

Capitol Insider

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Get Ready for Conference Committees

Now that all bills have gone through each house, each has gone to its next step. That could be signed by leadership then the governor, or decided whether to consent the passage as amended or a dissent was filed which sends it to conference committees.

At this point, we know that the budget will be in conference committee. Possibly also going to conference is HB 1009 was *Freedom to Teach* was amended to include changes in the high stakes test. HB1466 Pension matters – was amended in the Senate which makes it likely to go to conference committee. HB 1483 with education issues that was amended in the Senate. House author dissented. 1638 that has to do with the timeline for SBOE takeover from 6 years to 4. SB 1 was changed in House. And finally 566 that has multiple amendments.

Nothing will be final until all conference committees meet, compromise for a solution, and each body votes again on the conference committee report.

CONVENTION 2015

It's almost here. AFT Indiana's annual convention is May 1-2 in Hammond, Indiana. Friday night is provides an opportunity to let down your hair, meet up with folks from around the state, and get ready for doing the business of AFT Indiana on Saturday.

Remember that in addition to the business meeting, we will have a *LIVE AUCTION* to raise funds for PAC (Political Action Committee) to use for candidates who support public education. Locals donate some really cool baskets or other items that we can bid on. Looking forward to your clever contributions again this year as "Auctioneer Oakley" conducts his second live auction.

We need your participation both ways – contributions and bidding. See you in Hammond May 1-2.

CALENDAR

Apr. 29 – Legislature must adjourn by statute; special sessions can be called

May 1-2 – AFT Indiana annual convention; Hammond, IN

****AFT Indiana is tentatively scheduling regional social media workshops for June – Gary and Anderson. Plan to send some members to learn about Facebook, Twitter, writing a letter to the editor, etc. Details in the planning stage. Learn and laugh with colleagues from around the state.*

Jun 22-26 – AFT Union Leadership Institute (Delavan, WI)

Jul 13-15 – AFT TEACH Conference (Washington, DC)

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will be a final report of legislative action.**