained by contacting the Council Chair

Over the course of the following two weeks, these bills were narrowed down to top (11)² bills, including (6) Senate Bills and five (1) House Bills, through the Preliminary Vote (14/18 members submitted ballots on time). These top bills were all later ratified through the Confirmation Vote (11/18 members submitted ballots on time) by clear affirmative margins.

¹ House Joint Resolution 1 was introduced by a member during the Nov. meeting, where it was endorsed by oral vote
² The reason why eleven bills (and not ten) were endorsed stems from a tie for 5th among SBs during the Preliminary Vote. To solve this issue, both SBs moved on to the Confirmation Vote (which then led to a total of six Senate Bills endorsed)

Rationale Behind the Publication of Bill Endorsements

The Council first began publishing Bill Endorsements during the 2018 Legislative Session, although it did not publish the listing as a full-fledged Report until the following year, during the 2019 Legislative Session. The second annual report was published during the 2020 Legislative Session. While the Report is not required by the Council's Authorizing Statute, the Council's leadership team believes that such a publication is valuable for numerous reasons, including but not limited to:

- **i** **6** During a given academic year, the Council publishes an Annual Report in November (which includes) well before the General Assembly officially convenes for Legislative Session. By publishing a second Report in late January, the Council is able to facilitate a more timely discussion with lawmakers through its endorsement of mere weeks (or even days) before public hearings are held on those bills.
- **i** **I** The Bill Endorsement process is designed to engage every single member in state-level legislative affairs, as seen through the fact that every member is required to submit at least one bill for suggested endorsement (as well as the fact that a bill cannot be endorsed until a majority vote is reached). Together, the assignments required for successful Bill Endorsement publication encourage every council member to 1) become more familiar with their state district representatives, 2) research policy initiatives being considered on the state level, and 3) become comfortable with differences between the State-level legislative process and the more familiar Federal-level legislative process.

Moving Forward on Future Bill Endorsement Publications³

Last year, exactly nine (9) Senate Bills and only one (1) House Bill were endorsed. To prevent this from happening again, the Council implemented a new rule beginning in 2020, limiting the number of endorsements to no more than five (5) Bills each from the Senate and House. The new rule was implemented successfully this year, and through this change, the Council has the opportunity to engage with of our bicameral legislature in a more effective manner. There was an issue with a tie for 5th among Senate Bills during the Preliminary Vote; to solve this issue, both bills were moved on to the Confirmation Vote anyway (which then led to a total of six Senate Bills endorsed).

The Chair recommends that future council administrations further modify bill endorsement rules in order to take into account other future ties during the Preliminary Vote. The Chair also recommends that the Bill Endorsements process be condensed during short sessions; this year, bills were endorsed the same week as bill viability deadlines, leaving little leeway for more meaningful council advocacy and endorsement. Furthermore, the Chair recommends the continued inclusion of "Letters from Council Leadership" in future Bill Endorsements report. And finally, just like last year, the Chair recommends continued discussion of the council-developed Bill Endorsement Process with the Youth Advisory Councils (YACs) of other States, such as Washington, Louisiana, and Iowa.

³ Requests for Preliminary and Confirmation Vote example ballots, as well as any comments, concerns, or suggestions for future Bill Endorsement Publications, can all be submitted to the Council Chair at aldomedina@college.harvard.edu

Appendix A | 2019-20 Council Membership Directory

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Indianapolis Public Schools

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C. Ferguson, W. Harvey, N. Mertz, E. Roberson, M. Stachler

Appendix B | History of the Council

Key Legislative Events

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2008 Legislative Session of the General Assembly
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House Enrolled Act 1162, authored by State Representative Matthew Bell, creates the Council. The resulting Indiana Code is established as the Council’s Authorizing Statute (IC 2-5-29).

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Indiana Department of Education
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The Council meets for the first time in August 2008. Justin Kingsolver, a Wells Scholar at Indiana University, is elected as the first Council Chair, and Rep. Matthew Bell serves as Council Advisor. The first Annual Report is published in October 2008.

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2010 Legislative Session of the General Assembly
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1. A Dedicated Fund is established to allow for the raising of private funds. [**i**]
2. Responsibility for Council staffing is moved from the Indiana DOE to the Indiana Bar Foundation. [**@**]

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Rep. Matthew Bell leaves his position as both State Representative and Council Advisor; administrative staff at the Indiana Bar Foundation become the Council’s new advisors.

Notable Council Initiatives

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The Council adopts an application process initiative for approximately two years.

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The Council advocates for a national legislative youth council initiative, and publishes a Special “Summer” Report in mid-2012.

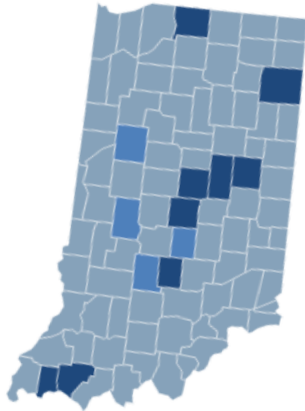
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The Council lobbies legislators during Organization Day, and publishes bill endorsements for the 2018 Legislative Session.

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The Council adopts a modified application process which facilitates the speed of member appointments, establishes a website maintained and updated by members () organizes a Council Legislative Day on the Capitol grounds, and submits it’s first Bill Endorsements Report.

Appendix C | The 2019-20 Council By the Numbers⁴



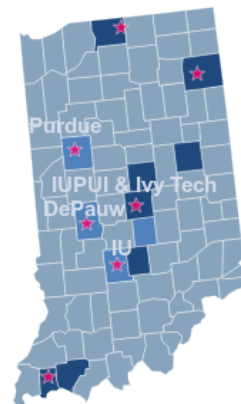
Towns and Cities in Counties

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Educational Institutions

with of these being publicly funded

- DePauw University
- Indiana University - Bloomington
- Indiana University-Purdue University: Indianapolis
- Ivy Tech Community College: Indianapolis
- Purdue University
- 5 public, 1 public charter, & 3 private high schools



Age

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 K. Stallings '18, A. Thomas '19
 S. Strecker '19, M. Quintos '20
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 B. Trela '12, L. Jordan '14
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 J. Kingsolver '07, J. Hitchcock '11
 E. MacLeod '20, A. Medina '20

As Of January 1st, 2020

16 years old - 17 years old -
 18 years old - 19 years old -
 20 years old - 21 years old -

As of January 31st, 2020

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 Governor (R) -1/2
 Senate President (R) -5/5
 Senate Minority Leader (D) -5/5
 House Speaker (R) -2/5
 House Minority Leader (D) -5/5

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⁴ Numbers are accurate as of January 31st, 2020 unless otherwise stated. The figures of the State of Indiana were updated on 11/25/19 and do not depict Morgan County, where two County students received ILYAC appointments by 1/1/2020.

