

2022 Bill Endorsements

Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council

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Letter From Council Leadership

February 28th, 2022

Respected Members of the Indiana General Assembly,

We, the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (ILYAC), would like to thank all the members of the public and Indiana General Assembly for spending your time reviewing the Council's 2022 Bill Endorsements.

The ILYAC was originally founded in 2008 by HEA 1162 and was originally tasked with publishing an Annual Report that will help represent the youth of our state within the legislative process. Since then, the scope of the Council's mission has expanded to include the publishing of a Bill Endorsement Report, which offers the Council's feedback on proposed legislation within the Indiana Senate and House.

Our members have been working vigorously through our legislative research, discussion during Council meetings, and interactions with lawmakers to craft this document. The Council's movement to a zoom based format during the COVID-19 pandemic has not hampered our work and advocacy.

As a result of this engagement, our members have reviewed current proposed legislation from the Indiana House and Senate, resulting in the endorsement of ten (20) bills, with five (10) bills coming from each chamber. Due to the volume of bills introduced in the initial discussions and the passion of our membership, we have decided to double the number of bills endorsed in the prior year. In this report, you will find a detailed listing of these bills and the methodology that was employed to determine the Council's endorsements.

To continue informing our understanding of policy and the pertinent issues that the youth of our state face, our Council will be conducting its fourth annual Legislative Day.

Once again, the Council would like to extend a sincere thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of Indiana youth and listening to our ideas within the lawmaking process.

Cordially,

Sincerely,

Kyle Feldkamp

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Brief List of Bill Endorsements

The Council's Endorsed Bills of the 2021 Legislative Session

Bill Number and Digest	Bill Author(s)	Vote [1] <i>Yes/No</i>
HB 1013 - State fossil	Rep. Frye (R)	8-2
HB 1045 - 529 college savings accounts	Rep. Heine (R)	10-0
HB 1081 - Human trafficking.	Rep. McNamara (R)	9-1
HB 1140 - Medicaid coverage for pregnant women.	Rep. Vermilion (R)	8-1
HB 1193 - Opioid litigation.	Rep. Karickhoff (R)	9-1
HB 1247 - Child fatalities.	Rep. Lauer (R)	9-1
HB 1313 - Screening children for lead poisoning.	Rep. Barrett (R)	9-1
HB 1320 - Purchases from youth agricultural programs.	Rep Snow (R)	9-1
HB 1359 - Juvenile law matters.	Rep McNamara (R)	9-1
HB 1361 - TANF and child care assistance eligibility.	Rep Goodrich (R)	8-1
SB 2 - Various education matters.	Sen. Raatz (R) Sen. Dennis Kruse (R)	8-2
SB 4 - Local workforce recruiting and retention.	Sen. Holdman (R) Sen. Raatz (R)	10-0
SB 84 - Suicide and drug overdose death reporting.	Sen. Leising (R) Sen. Becker (R) Sen. Charbonneau (R)	9-1
SB 115 - School employee misconduct.	Sen. Freeman (R) Sen. Bohacek (R) Sen. Crider (R)	10-0
SB 121 - School bus stop arm violation enforcement.	Sen. Niemeyer (R) Sen. Bohacke (R)	9-1
SB 155 - Human trafficking.	Sen. Crider (R) Sen. Young (R)	10-0

	Sen. Ford (R)	
SB 176 - Agricultural land used for wind or solar energy.	Sen. Leising (R) Sen. Koch (R)	10-0
SB 356 - Education matters.	Sen. Rogers (R) Sen. Buchanan (R) Sen. Raatz (R)	9-1
SB 404 - Child care availability and affordability.	Sen. Qaddoura (D) Sen. Rogers (R) Sen. Ford (R)	8-2
SB 411 - Commercial solar and wind energy.	Sen. Messmer (R) Sen. Koch (R)	9-1

[1]Based on the votes of 10 council members who submitted ballots on time.

Detailed List of Bill Endorsements

House Bill 1013 - State fossil.

State fossil. Designates the mastodon as the official state fossil of Indiana.

Bill Author	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Randall Frye (R-67)	Matthew Quintos		8-2

House Bill 1045 - 529 college savings accounts.

529 college savings accounts. Increases the maximum amount of the annual credit against adjusted gross income to which a taxpayer is entitled for a contribution to a college choice 529 education savings plan.

Bill Author	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Dave Heine (R-86)	Madeline Erdell Joe Angert Matthew Quintos		10-0

House Bill 1081 - Human trafficking.

Human trafficking. Modifies the definition of "protected person" for purposes of the admission of a statement or videotape of an individual who is less than 14 years of age at the time of the offense but less than 18 years of age at the time of trial. Removes the requirement that money paid for a human trafficking victim or for an act performed by a human trafficking victim be paid to a third party. Increases the penalty if the human trafficking victim is less than 18 years of age. Specifies that: (1) consent by the human trafficking victim; or (2) a belief that the human trafficking victim was at least 18 years of age; is not a defense to a prosecution. Requires law enforcement agencies to report human trafficking investigations to the attorney general within 30 days after an investigation begins.

Bill Author	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Wendy McNamara (R-76)	Wyatt Harvey Joe Angert Matthew Quintos	Madeline Erdell	10-0

House Bill 1140 - Medicaid coverage for pregnant women.

Medicaid coverage for pregnant women. Repeals the statute specifying Medicaid eligibility for qualified pregnant women. Increases the Medicaid income eligibility requirements for pregnant women. Removes the Medicaid limitation for pregnant women of medical assistance coverage only for

pregnancy related services. Provides that the extension of postpartum Medicaid coverage for pregnant women shall be determined by the office of the secretary of family and social services and must be at least 60 days but not more than 12 months beginning on the last day of the pregnancy.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor (s)	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Ann Vermilion (R-31)	Nate Alexander Matthew Quintos Matthew Stachler		8-1

House Bill 1193 - Opioid litigation.

Opioid litigation. Amends the deadline by which a political subdivision may opt back in to an opioid litigation settlement. Requires a political subdivision to submit a copy of the agreement executed between the political subdivision and the private legal counsel of the political subdivision when opting back into the opioid litigation settlement. Removes language providing that no political subdivision has any claim to any settlement proceeds for litigation against any opioid party not yet filed by the state as of a certain date. Removes certain requirements concerning the payment of costs, expenses, and attorney's fees and costs arising from opioid litigation. Changes the basis by which the agency settlement fund distributes funds to cities, counties, and towns. Reduces the percentage of opioid litigation settlement funds distributed for use of statewide treatment, education, and prevention programs for opioid use disorder. Provides that 35% of opioid litigation settlement funds are to be distributed to cities, counties, and towns for programs for treatment, prevention, and care that are best practices for opioid use disorder. Provides that funds received from the opioid settlement may not be distributed to a city, county, or town that has opted out of the settlement and that the remaining funds shall be distributed to the cities, counties, or towns that have opted into the settlement.

Bill Author	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Michael Karickhoff (R-30)	Nate Alexander Matthew Quintos	Kyle Feldkamp	9-1

HB 1247 - Child fatality reporting.

Child fatality reporting. Requires the state child fatality review coordinator to provide to each local child fatality review team a data collection form for reporting data regarding child fatalities. Specifies additional information that must be included in the department of child services' annual report regarding child fatalities that are the result of abuse or neglect.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Ryan Lauer (R-59)	Madeline Erdell	Joe Angert Kyle Feldkamp	9-1

House Bill 1313 - Screening children for lead poisoning.

Screening children for lead poisoning. Requires the state department of health to establish guidance and standards for health care providers for screening children in Indiana for lead poisoning from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026. Requires a health care provider who provides health care services to a child who is less than six years of age to take certain actions concerning a blood lead screening test from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026. Specifies that a parent or guardian is not required to have their child receive a blood lead screening test.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor (s)	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Brad Barrett (R-56)	Nate Alexander Madeline Erdell Kyle Feldkamp	Matthew Quintos	9-1

House Bill 1320 - Purchases from youth agricultural programs.

Purchases from youth agricultural programs. Raises the total amount of food that a public school or school corporation (purchasing agency) may purchase from a youth agricultural education program to \$10,000 per fiscal year. Specifies that if a purchasing agency purchases more than \$10,000 of food from a youth agricultural educational program per fiscal year, the purchasing agency must comply with the applicable federal procurement requirements.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor (s)	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Craig Snow (R-18)	Madeline Erdell Wyatt Harvey Kyle Feldkamp		7-3

House Bill 1359 - Juvenile law matters.

Juvenile law matters. Requires the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (commission) to create a statewide juvenile justice oversight body (oversight body) to do the following: (1) Develop a plan to collect and report statewide juvenile justice data. (2) Establish procedures and policies related to the use of certain screening tools and assessments. (3) Develop a statewide plan to address the provision of broader behavioral health services to children in the juvenile justice system. (4) Develop a plan for the provision of transitional services for a child who is a ward of the department of correction. (5) Develop a plan for the juvenile diversion and community alternatives grant programs. Provides that the oversight body shall, not later than July 1, 2023, submit to the commission and the legislative council: (1) the plan for the juvenile diversion and community alternatives grant programs; and (2) the juvenile justice data collection plan and the plan for the use of screening tools, assessments,

and services. Requires the judicial conference of Indiana to develop statewide juvenile probation standards that are aligned with research based practices, and requires the board of directors of the judicial conference of Indiana to approve the standards by July 1, 2023. Requires the use of a risk and needs assessment tool, a risk screening tool, and a diagnostic assessment when evaluating a child at specific points in the juvenile justice system to identify the child's risk for reoffense. Requires an intake officer and the juvenile court to use the results of a detention tool to inform the use of secure detention and document the reason for the use of detention if the tool is overridden. Requires a court to: (1) after use of a detention tool, include in a court order the reason for a juvenile detention override; and (2) submit details of the juvenile detention override to the office of judicial administration (office). Requires the office to provide an annual report to the governor, chief justice, and legislative council before December 1 of each year that includes information about a court's use of a detention tool and reasons for overriding the results of the detention tool. Provides that a child less than 12 years of age cannot be detained unless detention is essential to protect the community and no reasonable alternatives exist to reduce the risk. Establishes a procedure for juvenile diversion. Requires the office to provide an annual report to the governor, chief justice, and legislative council before December 1 of each year that includes data on any child diverted through the juvenile diversion program. Repeals provisions requiring a child who participates in a program of informal adjustment to pay an informal adjustment program fee. Provides that a child who is a ward of the department of correction shall receive at least three months of transitional services to support reintegration of the child back into the community and to reduce recidivism. Requires the department of correction to provide an annual report to the governor, chief justice, and legislative council before December 1 of each year that includes collected data that will help assess the impact of reintegration improvements for juveniles, including tracking recidivism beyond incarceration and into the adult system. Provides that a juvenile court may recommend telehealth services as an alternative to a child receiving a diagnostic assessment. Establishes: (1) the juvenile diversion and community alternatives grant programs and grant programs fund; and (2) the juvenile behavioral health competitive grant pilot program and grant pilot program fund; as of July 1, 2023. Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute (institute) to administer each program and fund. Requires the local or regional justice reinvestment advisory council or another local collaborative body to oversee certain juvenile community alternatives grants awarded to a county. Requires the institute to prepare an annual report to the governor, chief justice, and legislative council before December 1 of each year that details certain performance measures that counties receiving grants must collect and report. Requires the office of judicial administration to administer the statewide juvenile justice data aggregation plan. Makes conforming changes. Makes a technical correction.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor (s)	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Wendy McNamara (R-76)	Madeline Erdell Joe Angert Kyle Feldkamp		9-1

[House Bill 1361 - TANF and child care assistance eligibility.](#)

TANF and child care assistance eligibility. Provides, for purposes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), that a TANF assistance group that has qualified for and is receiving assistance under TANF does not cease to qualify for assistance under TANF due solely to an increase in the value of the resources of the TANF assistance group so long as the resources of the TANF assistance group are valued at not more than \$10,000. Provides that: (1) the value of a child's primary residence; and (2) \$20,000 of total equity value in motor vehicles belonging to members of a child's family; are exempt from consideration for purposes of determining the child's eligibility for TANF. Provides that up to \$15,000 in income earned by a household member while the household member is a student participating in or pursuing: (1) the household member's first postsecondary degree; (2) a workforce certificate; (3) a preapprenticeship; or (4) an apprenticeship; may not be considered in determining the amount of assistance for which the household is eligible under the Child Care and Development Fund voucher program.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-29)	Carter May Joe Angert		8-1

Senate Bill 2 - Various education matters.

Various education matters. Provides that, in determining whether at least 50% of the instructional services that a student receives from a school corporation is virtual instruction for purposes of the 2021 fall count of ADM, the department of education (department) shall review the attendance of each student on each school day from the school corporation's first day of school until the school corporation's last day of school of the 2021 fall semester. Makes an exception regarding the school days the department reviews for students who transferred to or from a school corporation during the 2021 fall semester. Provides that, if a school corporation's tuition support amount is adjusted as a result of the application of this provision, the department shall, after December 31, 2021, settle any overpayment or underpayment of state tuition support to a school corporation resulting from the adjustment of tuition support on the schedule determined by the department. Requires each school corporation and charter school to annually report to the department the number of students who, during the students' expected graduation year: (1) were enrolled in the school corporation on the September ADM count day; (2) completed graduation requirements before the February ADM count day; and (3) were not enrolled in the school corporation on the February ADM count day. Provides for the calculation of an early graduation grant. Establishes the Indiana student enrichment grant program (program). Provides that an enrichment student is eligible to establish an Indiana enrichment scholarship account. Provides that an enrichment student may receive \$1,000 to be used for certain qualified expenses. Provides that the department shall administer the program. Provides that the program expires July 1, 2025.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin

Sen. Jeff Raatz
(R-27)
Sen. Dennis Kruse
(R-14)

Kyle Feldkamp

8-2

Senate Bill 4 - Local workforce recruiting and retention.

Local workforce recruiting and retention. Authorizes a local unit (county, municipality, town, township, or school corporation) to establish a workforce retention and recruitment program (program) and fund (fund) for the purposes of recruiting and retaining individuals who will satisfy the current and future workforce needs of the unit's employers or provide substantial economic impact to the unit, including providing incentives in the form of grants or loans to qualified workers. Defines "qualified worker" for purposes of the program. Requires a qualified worker who receives a grant or loan from the fund to enter into an incentive agreement. Authorizes the unit to transfer money into the fund from other sources. Provides that the executive of the unit shall administer the fund in coordination with a workforce fund board of managers (workforce fund managers) appointed by the executive of the unit. Requires the workforce fund managers to annually submit a report setting out their activities during the preceding calendar year to the executive of the unit, the fiscal body of the unit, and the department of local government finance. Makes conforming changes.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Jeff Raatz (R-27) Sen Travis Holdman (R-27)	Joe Angert	Kyle Feldkamp	10-0

Senate Bill 84 - Suicide and drug overdose death reporting.

Suicide and drug overdose death reporting. Provides that the state department of health (department) shall annually prepare a report concerning all suicide and overdose fatalities in Indiana that occurred during the preceding calendar year. Requires the report to include: (1) the number of fatalities that occurred in each county; (2) the number of fatalities that occurred during each month; (3) the age, sex, and race of each fatality victim; (4) the method of suicide or overdose, including the type of weapon and each substance used; and (5) if known, whether the fatality victim has served in the armed forces of the United States or the national guard. Provides that the first report must also include information from the 2020 calendar year. Requires the department to submit the report and an executive summary of the report to the general assembly and the governor.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Jean Leising (R-42)	Kyle Feldkamp Madeline Erdell	Joe Angert	9-1

Sen. Vaneta Becker
(R-50)
Sen. Ed Charbonneau
(R-5)

Wyatt Harvey
Ranvir Sandhu

Senate Bill 115 - School employee misconduct.

School employee misconduct. Provides that a policy adopted by a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school with at least one employee addressing expanded criminal history checks or expanded child protection index checks (background checks) must prohibit the hiring of, continuing the employment of, contracting with, or continuing to contract with a person who has been convicted of an offense requiring license revocation, unless the conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside on appeal. (Current law provides that such a policy addressing background checks must prohibit the hiring of a person who has been convicted of an offense requiring license revocation, unless the conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside on appeal.) Provides that: (1) a school corporation; (2) a charter school; or (3) an entity: (A) with which a school corporation or charter school contracts for services; and (B) that has employees who are likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the employees' employment; shall consider whether information obtained from the background checks concerning an individual's conviction for certain offenses constitutes grounds to not employ, not contract with, or to terminate the employment of or contract with the individual. Provides that, in the event that an entity obtains information that an individual employed by the entity who works at a particular school corporation or charter school has been convicted of certain offenses, the entity shall immediately notify the school corporation or charter school of the employee's conviction. Provides that sealed records may be disclosed to a school for the purpose of determining whether to: (1) employ a person seeking employment, including volunteer employment, with the school, or to continue a person's employment, including volunteer employment, at the school; or (2) grant access or admission to the school to an applicant contractor or a contractor if the applicant or contractor is likely to have contact with a student enrolled in the school, regardless of the student's age. Makes changes to the list of offenses for which the department of education shall permanently revoke a teacher's license. Makes conforming changes.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Aaron Freeman (R-32) Sen. Mike Bohacek (R-8) Sen. Michael Crider (R-28)	Nate Alexander Joe Angert		10-0

Senate Bill 121 - School bus stop arm violation enforcement.

School bus stop arm violation enforcement. Provides that a registered owner of a motor vehicle commits an infraction if the owner's vehicle is used to violate the school bus stop arm law. Provides a

defense for a registered owner who provides certain information to law enforcement and fully cooperates with law enforcement, if: (1) the vehicle was stolen; (2) the registered owner routinely engages in the business of renting the vehicle; (3) the registered owner provided the vehicle for the use of an employee; or (4) the registered owner provides documentary evidence that the owner was out of state at the time the violation was committed. Specifies that: (1) the bureau of motor vehicles may not assess points for the infraction; and (2) an adjudication for the infraction does not create a presumption of liability in a civil action.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Rick Niemeyer (R-6) Sen. Mike Bohacke (R-8)	Wyatt Harvey		9-1

Senate Bill 155 - Human trafficking.

Human trafficking. Modifies the definition of "protected person" for purposes of the admission of a statement or videotape of an individual who is less than 14 years of age at the time of the offense but less than 18 years of age at the time of trial. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally: (1) pays, or offers or agrees to pay, money or other property; or (2) offers a benefit; for a human trafficking victim with the specific intent to induce or obtain the product or act for which the human trafficking victim was trafficked commits human trafficking, a Level 4 felony. Specifies that consent by the human trafficking victim is not a defense to a prosecution. Requires law enforcement agencies to report human trafficking investigations to the attorney general within 30 days after an investigation begins. Makes a technical correction.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Michael Crider (R-28) Sen. Michael Young (R-35) Sen. Jon Ford (R-38)	Nate Alexander Matthew Quintos Madeline Erdell	Joe Angert Matthew Quintos	10-0

Senate Bill 176 - Agricultural land used for wind or solar energy.

Agricultural land used for wind or solar energy. Requires the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) to include in its annual report to the governor and the chairman of the legislative council the following information concerning utility grade wind power devices (devices) and utility grade solar energy facilities (facilities) for each county in Indiana: (1) The total number of devices and facilities installed or under construction. (2) The total generating capacity of the devices and facilities. (3) The county's total land acreage that is occupied by, or otherwise part of a project or development that

includes, one or more devices or facilities. (4) Of the occupied acreage, the percentage of that acreage that was assessed as agricultural land for property tax purposes: (A) as of the most recent assessment date; or (B) immediately before the commencement of construction of one or more devices or facilities on the land. Requires the IURC to present: (1) the IURC's annual report to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications (committee) before October 1 each year; and (2) the new information required under the bill: (A) before October 1, 2022, to the 21st century energy policy development task force; and (B) before October 1 of each year, to the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives having subject matter jurisdiction over agricultural matters. Makes conforming amendments to the statute governing the committee's duties to monitor changes and competition in the energy utility industry.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Jean Leising (R-42) Sen. Eric Koch (R-44)	Matthew Quintos		10-0

Senate Bill 356 - Education matters.

Education matters. Makes changes to the requirements necessary to obtain an initial practitioner license for an individual who completes an alternative teacher certification program and changes regarding teaching special education under the license. Provides that, for school years beginning after June 30, 2022, a school corporation may provide a supplemental payment to a teacher in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan. (Current law allows a school corporation to provide supplemental payment to a teacher in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan if certain circumstances apply.) Requires that, if the state board of education grants the designation of a transformation zone within a school corporation after June 30, 2022, the governing body of the school corporation may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to manage and operate all of the schools included in the transformation zone. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation or entity that is a party to any agreement for the management and operation of a transformation zone may submit a complaint to the department of education (department) on a form established by the department for an alleged violation of the agreement. Provides that, not later than 30 days after the date a governing body or entity submits a complaint, the department shall issue a decision concerning the complaint. Provides that employees of a transformation zone may organize and create a separate bargaining unit to collectively bargain with the entity operating the transformation zone.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Linda Rogers (R-11)	Ranvir Sandhu Wyatt Harvey		9-1

Sen. Brian Buchanan
 (R-7)
 Sen. Jeff Raatz
 (R-27)

Senate Bill 404 - Child care availability and affordability.

Child care availability and affordability. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the topic of availability and affordability of child care in Indiana. Requires the interim study committee to which the topic is assigned to: (1) consider means by which the availability and affordability of child care services in Indiana can be increased; and (2) not later than November 1, 2022, submit to the general assembly a strategic plan for increasing the availability and affordability of child care services in Indiana.

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Fady Qaddoura (D-30)	Kyle Feldkamp Nate Alexander		8-2
Sen. Linda Rogers (R-11)	Madeline Erdell Joe Angert		
Sen. Jon Ford (R-38)			

Senate Bill 411 - Child care availability and affordability.

Commercial solar and wind energy. Establishes default standards concerning the following with respect to wind power projects in local units that voluntarily adopt the standards: (1) Setback requirements. (2) Height restrictions. (3) Shadow flicker limitations. (4) Signal interference. (5) Sound level limitations. (6) Wind turbine light mitigation technology. (7) Required repairs to drainage related infrastructure. (8) Project decommissioning. Defines a unit that voluntarily adopts all of the default standards, or standards less restrictive than the default standards, as a "wind energy ready community". Establishes default standards concerning the following with respect to commercial solar projects in units that voluntarily adopt the standards: (1) Setback requirements. (2) Height restrictions. (3) Ground cover. (4) Fencing. (5) Cables. (6) Glare. (7) Signal interference. (8) Sound level limitations. (9) Required repairs to drainage related infrastructure. (10) Project decommissioning. Defines a unit that voluntarily adopts all of the default standards, or standards less restrictive than the default standards, as a "solar energy ready community".

Bill Author (s)	Council Sponsor	Council Co-Sponsors	Vote Margin
Sen. Mark Messmer (R-48)	Nate Alexander Kyle Feldkamp		9-1
Sen. Eric Koch (R-44)			

Resolutions

A resolution Against the Passage of HB 1041

The Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council stands firmly against the attempts to pass HB 1041 into law. It is the responsibility of The Council to protect the rights of young Hoosiers across the state and we must stand against this bill because it is atrocious for Hoosier children.

Sports provide a pivotal avenue for childhood developmental growth. Children and teenagers learn to become better people, leaders, and members of a community by exposing them to experiences which will build up the values of hardwork and sportsmanship as well as provide room for competition and learning skills needed to overcome adversity. The Council believes that sports should be available to any child willing to participate.

Liberty is a fundamental value which America has committed to upholding in our society. This bill jeopardizes the mission of our nation and state's founding fathers in which liberty and equality are held above all other values. It is incumbent that the Indiana General Assembly allow the athletic associations and school districts to make these decisions for the betterment of our youth, state, and societal values.

Organizations such as the IHSAA and others similar to it can better protect and serve Hoosier youth as they coordinate sport activities in Indiana and facilitate these discussions on a daily-basis. A government that serves the people trusts its experts and the members of these organizations are the experts. It is necessary that the state to let these organizations manage sports in a manner that they find is best for their communities. This bill prevents the people from managing their own affairs and as such, should not become law.

Additionally, this bill puts the psychological health of not only LGBTQ+ youth but of all Hoosier youth at risk. The using procedures outlined in this bill will place children and teenagers in unsafe and uncomfortable medical situations. This bill also would lead to a greater risk of harassment with the high school sports environment. With the competitive nature of sports, all it could take is the spreading of a rumor or a lie to an administrator and straight, cisgendered student athletes may be forced to undergo these procedures. The trauma caused by such procedures is great. It will tear teams apart, heighten tensions amongst student bodies, and potentially result in students causing harm to themselves and others, possibly resulting in the loss of life. For the welfare and protection of Hoosier children, we ask this bill not become law.

A resolution Against the Passage of HB 1134

The Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council stands firmly against the passage of HB 1134 into law.

During the COVID-19 pandemic teachers have above and beyond their calls to help students achieve success even in the toughest of circumstances. The bare minimum the state can do to thank these educators for their sacrifice is to enact legislation that makes a teacher's job easier, not harder.

Educational issues are best left up to the local school districts who understand their educators and students in a far more personal way than the state ever could. The founding fathers broke formal ties to Britain in the year 1776 because they believed far away politicians shouldn't dictate how American communities are run. Similarly today, the council believes that politicians far away from the classroom shouldn't dictate how teachers and local communities should run - especially when it comes to education. No teacher should have their ability to impart lessons to Hoosier students taken away by a far away politician who has never met them. No student should have the right to have their education taken away from them because a group of people in Indianapolis allowed their parents to deprive them of their own experiences. No idea should be stopped from being discussed because the state deemed it cannot be taught.

The burden on teachers is already substantial. The pay parity of teachers has not been sufficient to meet their dedication and hardwork. Yet they continue to serve the public by providing a well educated populous and skilled workforce. If the state continues to make the jobs of our educators harder than it is very possible that Indiana schools may face an exodus of skilled teachers and educators leaving Hoosier Youth without mentors to look up to and guide them into becoming good citizens of the United States. This harm done to teachers will hit most in poorer and rural areas which receive less funding than more populated and affluent areas of the state do. Without good educators, students will have fewer role models to help shape their morals, potentially leading to anti-social and self-destructive behavior, and won't be guided into activities that will build their character such as sports, academic competition, or Youth clubs. Indiana needs educators, by passing this bill the state and private educational services will have a harder time attracting and retaining teachers which will serve as a detriment to our communities, Indiana, the United States of America, and the World.

About the Council’s 2022 Endorsement Process

2022 Endorsement Process Calendar

1. Council Chair begins accepting House and Senate Bill suggestions on **Fri. 2/11** with a **Wed. 2/16** submission deadline.
2. Preliminary Vote is held to narrow down all suggestions to the Top Twenty Bills. The ballot is sent out on **Fri. 2/18** and closes on **Mon. 2/21**. The Top Ten Bills move onto a second Confirmation Vote for ratification.
3. “Yes/No” Confirmation Vote is held to ratify Top Twenty Bills for endorsement [Figure 1]. The ballot is sent out on **Tue. 2/22** and closes on **Wed. 2/23**. Final vote is tallied and recorded.
4. Report is compiled and submitted by the Chair to the Indiana General Assembly on **Fri. 2/28**.

ILYAC 2022 Bill Endorsements- 3rd Round Vote (Top 20 Bills)

Questions 1-20 Yes or No for support of Bills for endorsement
Questions 21-22 Council Statement against General Assembly passage of bills.

1. Name

2. **HB 1313. Screening children for lead poisoning.** Requires the state department of health to establish guidance and standards for health care providers for screening children in Indiana for lead poisoning from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026. Requires a health care provider who provides health care services to a child who is less than six years of age to take certain actions concerning a blood lead screening test from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.

Yes
 No

[Figure 1] Partial screenshot of the electronic Ballot that all Council members were required to submit during the 2022 Confirmation Vote.

Summary of the 2022 Endorsement Process

The 2022 Bill Endorsement process was conducted entirely within the month of February. The endorsement suggestions window opened on February 11th, and a total of (42) bills from both the House and the Senate were submitted by Council members. A detailed listing on all (42) bills was not provided in this Report but can be obtained by contacting the Council Chair (*see Appendix A for contact details*).

Over the course of the following two weeks, these bills were narrowed down to top (20) bills, including (10) Senate Bills and five (10) House Bills, through the Preliminary Vote. These top bills were all later ratified through the Confirmation Vote by clear affirmative margins.

Rationale Behind the Publication of Bill Endorsements

The following rationale and moving forward sections below were written by former Council Chair Aldo Medina. The current Council Chair deems the following information both pertinent and relevant not only for future Council leadership but also readers of this report, as former Council Chair Aldo Medina was instrumental in the development and publication of previous Bill Endorsement Reports.

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:

- **Real-time involvement with the affairs of the General Assembly.** During a given academic year, the Council publishes an Annual Report in November (which includes *broad policy suggestions*) well before the General Assembly officially convenes for Legislative Session. By publishing a second Report in late February, the Council is able to facilitate a more timely discussion with lawmakers through its endorsement of *specific bills* mere weeks (or even days) before public hearings are held on those bills.
- **Required engagement of all our members in the State-level legislative process.** 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.

Appendix A: 2021-22 Council Membership Directory

Kyle Feldkamp

Council Chair

[Contact:kfeldy15@gmail.com]

Appointed Aug. 2021 (2nd term)

Appointed January. 2019 (1st term)

Granger, Indiana | Saint Joseph County

Ariel Dodds

Council Legislative Liaison

Appointed Jan. 2020 (3rd term)

Appointed Feb. 2018 (2nd term)

Appointed June 2016 (1st term)

Elwood, Indiana | Madison County

Ivy Tech Community College: Indianapolis

Matthew Quintos

Council Secretary

Appointed Aug. 2019 (1st term)

Fort Wayne, Indiana | Allen County

Indiana University

Tanner Bowman

Appointed Feb. 2019 (2nd term)

Appointed Feb. 2017 (1st term)

Nashville, Indiana | Brown County

Brown County High School

Matthew Stachler

Appointed Jan. 2020 (1st term)

Fort Wayne, Indiana | Allen County

Purdue University

Madeline Erdell

Appointed July 2019 (2nd term)

Appointed Dec. 2018 (1st term)

Newburgh, Indiana | Warrick County

Purdue University

Wyatt Harvey

Appointed Jan. 2020 (1st term)

Fort Wayne, Indiana | Allen County

Butler University

Emily Mertz

Appointed July 2020 (1st term)

Indianapolis, Indiana | Marion County

Southport High School

Carter May

Appointed Feb. 2020

Bedford, Indiana | Lawrence County

Butler University

Nathan Alexander

Appointed Feb. 2020

Evansville, Indiana | Vanderburgh County

Indiana University: Bloomington

Ranvir Sandhu

Appointed Aug. 2019 (1st term)

Fishers, Indiana | Hamilton County

Ivy Tech Community College: Indianapolis

Joe Angert

Appointed Jul. 2021

Carmel, Indiana | Hamilton County

Indiana University



Top row, left to right: W. Harvey, K. Feldkamp, M. Quintos,
2nd row, left to right: M Stachler, A. Dodds, J. Angert,
Bottom row, left to right: R. Sandhu, Madeline Erdell

Appendix B | History of the Council

Key Legislative Events

Creation of the Council

2008 Legislative Session of the General Assembly
January to March 2008

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).

The First Session of the Council

Indiana Department of Education
August 2008 to July 2009

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.

Amendments to the Authorizing Statute

2010 Legislative Session of the General Assembly
January to March 2008

1. A Dedicated Fund is established to allow for the raising of private funds. [*Repealed in 2014*]
2. Responsibility for Council staffing is moved from the Indiana DOE to the Indiana Bar Foundation. [*IC 2-5-29-6*]

Changes in Council Advisory

June 2010

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

2010-11 | Third Session of the Council

August 2010 to July 2011

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

2011-12 | Fourth Session of the Council

August 2011 to July 2012

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

2017-18 | Tenth Session of the Council

August 2017 to July 2018

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

2018-19 | Eleventh Session of the Council

July 2018 to June 2019

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

Appendix C | The 2021-22 Council By the Numbers

*Numbers and figures are accurate as of February 1st, 2022 unless otherwise stated.



15 Towns and Cities in 13 Counties

Dark Blue Denotes Member Hometowns; Light Blue Denotes Members Who Attend Out-of-County Schools and Universities

Bloomington, Monroe County | **Carmel**, Hamilton County
Evansville, Vanderburgh County | **Fishers**, Hamilton County
Fort Wayne, Allen County | **Granger**, St. Joseph County
Indianapolis, Marion County | **Martinsville**, Morgan County
Trafalgar, Johnson County | **Newburgh**, Warrick County
Westfield, Hamilton County | **Bedford**, Lawrence County
South Bend, St. Joseph County

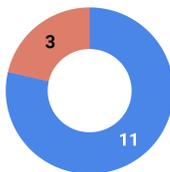
6 Educational Institutions

with 5 of these being publicly funded

Indiana University - Bloomington
 Purdue University
 Butler University
 Ivy Tech Community College
 Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities
 Southport High School



3-11 Ratio of Females to Males



Age Distribution

16 years old - 1
 17 years old - 1
 18 years old - 2
 19 years old - 6
 20 years old - 3
 21 years old - 1

Appointments

14/22 Member Appointments
 Governor (R) - 1/2
 Senate President (R) - 5/5
 Senate Minority Leader (D) - 1/5
 House Speaker (R) - 4/5
 House Minority Leader (D) - 3/5



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