

- HB1001 BIENNIAL BUDGET** (BROWN T) 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. Provides \$5,000,000 from a 2013 appropriation for the health and safety contingency fund to rehabilitate a state owned building to be used to provide services to Indiana's veterans. The remainder of the digest will be the digest from the back end PD to be logged later.  
*Current Status:* 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1003 STUDENT ASSESSMENTS** (BEHNING R) Replaces the ISTEP test program after June 30, 2018, with a new statewide assessment program to be known as Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN). Repeals a provision defining the ISTEP program. Makes conforming amendments.  
*Current Status:* 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Education
- HB1004 PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION** (BEHNING R) Allows the division of family resources (division) to award an early education matching grant to an eligible developer that: (1) submits an expansion plan to the division that details the eligible developer's plan to: (A) increase the capacity of providers of eligible services to serve a greater number of eligible children; (B) increase the number of providers of eligible services; or (C) increase capacity of and increase the number of providers; and (2) meets certain other requirements. Prohibits the division from using more than a total of 20% of the money in the early education matching grant program fund each state fiscal year for grants awarded to eligible developers for expansion plans. Amends household income requirements for eligibility of a child for the: (1) early education matching grant program; and (2) early education pilot program (pilot program). Provides that the pilot program may include eligible providers from 10 (instead of five) counties. Amends the amount of grant money an eligible child may receive under the pilot program based on annual household income. Provides that in kind funds, as determined by the office of the secretary of family and social services, meet the requirements regarding matching funds under the early education matching grant and the pilot program. Changes references to the "pilot program" to the "prekindergarten pilot program". Provides that: (1) an individual who: (A) receives an early education grant under the pilot program in the immediately preceding school year or received eligible services as an eligible child under the early education matching grant program in the immediately preceding school year from a provider that received an early education matching grant; and (B) is a member of a household with an annual income of not more than 200% of the amount required to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program; is an eligible choice scholarship student; and (2) the individual is entitled to receive at least 50% of the state tuition support amount. Repeals a provision that provides that the receipt of a grant under the pilot program does not qualify, nor have an effect on the qualification or eligibility, of a child for a choice scholarship. Repeals an expired provision concerning the pilot program.  
*Current Status:* 1/31/2017 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- HB1005 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** (BOSMA B) Abolishes the office of the state superintendent of public instruction on January 10, 2021. Provides that, after January 10, 2021, the governor shall appoint a secretary of education. Repeals a provision that a

candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction must have resided in Indiana for at least two years. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1007 EDUCATION COURSE ACCESS PROGRAM** (COOK A) Allows the department of education (department) to authorize course providers to offer course access program courses that provide for the delivery of instruction through any method, including online technologies, in the course access program (program). Requires the department to: (1) oversee the program; (2) approve courses offered in the program; and (3) maintain a course access program catalog. Requires the department to negotiate a tuition fee for each offered course. Requires the school corporation in which an eligible student is enrolled to transfer the tuition fee for a course to the authorized course provider. Allows the state board of education to adopt emergency and nonemergency rules.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1009 SCHOOL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** (COOK A) Eliminates the school general fund. Creates an education fund to be used as the exclusive fund to pay expenses allocated to student instruction and learning. Creates an operations fund to replace the capital projects fund, the transportation fund, the school bus replacement fund, an art association or a historical society fund, and the public playground fund. Allows transfers between the education fund and operations fund. Establishes a maximum levy for the operations fund based on the levies for capital projects, transportation, bus replacement, historical societies, art associations, and public playgrounds. Provides that the maximum operations fund levy is to be increased annually by the income based assessed value growth quotient. Provides new allowable expenditures from the operations fund to include all skilled trades, school maintenance vehicles, and contracted services related to buildings and grounds. Eliminates the requirement to publish the entire capital projects plan and school bus replacement plan. Removes the approval of the plans and appropriations by the department of local government finance. Eliminates various dedicated funds and moves the purpose for each of these funds to the education fund or operations fund. Creates the school corporation referendum controlled project tax levy fund to pay for projects approved by a voter referendum. Makes corresponding changes.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2017 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1012 HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES** (CULVER W) Requires a state educational institution, each semester (or its equivalent), to provide to each student enrolled in the state educational institution: (1) a statement of the total amount of money the student is paying to the state educational institution to attend the state educational institution for that semester (or its equivalent); and (2) an itemized invoice of the expenses for which the student's payment is being used.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1015 SCHOOL EFFICIENCY GRANTS** (FRYE R) Establishes the school efficiency grant program for the purpose of providing grants to school corporations for costs associated with implementing efficiency and cost effective measures. Establishes the school efficiency grant fund.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Representatives Behning, Austin, Goodin added as coauthors

**HB1024 PRAYER IN SCHOOLS** (BARTLETT J) Provides that a school corporation or charter school shall not discriminate against a student or a student's parent on the basis of a religious

viewpoint or religious expression. Provides that students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of their submissions. Provides that public school students may pray or engage in religious activities or religious expression before, during, and after the school day in the same manner and to the same extent that students may engage in nonreligious activities or expression. Provides that students in public schools may wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display religious messages or religious symbols in the same manner and to the same extent that other types of clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display messages or symbols are permitted. Requires a school corporation or charter school to adopt a policy that must include the establishment of a limited public forum for student speakers who wish to include religious content at all school events at which a student is to publicly speak. Provides that the policy shall include requirements that require a school corporation or charter school to state, in writing, orally, or both, that the student's speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the school corporation or charter school. Provides that the policy must include measures to make reasonable accommodations for individuals who wish to be excused from a student's speech that includes religious content because of the individual's own religious belief or lack of religious belief. Requires the department of education, in collaboration with organizations with expertise in religious civil liberties, to establish a model policy. Provides that each school corporation shall include as an elective in the school corporation's high school curriculum a course surveying religions of the world.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Representatives Arnold and Borders added as coauthors

**HB1035 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS** (HARRIS JR. E) Provides that a candidate of a school board office may not accept a contribution from a contributor if the contributor: (1) resides outside Indiana; or (2) is a political action committee that makes contributions to candidates outside Indiana. Requires the candidate to return such a contribution to the contributor. Provides that, if the candidate is unable to locate the contributor, the candidate shall send the contribution to the county election board if the county has established a county election and registration fund, or the county executive for deposit in the county's general fund if the county has not established a county election and registration fund.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Representatives Wright and Smith, V. added as coauthors

**HB1038 GENERAL FUND REFERENDUM; SCHOOL FACILITIES** (TORR J) Provides that voters in a general fund referendum for a political subdivision that takes place after June 30, 2017, may not approve a levy that is imposed for more than eight years. (Current law provides that voters in a general fund referendum may not approve a levy that is imposed for more than seven years.) Provides that a political subdivision seeking to issue bonds or enter into a lease for a proposed controlled project may promote a position on the local public question at facilities owned by the political subdivision.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**HB1042 ALLOCATION OF CIRCUIT BREAKER CREDITS BY SCHOOLS** (THOMPSON J) Extends the authority for certain school corporations to allocate circuit breaker credits proportionately (without taking protected taxes into account) through 2019. (Under current law, this authority extends only through 2018.) Provides that a school corporation may not allocate circuit breaker credits proportionately if: (1) the school corporation issued new debt in 2017, 2018, or 2019; and (2) the school corporation's debt service levy in 2018 or 2019 is greater than its 2016 debt service levy, and the school corporation's debt service

tax rate in 2018 or 2019 is greater than its 2016 debt service tax rate. (Under current law, an increase in a school corporation's debt service tax rate is not a factor in determining whether the school corporation may allocate circuit breaker credits proportionately.)

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**HB1043 REFERENDUM PROCESS AND REMONSTRANCE PROCESS** (THOMPSON J) Amends the thresholds applicable to the petition and remonstrance process and the referendum process as follows: (1) Specifies that a project is a controlled project if the project will cost more than the lesser of: (A) \$10,000,000; or (B) the sum of 1% of the first \$100,000,000 of the gross assessed value of property within the political subdivision plus 0.5% of the total amount of that part of the gross assessed value that exceeds \$100,000,000. (2) Specifies that voters or property owners may initiate the petition and remonstrance process if the project is a controlled project but the project will not cost more than the lesser of \$20,000,000 or 1% of the gross assessed value of property within the political subdivision. (3) Specifies that voters or property owners may initiate the referendum process if the project is a controlled project and the project will cost more than the lesser of \$20,000,000 or 1% of the gross assessed value of property within the political subdivision. Requires that a political subdivision's notice of the preliminary determination to issue bonds or enter into a lease for a controlled project must also include information concerning the estimated amount of the political subdivision's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the political subdivision issues the bonds or enters into the lease, after also considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate. Specifies additional information concerning debt service tax rates that must be included in the ballot language for a capital projects referendum. Relocates existing law concerning calculation of the cost of certain projects by a school corporation career and technical education school to a separate section within the controlled projects statute. Requires a political subdivision to: (1) conduct at least two public hearings on a preliminary determination concerning a controlled project (rather than one hearing under current law); and (2) make certain information available to the public at each of the public hearings. Provides that if a referendum for a controlled project or for a school referendum levy is defeated, another referendum may not be held earlier than 700 days after the date of the first referendum (rather than 350 days under current law). Specifies that the 350 day limit applies if a sufficient petition requesting that limit is submitted by property owners or voters.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Representative Clere added as coauthor

**HB1044 EXPANDED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS** (THOMPSON J) Amends definitions throughout the Indiana Code to reflect a uniform definition of "expanded criminal history check".

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1047 DEFAULT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN** (CULVER W) Provides that after June 30, 2017, an individual who becomes a full-time employee of the state for the first time becomes a member of the public employees' defined contribution plan (plan) unless the individual elects to become a member of the public employees' retirement fund (fund). (Under current law, an eligible employee becomes a member of the fund unless the employee elects to become a member of the plan.)

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**HB1055 PENSION COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS** (CARBAUGH M) Provides for cost of living adjustments for certain members of: (1) the public employees' retirement fund; (2) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (3) the state police 1987 benefit system; and (4) the state police pre-1987 benefit system. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Representative Smaltz added as coauthor

**HB1079 SCHOOL SAFETY** (THOMPSON J) Provides that, if an applicant is hired: (1) after the beginning of the school year and starts work during the same school year; or (2) within 30 days before the beginning of the school year; the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school must conduct the expanded criminal history check before or not later than one month after the applicant's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to adopt a policy to conduct an expanded child protection index check in each state in which information is available concerning each applicant for noncertificated employment or certificated employment before or not later than three months after the applicant's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school shall conduct an expanded criminal history check and expanded child protection index check on each employee every five years. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may implement the requirement for updated background checks for current employees over a five year period. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school with at least one employee to adopt a policy requiring the school employer to contact references and, if applicable, the most recent employer of a prospective employee, before the school corporation or charter school may hire the prospective employee. Requires the department of child services to notify a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school that employs one or more employees if a report of child abuse or neglect is substantiated against an employee or volunteer of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Provides that the department of education may reinstate a license that has been revoked if the person's conviction record has been expunged. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may agree to pay costs associated with obtaining a background check. Provides that an employee may not be required to pay costs associated with a background check more than one time during a five year period. Provides that upon request by a school or school corporation, the state police, or a consumer reporting agency conducting an expanded child protection index check, the department of child services shall verify the accuracy of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect listed in the child protection index. Provides that the department of child services shall give written notice of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect to a school. Provides that the department of child services or an employee of the department of child services is immune from civil liability for providing notice to schools of substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect. Provides that the immunity does not apply to acts or admissions amounting to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Requires a court to: (1) recommend revocation of a defendant's teaching license (license) if the defendant holds a license and is convicted of certain felonies or the defendant is convicted of certain crimes and the victim is a child less than 18 years of age; and (2) deliver any order recommending revocation of the defendant's license to the department of education (department). Requires the department to revoke the license upon receipt of the order. Allows the department to reinstate a license if a person has been pardoned or the person's conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside on appeal.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - House Bills on Third Reading

**HB1081**     **TEACHER SALARIES** (COOK A) Makes changes to factors used to determine increases or increments in a local salary range. Removes an obsolete provision.  
*Current Status:* 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1083**     **CIVICS EDUCATION** (COOK A) Requires the department of education to develop civics curriculum standards for students in kindergarten through grade 7 that are tailored to prepare students to take the United States Civics Test (civics test) by the end of grade 7. Provides that a student must have the opportunity to take the civics test at least once per year. Provides that students who have not passed the civics test before enrollment in the student's high school United States government course must take the civics test in the student's high school United States government course. Provides a student who has passed the civics test before the student's enrollment in a high school United States government course with the option to request to take the civics test in the student's high school United States government course. Provides an exemption from the requirement for a special education student under the student's individualized education plan.  
*Current Status:* 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1094**     **DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN FOR PERF AND TRF** (BURTON W) Establishes a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for members of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF), excluding elected officials of the state or a political subdivision. Provides that a member of PERF or TRF who is employed in a covered position and is eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit under the provisions of the fund to which the member belongs may make an election to enter the DROP. Provides that a member who enters the DROP: (1) shall execute an irrevocable election to retire on the DROP retirement date and remain employed until that date; (2) shall continue to make contributions to the fund to which the member belongs; (3) shall elect a DROP retirement date not less than 12 months and not more than 36 months after the member's DROP entry date; and (4) may make an election to enter the DROP only once in the member's lifetime. Provides that the employer of a member who elects to enter the DROP shall continue to make employer contributions to the fund to which the member belongs. Provides that a member who retires on the member's DROP retirement date may elect to receive a retirement benefit: (1) paid by and calculated under the provisions of the fund to which the member belongs as if the member had never entered the DROP; or (2) calculated under the applicable provisions of the fund to which the member belongs and based on the average of the annual compensation computed and the total creditable service completed by the member on the member's DROP entry date (DROP frozen benefit), plus an additional amount calculated by multiplying the amount of the DROP frozen benefit by the number of months that the member was in the DROP. Requires the member to elect to receive the additional amount as a lump sum or in three equal annual payments. Provides for a partial DROP benefit if the member retires because the member becomes disabled while in the DROP. Provides that benefits for the beneficiaries or survivors of a member who dies while in the DROP are calculated under the provisions of the fund to which the member belongs, as if the member had never entered the DROP. Outlines the treatment of cost of living increases paid to members of the fund to which a member belongs while the member is in the DROP.  
*Current Status:* 1/10/2017 - Representatives Forestal and Carbaugh added as coauthors

**HB1098**     **PENSION THIRTEENTH CHECKS** (BURTON W) Provides for a thirteenth check in 2017 for certain members of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer,

and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

**Current Status:** 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**HB1114      TEACHER SALARY SCALES** (KLINKER S) Provides that a school corporation may provide an increase or increment in a local salary range for a teacher who attains a master's or doctorate degree or attains the credit hours necessary to obtain a master's or doctorate degree. Makes a technical correction.

**Current Status:** 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1130      PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENT JOURNALISTS** (CLERE E) Provides freedom of speech and freedom of press protections for kindergarten through grade 12 and state educational institution student journalists. Requires school corporations and state educational institutions to adopt policies concerning student journalist protections. Provides that a public school, school corporation, or state educational institution may not suppress school sponsored media unless the content is libelous or slanderous.

**Current Status:** 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1136      LATCH KEY PROGRAMS** (FRIZZELL D) Provides that a school corporation may include children who attend preschool offered by the school corporation in a school age child care program (commonly referred to as a latch key program) conducted by the school corporation.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - House Bills on Second Reading

**HB1143      SMALL SCHOOL GRANTS** (FRIEND W) Reestablishes a small school grant for school corporations having a current ADM (average daily membership) of less than 2,400. Appropriates from the state general fund an amount sufficient to make the grants for the 2017-2019 biennium.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Representative Goodin added as coauthor

**HB1149      RESIDENT TUITION RATE FOR UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS** (TAYLOR III J) Provides that an agency or political subdivision is not required to verify that an individual is a United States citizen or qualified alien for the individual to be eligible to pay the resident tuition rate. Repeals a provision that provides that an individual who is not lawfully in the United States is not eligible to pay the resident tuition rate.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1152      SCHOOL DISCIPLINE** (TAYLOR III J) Provides that an evidence based plan for improving student behavior and discipline in a school corporation: (1) may not contain any zero tolerance requirements; (2) must reduce disproportionality in discipline or inappropriately high rates of in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, and expulsion; and (3) must limit referrals to law enforcement or arrests on school property to those necessary to protect the health and safety of other students or school employees. Adds a definition of "exclusion". Adds a definition of "positive discipline". Provides that a school's discipline policy must include a graduated system of discipline and incorporate positive discipline principles and establish clear limits for referring students to law enforcement officials only in cases necessary to protect the safety of other students or school employees. Makes various changes to provisions relating to school discipline to reduce student exclusion from school. Repeals a provision that provides that a principal

may require a student at least 16 years of age who wishes to reenroll in school after an expulsion to attend certain alternative educational programs.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1169 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (MAHAN K) Changes the start date for collective bargaining between a school corporation and a representative from August 1 to July 1. Requires the department of education to provide an estimate of general fund revenue available for collective bargaining to the parties by July 1 instead of August 1.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1220 STAFF PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS** (MCNAMARA W) Makes changes to factors that must be included in a school corporation's teacher performance evaluation plan. Provides that a professional teacher who is rated as highly effective or effective is required to receive a teacher evaluation only one time every five years. Provides that a: (1) probationary teacher; or (2) professional teacher who receives an evaluation of improvement necessary; must receive performance evaluations annually. Makes technical and conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1227 STUDY OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Urges the legislative council to establish a study committee during the 2017 legislative interim to study issues related to the school funding formula and the methodology used to determine state funding of schools in Indiana.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**HB1228 DISTRIBUTION OF CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Prohibits, with an exception, the department of education from distributing a choice scholarship for an eligible choice scholarship student to an eligible school if, for the immediately preceding school year, the eligible school is placed in a category or designation of school performance that is lower than the category or designation of school performance in which the public school that serves the attendance area in which the eligible choice scholarship student resides is placed.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1233 GREEN CLEANING AT SCHOOLS** (ERRINGTON S) Requires the department of education (department), in consultation with the state department of health and the Indiana department of environmental management, to establish: (1) a list of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products approved by the department; and (2) guidelines and specifications for the purchase, storage, and use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products by a school at a school facility. Requires, not later than July 1, 2022, the following: (1) A school to comply with the guidelines and specifications and notify school employees of the availability of the list and guidelines and specifications. (2) A school employee to use at a school only cleaning and maintenance products that are approved environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products and to comply with the guidelines and specifications. Allows the department to annually grant a green cleaning award to any school that complies with the guidelines and specifications before July 1, 2022. Requires the department to provide guidance and assistance to schools in complying with the green cleaning requirements.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education



- HB1246**     **COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIRED TEACHERS** (KARICKHOFF M) Provides for a 2% cost of living adjustment for retired members of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund.  
*Current Status:* 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1249**     **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENT** (KARICKHOFF M) Provides that a member of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (or the survivor or beneficiary of a member) may receive a benefit adjustment that is either: (1) a 2% cost of living adjustment; or (2) a thirteenth check; whichever is greater.  
*Current Status:* 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1253**     **EARLY RETIREMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** (CULVER W) Provides that for new hires of: (1) the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (2) the public employees' retirement fund; (3) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (4) the Indiana judges' retirement fund: 1985 retirement, disability, and death system; and (5) the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund; eligibility for early retirement according to the "rule of 85" is incrementally changed to a "rule of 95" over the period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending July 1, 2034.  
*Current Status:* 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1256**     **CAMERA ENFORCEMENT OF SCHOOL BUS ARM SIGNAL VIOLATIONS** (SMITH M) Provides that a school corporation or a nonpublic school may install cameras on school buses to enforce arm signal device traffic violations (camera enforcement). Allows a school corporation to pay for costs associated with camera enforcement from the school corporation's school transportation fund. Imposes civil penalties for arm signal device violations detected by camera enforcement.  
*Current Status:* 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation
- HB1281**     **VARIOUS HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS** (SULLIVAN H) Allows the commission for higher education to extend, with limitations, eligibility for certain grants or reductions in tuition or fees for recipients who used the grants or reductions in tuition or fees at postsecondary educational institutions that have closed. Amends provisions regarding renewal of certain scholarships and tuition and fee remissions. Changes the term "professional degree program" to "professional degree program or accelerated graduate degree program" and amends the definition. Amends the provision regarding the use of renewals and extensions of certain grants or reductions in tuition or fees for professional degree programs or accelerated graduate degree programs. Allows recipients of certain grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees to: (1) use, with certain limitations, funds from the grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees to pay for costs associated with prior learning assessments that the student attempts to earn during the academic year in which the student receives the grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees; and (2) count anticipated credit hours for prior learning assessments toward attendance requirements. Establishes the children of veterans and children and surviving spouses of public safety officers tuition and fee exemption reimbursement fund to provide reimbursement to state educational institutions for tuition and fee remissions for eligible children of veterans and eligible children and surviving spouses of public safety officers.  
*Current Status:* 1/30/2017 - House Bills on Third Reading
- HB1283**     **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION** (LEHE D) Provides that after June 30, 2018, a school corporation, charter high school, or accredited nonpublic high school may not be placed in the highest category or designation of school improvement unless the school corporation,

charter high school, or accredited nonpublic high school offers as part of its high school curriculum at least one course in agriculture science. Provides that a student may receive an excused absence from school if the student: (1) participates or exhibits in a 4-H club or FFA event; or (2) is at least 14 years of age and assists a parent with farm work associated with the planting or harvesting of crops.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1288      EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS (BACON R)** Requires schools to create emergency action plans in consultation with emergency medical services personnel, school public safety officials, onsite first responders, and school administrators. Specifies that the emergency action plans must be tailored to each individual facility hosting an athletic event for student athletes. Requires head coaches and assistant coaches to complete a heat preparedness training course.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Representatives Cook and Klinker added as coauthors

**HB1291      SCHOOL POLICIES ON REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT (SUMMERS V)** Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may not establish an internal policy or procedure that in any way restricts or delays a duty to report child abuse or neglect. Provides that an individual who knowingly establishes a policy or procedure that restricts or delays a duty to report child abuse or neglect commits a Class B misdemeanor.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1292      SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES (BARTLETT J)** Provides that a school bus or special purpose bus that is placed into operation after June 30, 2018, and that is used to transport elementary school or high school students must be equipped with a 3-point lap and shoulder safety belt (safety belt) at each seating location. Requires the state school bus committee to adopt rules for the design, installation, and use of safety belt systems that must be installed in school buses and special purpose buses. Provides for an exception to the laws concerning other types of passenger restraint systems. Requires each occupant of a school bus or special purpose bus that has a safety belt to have the safety belt properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the bus is in motion. Establishes the safety belt revolving loan fund (fund). Requires the department of education to establish a revolving loan program to provide loans from the fund to school corporations to assist school corporations in paying expenses necessary to comply with requirements concerning safety belts on school buses and special purpose buses. Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the fund from the state general fund. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1302      SCHOOL REFERENDUM GRANTS (CANDELARIA REARDON M)** Provides a dollar for dollar state matching grant for a school corporation in which the voters approve an operating referendum tax levy after May 1, 2017. Specifies that a school corporation in which a charter school is located is not eligible for the grant.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1343      SCHOOL CITY OF EAST CHICAGO FISCAL MATTERS (HARRIS JR. E)** Changes, for the school years beginning after June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, the manner in which average daily membership is determined for the School City of East Chicago school corporation. Transfers, not later than July 15, 2017, to the school disaster loan fund from the state general fund an amount equal to the total amount to pay off the

loan that was made to the School City of East Chicago school corporation in the amount of \$2,805,000 from the school disaster loan fund. Appropriates to the department of education (department) from the state general fund the following amounts: (1) \$1,472,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. (2) \$736,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. Requires the: (1) department to distribute the appropriated amounts to the School City of East Chicago school corporation; and (2) School City of East Chicago school corporation to use the money only for the purpose of paying the lease payments under the lease agreement, as certified by the department of local government finance, entered into between the School City of East Chicago school corporation and the East Chicago Multi School Building Corporation for the lease of the Carrie Gosch Elementary School.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Reassigned to Committee on Ways and Means

**HB1357      REPORTING TRF SERVICE FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** (ERRINGTON S) Requires the treasurer of a school corporation, the township trustee, or the appropriate officer of any other institution covered by the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF) to make contributions for, deduct contributions from, and include in reports to the board of the Indiana public retirement system a substitute teacher who qualifies for membership in TRF. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**HB1372      SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATIONS** (SMITH M) Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that, for a state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the higher of: (1) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year; or (2) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2015-2016 school year. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores, from the ISTEP program test taken in the spring of 2016, may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular teacher's annual performance rating.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1382      CHARTER SCHOOLS** (BEHNING R) Changes the definition of a charter school organizer. Provides that the executive director of the Indiana charter school board may hire staff. (Current law provides that the Indiana charter school board is staffed by the department of education (department).) Requires each authorizer to establish a charter school Internet web page. Makes changes to the minimum standards for renewing a charter. Makes changes to the procedure for suspending an authorizer from authorizing a charter school. Provides that an authorizer is considered a state education authority within the meaning of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Provides that funding for the charter board consists of: (1) appropriations from the general assembly; (2) grants; and (3) administrative fees. Provides that a charter school located in a county containing a consolidated city must determine which students may attend the charter school by using a publicly verifiable random selection process. (Current law provides that a charter school must determine which students may attend the charter school by use of a random drawing at a public meeting.) Makes changes to information that an education service provider must provide to a charter school. Provides that an organizer shall immediately inform the

authorizer if its tax exempt status is questioned, modified, or revoked by the Internal Revenue Service or if its nonprofit corporation status is questioned, modified, or revoked by the state. Makes changes to the information an authorizer is required to report to the department. Changes procedures for relating to the renewal of a charter. Requires Ball State University to assign authorization responsibilities to another entity. Makes changes to a provision relating to the qualifications of full-time teachers. Makes changes to a provision relating to the distribution of state funds to a charter school that does not have its charter renewed or terminated. Makes changes to the definition of a virtual charter school. Requires a virtual charter school to adopt a student engagement policy. Provides that the organizer's constitution, charter, articles, or bylaws must contain a clause providing that an authorizer may require the removal of a board member of the organizer in certain circumstances. Makes changes to which innovation network schools can receive a grant from the innovation network school grant fund. Provides that a governing body may enter into an agreement with an organizer to reconstitute certain schools as a participating innovation network charter school or to establish a participating innovation network charter school at a location selected by the board within the boundary of the school corporation. Repeals a provision that provides that the state board of education may require an authorizer to appear at a hearing conducted by the state board if the authorizer has renewed the charter of or failed to close a charter school that does not meet the minimum standards in the charter agreement. Repeals a provision establishing the charter school review panel.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2017 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1383**     **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS** (BEHNING R) Requires the state board of education to adopt rules to require an elementary school teacher who initially receives a license under this chapter after June 30, 2021, to specialize in a specific content area. Provides that the department of education may not issue a general education elementary school teaching license to an individual who initially applies for a license after June 30, 2021.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2017 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1384**     **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION** (BEHNING R) Changes the definition of "graduation" for the high school graduation rate determination by specifying that students receiving a Core 40 diploma, a technical honors diploma, or an academic honors diploma are counted as graduates. Provides, for purposes of calculating a school's graduation rate, that in the case of a high school student who has not attended the same school within the school corporation for at least 90% of a school year and has exited high school without a regular high school diploma and without transferring to another high school that grants a regular high school diploma during such school year, the department of education shall assign the student to the high school at which the student was enrolled for the greatest proportion of school days while enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Requires the state board to include student mobility rates for purposes of calculating a school's category or designation of school improvement.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1385**     **DUAL LANGUAGE PILOT PROGRAM** (BEHNING R) Provides that \$25,000 is the maximum grant a school corporation or charter school may receive under the dual language immersion pilot program.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1386**     **COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION** (BEHNING R) Establishes the competency based education pilot program (pilot program). Provides that the department of education may

award grants under the pilot program for competency based education programs from the innovation network school grant fund. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1387      VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS** (BEHNING R) Provides that appropriations to the department of education to provide grants to school corporations for high ability students must be for expenditures beyond those for regular educational programs. Makes changes to the definition of "teacher" to include a: (1) school nurse; and (2) school social worker. Makes changes to the composition of the board of trustees for Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1389      TEACHER BONUSES** (CLERE E) Establishes the testing out of college credit teacher bonus program and fund. Provides that a teacher who teaches an advanced placement course, international baccalaureate class, or a class to prepare a student to take a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam is entitled to receive a bonus or stipend if a student obtains certain threshold scores. Provides that a school corporation or charter school shall receive annual grants to pay bonuses or stipends to teachers who teach prerequisites of courses in which a student obtains college credit on an advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or CLEP exam. Provides that a school corporation or charter school is entitled to receive a grant for use as a teacher bonus or stipend if a student obtains college credit from an advanced credit exam administered by a state educational institution. Establishes the career and technical education teacher bonus program and fund. Provides that a career and technical education teacher is entitled to receive a bonus or stipend for each student who: (1) completes a career and technical education program approved by the state board and taught by the teacher; and (2) earns certain industry recognized certifications or credentials. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or state educational institution to provide certain information necessary for the department of education to administer the program. Makes changes to the definition of "eligible teacher" for purposes of the dual credit stipend matching grant program to include a teacher who teaches an advanced placement course or an international baccalaureate course. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2017 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1396      TEACHER LICENSING FOR MILITARY SPOUSES** (MCNAMARA W) Requires the state board of education to adopt rules, including emergency rules, that establish procedures to expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a teacher license to a military spouse whose husband or wife is assigned to a duty station in Indiana. (Current law allows, but does not require, the state board to adopt such rules.)

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1412      TEACHER SALARIES** (THOMPSON J) Provides that a school corporation may offer a teacher who on June 30, 2011: (1) was employed with the school corporation; and (2) had at least 10 years of teaching experience; a one time annual salary increase. Provides that compensation attributable to additional degrees or graduate credits for which a teacher has started course work before July 1, 2011, and completed course work before September 2, 2018, shall also continue for school years beginning after June 30, 2015. (Current law provides that compensation attributable to additional degrees for which a teacher has started course work before July 1, 2011, and completed course work before September 2, 2014, shall also continue for school years beginning after June 30, 2015.) Provides that a school corporation is not prohibited from paying a substitute teacher in conformity with the regular pay range for teachers of the school corporation the teacher

serves during the initial 15 consecutive school days in which the teacher serves as a substitute teacher.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1416 SCHOOL BUSES (COOK A)** Establishes the school bus safety equipment grant fund, administered by the department of education, to provide grants to school corporations seeking to purchase new school buses equipped with passenger safety belts or, if recommended by the state school bus committee, other proven safety equipment. Provides that a governing body may apply for a grant from the fund in an amount equal to 50% of the cost of equipping the school buses with passenger safety belts or other safety equipment. Requires new school buses purchased after June 30, 2018, to be equipped with passenger safety belts or, if recommended by the state school bus committee, other proven safety equipment. Allows a school corporation to use a portion of a grant from the safe schools fund or the secured school fund toward purchase of new school buses equipped with safety equipment.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Representative Schaibley added as coauthor

**HB1419 AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (MAHAN K)** Provides that for purposes of determining the adjusted average daily membership (ADM) for distributions for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2017, a school corporation's February count of ADM for a high school within the school corporation is the high school's February count of ADM, plus the number of students who are in their fourth year of high school and were included in the high school's September count of ADM who graduated with a Core 40 or an academic honor's degree before the February count of ADM.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1430 STAFF TRAINING CONCERNING YOUTH SUICIDE (OLTHOFF J)** Provides that, after June 30, 2018, each school corporation or accredited nonpublic school shall require certain school employees to attend or participate in at least two hours of evidence based inservice youth suicide awareness and prevention training.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1449 TEACHER INDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM (DEVON D)** Makes changes to who may submit a plan to participate in the career pathways and mentorship program. Establishes the Indiana new educator induction program (program) to give new teachers, principals, and administrators mentoring support. Provides that grants for the program may be made from the system for teacher and student advancement grant fund. Provides that, not later than July 1, 2018, and each July thereafter, the state board of education shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the status of the program. Provides that the program expires July 1, 2027. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee for study during the 2017 legislative interim the topic of whether it is appropriate to require teachers to participate in a new educator induction program before being eligible to receive a practitioner license.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2017 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1507 SCHOOL BUSES (SOLIDAY E)** Provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement with an agency or organization serving individuals with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus used by the special education cooperative or school corporation may be used to transport individuals with a developmental disability. (Current law provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement with a state supported

agency serving individuals with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus may be used to transport individuals with a developmental disability.) Removes a requirement that an individual with a developmental disability must live within the boundaries of the special education cooperative or school corporation.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - House Bills on Second Reading

**HB1530 PHASE OUT OF TUITION AT PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES** (DVORAK R) Freezes the Indiana resident tuition rates that may be charged by state educational institutions for the 2017-2018 academic year. Phases down the maximum Indiana resident tuition rates that may be charged by state educational institutions. Provides that for the 2027-2028 academic year and for each academic year thereafter, the state educational institutions may not charge any tuition to students who are Indiana residents.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1537 PENSION THIRTEENTH CHECKS** (GUTWEIN D) Provides for a thirteenth check in 2017 for certain members of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2017 - House Employment, Labor and Pensions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1547 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS; SCHOOL CORPORATION AUDITS** (CARBAUGH M) Provides that the state board of education (state board) may accredit a nonpublic school that has: (1) received provisional or candidate accreditation from a nationally or regionally recognized accrediting body recognized by the state board; or (2) demonstrated to the state board the nonpublic school's accomplishments based on the nonpublic school's performance in another state. Provides that the state board may: (1) authorize a school participating in the choice scholarship program or that receives contributions from a scholarship granting organization to sponsor another nonpublic school that has demonstrated to the state board the nonpublic school's competency or accomplishments; and (2) accredit or provisionally accredit the nonpublic school. Provides that the state board may accredit a nonpublic school that enters into a contract with the state board to become a freeway school at the time the nonpublic school enters the contract. Allows the state board to delay certain consequences for an eligible school (under the choice scholarship provisions) that demonstrates that, despite remaining in either of the lowest two categories or designations of school performance, a majority of students in the eligible school demonstrated academic improvement during the preceding school year. Allows a school corporation to contract with a certified public accountant for an annual audit. Provides that a school eligible for participation in the choice scholarship program shall submit to the department of education (department) a report showing how money received during the preceding fiscal year from each choice scholarship student has been used by the school. Requires the department to post a copy of each report it receives on its Internet web site. Requires a school eligible for participation in the choice scholarship program to post a copy of each report that the eligible school submits on its Internet web site. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1566 SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS** (PELATH S) Requires the department of education (department) to: (1) develop a safe and supportive school framework; (2) create a school monitoring tool; and (3) develop procedures for updating, improving, or refining the safe and supportive school framework and the school monitoring tool. Allows a school

corporation, by a vote of the school corporation's governing body, to: (1) implement a safe and supportive school framework; and (2) develop and implement an action plan to create and maintain the safe and supportive school framework. Allows, upon approval, a public school to develop and implement an action plan to create and maintain the safe and supportive school framework. Establishes requirements for an action plan and the posting of action plans. Establishes requirements for the department that include a requirement to establish a safe and supportive school grant program. Establishes the safe and supportive school fund to award grants to school corporations and public schools for the development and implementation of action plans and to provide training to school corporation and public school personnel. Appropriates \$500,000 to the safe and supportive school fund.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1568 ELIMINATION OF TEXTBOOK FEES (HATFIELD R)** Requires public schools to provide curricular materials to students at no cost to a student. Establishes the curricular materials fund to provide state reimbursements for costs incurred by public schools to provide curricular materials to students at no cost. Provides that the department of education shall administer the fund. Provides that money in the fund is continually appropriated. Makes corresponding changes.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1570 STUDENT EMERGENCY SAFETY PLANS (HATFIELD R)** Requires, not later than January 1, 2018, the commission for higher education to prepare and disseminate to each state educational institution recommendations and guidelines concerning emergency procedures for student safety. Requires, not later than July 1, 2018, a state educational institution to establish a student emergency safety plan that sets forth the state educational institution's student safety procedures in cases of emergency situations on a campus of the state educational institution. Requires, beginning after August 31, 2018, a state educational institution to provide written information concerning the student emergency safety plan to new students and present the information at the state educational institution's orientation for new students each year.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1574 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (GIAQUINTA P)** Prohibits the use of corporal punishment on public school students, including charter school, students. Allows the use of reasonable and necessary force in certain situations.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1575 ARTISAN DISTILLERS (GIAQUINTA P)** Provides that an applicant for an artisan distiller's permit must hold a farm winery, brewer's, or distiller's permit for one year (instead of three years) before the date of the application.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1581 STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR FARMERS (WRIGHT M)** Establishes the Indiana farmer student loan forgiveness program. Defines "small farm". Provides that an individual who: (1) engages in agricultural activities as a small farm; and (2) participates in the day-to-day operation of a small farm; is eligible to receive a student loan forgiveness payment not to exceed \$10,000 to be used to satisfy the individual's outstanding student loans. Provides that the commission for higher education shall administer the program.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education



**HB1590**     **EDUCATION MATTERS** (LUCAS J) Provides a \$1,000 state income tax credit for an individual who is a licensed K-12 classroom teacher with respect to state income taxes on the income earned from the individual's employment as a classroom teacher. Replaces the ISTEP test program with an assessment program developed by the state board of education (state board) and the department of education. Specifies that the assessment program may not include measures or requirements that exceed measures and requirements in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Changes the definition of a probationary and professional teacher. Expands the definition of an eligible student for purposes of receiving a choice scholarship to include any student who is at least five years of age and less than 22 years of age and has legal settlement in Indiana. Repeals provisions requiring a school corporation to develop and implement an annual teacher performance evaluation plan. Provides that, not later than July 1, 2018, the state board shall establish new categories or designations of school performance. Provides that the new standards of assessing school performance may not: (1) use an "A through F" grading scale; (2) use statewide assessment program test results as the primary means to assess school performance; and (3) include requirements or measures other than requirements or measures authorized under ESSA. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1591**     **EDUCATION OPTIONS ACCOUNT PROGRAM** (LUCAS J) Establishes the education options account program (program). Requires the treasurer of state to administer the program. Establishes: (1) the education options account fund; and (2) requirements and conditions for the program. Requires the treasurer of state to: (1) annually request a parent of an eligible student who is participating in the program to complete a written survey; and (2) annually provide a summary of the survey to the governor and the legislative council. Continuously appropriates money from the education options account fund and the accounts established within the fund for the purposes of the program. Provides a \$1,000 state income tax credit for an individual who is a licensed K-12 classroom teacher with respect to state income taxes on the income earned from the individual's employment as a classroom teacher. Replaces the ISTEP test program with an assessment program developed by the state board of education (state board) and the department of education. Specifies that the assessment program may not include measures or requirements that exceed measures and requirements in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Changes the definition of a probationary and professional teacher. Repeals provisions requiring a school corporation to develop and implement an annual teacher performance evaluation plan. Provides that, not later than July 1, 2018, the state board shall establish new categories or designations of school performance. Provides that the new standards of assessing school performance may not: (1) use an "A through F" grading scale; (2) use statewide assessment program test results as the primary means to assess school performance; and (3) include requirements or measures other than requirements or measures authorized under ESSA. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1614**     **EARLY EDUCATION GRANT PILOT PROGRAM** (MOED J) Provides that the early education grant pilot program (program) may include eligible providers in any county. (Current law provides that the program may include eligible providers in not more than five counties.)

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Education

- HB1630**     **ADDITIONAL TEACHER SALARY** (SMITH V) Provides that a school corporation may provide an increase or increment in a local salary range for a teacher who attains a master's degree or doctorate degree. Removes an obsolete provision.  
*Current Status:* 1/24/2017 - Referred to House Education
- HB1639**     **SCHOOL FACILITY ADA COMPLIANCE** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Requires charter schools and eligible schools, jointly in consultation with the department of education (department), before July 1, 2018, to establish standards of compliance (standards) with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Requires the department to post the standards on the department's Internet web site. Allows the department to conduct an assessment of the school buildings, educational programs, and student activities of each charter school and eligible school to determine the school's compliance with the standards. Provides that, notwithstanding any other law, each charter school or eligible school that receives public funds must meet the standards not later than July 1, 2022. Requires that if, after June 30, 2022, a charter school or eligible school that receives public funds fails to meet the standards, the noncompliant school is ineligible to receive public funds.  
*Current Status:* 1/24/2017 - Referred to House Education
- HB1640**     **SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Requires the department of education (department) to conduct a review of each school building in a school corporation, including: (1) the physical condition of each school building; and (2) the student enrollment of each school building. Requires the department to provide the information to the school corporation and to post the results of the review on the department's Internet web site.  
*Current Status:* 1/24/2017 - Referred to House Education
- SB29**        **ELECTIVE COURSE ON INDIANA STUDIES** (KOCH E) Requires each: (1) school corporation; (2) charter school; and (3) accredited nonpublic school; to offer Indiana studies as a one semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year. Provides that, if fewer than 15 students of a public school, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school enroll in an Indiana studies course, the public school, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may offer the course as an independent study course.  
*Current Status:* 1/24/2017 - Senator Bray added as coauthor
- SB30**        **STUDENT SCHOOL INFORMATION** (KOCH E) Requires the department of education (department), for each spring semester and each fall semester, to distribute to each school corporation the: (1) name of each eligible school in which an eligible choice scholarship student who has legal settlement in the school corporation is enrolled; (2) number of the eligible choice scholarship students who are enrolled in each eligible school for the school year; and (3) certain information regarding the number of students who have legal settlement in a school corporation and attend a public school maintained by another school corporation or a charter school. Allows the department to post the information on the department's Internet web site.  
*Current Status:* 1/30/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB34**        **BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES** (MERRITT J) Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school shall require an expanded criminal history check and expanded child protection index check on each employee every five years. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may implement the requirement for updated background checks for current employees over a

five year period. Provides that the employee is responsible for costs associated with obtaining the background checks unless the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school agrees to pay the costs. Makes an exception to the provision that an applicant or employee may not be required to obtain an expanded criminal history check or expanded child protection index check more than one time during a five year period.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted;  
reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

**SB35**      **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (FORD J) Provides that a school corporation may use objective measures of student achievement as part of a teacher evaluation plan. (Current law provides that the use of an objective measure of student achievement is required as part of a teacher evaluation plan.)

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Senator Kruse added as second author

**SB46**      **VARIOUS PENSION MATTERS** (BOOTS P) Establishes a single special death benefit fund to replace the two separate death benefit funds established under current law to pay death benefit claims to the beneficiaries of public safety officers or other state public employees who die in the line of duty. Provides that death benefits paid to beneficiaries of members of the following funds who die in the line of duty are to be paid from the special death benefit fund instead of the pension relief fund: (1) The 1925 police pension fund. (2) The 1937 firefighters' fund. (3) The 1953 police pension fund (Indianapolis). (4) The 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. Allows an individual who is a member of both the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF) to make independent elections concerning the amounts credited to the member in the annuity savings account of each fund. Allows a member of PERF or TRF, or both, to do the following with the money credited to the member in a PERF or TRF annuity savings account, in any combination: (1) Retain and continue to invest all or part of the money in the annuity savings account. (2) Receive one or more distributions of all or part of the money in the annuity savings account. (3) Obtain an annuity with all or part of the money in the annuity savings account. Provides that if survivor benefits under PERF or TRF are forfeited for the failure of a survivor to claim the benefits within three years of the death of a member, the money to pay the benefits must be credited in the manner provided by the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system, rather than to PERF or TRF specifically. Provides that the minimum pension benefit for a regularly retired member of TRF who receives an unreduced pension benefit is \$185 per month. Makes an appropriation. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Senator Randolph added as coauthor

**SB47**      **C AND E FUND DEDUCTIONS FROM RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (BOOTS P) Allows a participant in the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan (C and E fund) to authorize a deduction from the participant's monthly retirement benefit for the purpose of paying insurance premiums, charitable contributions, or labor organization dues.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Eckerty added as coauthor

**SB48**      **RESIDENT TUITION RATE AT STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS** (MRVAN F) Provides that an individual, except for certain nonimmigrants, who: (1) attends a high school in Indiana for at least three years; (2) registers as an entering student at or enrolls in a state educational institution not earlier than the fall semester (or its equivalent, as determined by the state educational institution) of the 2015-2016 academic year; and (3) graduates from a high school located in Indiana or receives the equivalent of a high school

diploma in Indiana; is eligible for the resident tuition rate beginning in the fall semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. Requires such an individual to verify that the individual meets the criteria to receive the resident tuition rate.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB54 DCS NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOL EMPLOYER (MERRITT J)** Requires the department of child services (DCS) to notify a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school that employs one or more employees if a report of child abuse or neglect is substantiated against an employee or volunteer of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**SB57 GRADUATION RATE CALCULATION (RAATZ J)** Changes the definition of "cohort" for purposes of calculating a high school's graduation rate.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Senator Head added as coauthor

**SB61 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (HEAD R)** Requires a school resource officer to report all incidents of seclusion and restraint involving the school resource officer. Requires the commission on seclusion and restraint in schools (commission) to adopt rules concerning reporting requirements for the use of seclusion and restraint by school resource officers. Voids a rule adopted by the commission that excludes school resource officers from the reporting requirements.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law

**SB62 SCHOOL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (HEAD R)** Provides the department of education (department), in collaboration with organizations that have expertise in school based substance abuse prevention, shall develop: (1) materials to assist schools to develop a formal substance abuse prevention policy; and (2) a model school based substance abuse prevention policy. Establishes the school substance abuse prevention pilot program (program). Provides the department shall administer the program. Establishes the school substance abuse prevention pilot program fund to: (1) provide grants to schools to use for evidence based substance abuse prevention programming; (2) provide grants to schools to embed mental health personnel in schools; and (3) hire a research partner to conduct a cross agency cost benefit analysis of Indiana's current school based prevention program expenditures to provide information for future funding decisions for school based prevention. Establishes requirements regarding the program. Requires the department to annually submit a report concerning the program to the governor, legislative council, and the budget committee. Requires each school corporation and charter school to develop a formal school substance abuse prevention policy. Makes an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Senator Mrvan added as coauthor

**SB66 HEALTH CURRICULUM (BREAUX J)** Requires the state department of health and the department of education, working cooperatively, to identify and report to the general assembly appropriate academic standards and curricula concerning health education.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB78 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (SANDLIN J)** Permits a person who may legally possess a firearm to possess a firearm on school property if the person possesses the firearm: (1) as an employee or volunteer of a house of worship located on

the school property; or (2) while attending a worship service or religious ceremony conducted at a house of worship located on the school property.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Tomes added as second author

**SB80 DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN DISABILITY BENEFIT** (BOOTS P) Revises, for a member of the 1925 police pension fund, the 1937 firefighters' pension fund, the 1953 police pension fund, or the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who retires after June 30, 2017, because of a disability at least 12 months after the date the member enters the deferred retirement option plan (DROP), the calculation of the retirement benefit paid to the member. Allows a member who retired after January 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2017, because of a disability at least 12 months after the date the member entered the DROP to elect to have the member's retirement benefit recalculated under the new provision.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Eckerty added as coauthor

**SB85 FUNDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC TRANSIT** (BROWN L) Permits a redevelopment commission outside Marion County to provide revenue on an annual basis to a school corporation or public transportation corporation from property taxes allocated to the redevelopment commission in a tax increment financing allocation area. Specifies the amount of property taxes that may be transferred by the redevelopment commission. Requires a joint public hearing of the legislative body of the unit that established the tax increment financing area, the redevelopment commission, and the governing body of the school corporation or public transportation corporation and the adoption of substantially similar authorizing resolutions.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Senator Niezgodski added as coauthor

**SB86 SCHOOL CURRICULUM** (LEISING J) Requires each school corporation and accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**SB87 REPORT CARDS** (LEISING J) Requires that each public school and accredited nonpublic school issue letter grades on report cards for students in grades 3 through 12.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**SB88 SCHOOL CALENDAR** (LEISING J) Prohibits public schools and accredited nonpublic schools from beginning student instructional days for the school year before the fourth Monday in August, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Makes the change effective for collective bargaining agreements and contracts negotiated after June 30, 2017.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB89 HEALTH EDUCATION** (LEISING J) Requires the state department of health and the department of education, working cooperatively, to identify and report to the general assembly appropriate academic standards and curricula concerning health education.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Senator Becker added as second author

**SB102 STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS ACCOUNT** (MERRITT J) Makes an appropriation to the mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness account.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

**SB108**      **EDUCATION MATTERS** (KRUSE D) Provides that when a school corporation authorizes an absence to permit a student to attend any educationally related nonclassroom activity, the student may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school. Provides that an initial school improvement plan must be established and approved by the governing body not later than August 1 of the school year in which the plan is to be implemented. Eliminates the requirement that the department of education (department) must publish a model compensation plan. Eliminates a requirement that each school corporation shall submit its local compensation plan to the department. Eliminates a requirement that the department must publish the local compensation plans on the department's Internet web site. Removes requirements that the: (1) department shall report any noncompliance of a school that fails to submit its compensation plan; and (2) state board of education (state board) shall take appropriate action to ensure compliance. Makes changes to the time frame, from four to six years, in which the state board may take over a failing school. Provides that a principal or superintendent, or the principal's or superintendent's designee, may recommend an individual to participate in the Indiana high school equivalency diploma program.

**Current Status:** 1/25/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB109**      **ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS** (KRUSE D) Provides that the state board of education (state board) may accredit a nonpublic school that has: (1) received a provisional or candidate accreditation from a nationally or regionally recognized accrediting body recognized by the state board; or (2) demonstrated to the state board the nonpublic school's accomplishments based on the nonpublic school's performance in another state. Provides that the state board may authorize a school participating in the choice scholarship program or that receives contributions from a scholarship granting organization to sponsor another nonpublic school that has demonstrated to the state board the nonpublic school's competency or accomplishments and accredit or provisionally accredit the nonpublic school. Provides that the state board may accredit a nonpublic school that enters into a contract with the state board to become a freeway school at the time the nonpublic school enters the contract. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB111**      **SCHOOL CALENDAR** (KRUSE D) Prohibits public schools from beginning student instructional days for the school year before the Tuesday after the first Monday in September (Labor Day), beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Provides that a governing body may establish a beginning date before Labor Day for year-round schools, schools with balanced calendars, schools that coordinate calendars with a postsecondary educational institution, and schools that coordinate calendars with a large employer in the school corporation, following a public hearing and a majority vote of the governing body. Makes the change effective for collective bargaining agreements and contracts negotiated after June 30, 2019.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

**SB115**      **TEACHING LICENSES** (KRUSE D) Requires a court to: (1) recommend revocation of a defendant's teaching license (license) if the defendant holds a license and is convicted of certain felonies; and (2) deliver any order recommending revocation of the defendant's license to the department of education (department). Requires the department to revoke the license upon receipt of the order. Allows the department to reinstate a license if a person has been pardoned or the person's conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set

aside on appeal. Provides that a presentence investigation consists of gathering information with respect to whether the convicted defendant holds a license.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

**SB116 OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (KRUSE D)** Requires the department of education (department) to establish a pilot program to provide grants for out of school time programs that serve students in grades 5 through 8. Establishes eligibility requirements. Establishes the out of school time program fund. Requires, before November 1 of each year, the department to submit a report regarding the pilot program to the governor, budget committee, state board of education, and legislative council.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB117 UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES (KRUSE D)** Requires that each high school United States history course must include the study of the structure of state and federal governments. Moves existing language concerning the study of the Holocaust. Requires that all students enrolled in a high school United States history course must take the United States Civics Test prepared by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Allows school corporations to determine whether a passing score on the test is required to receive credit for the course.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

**SB148 SCHOOL CITY OF EAST CHICAGO FISCAL MATTERS (RANDOLPH L)** Changes, for the school years beginning after June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, the manner in which average daily membership is determined for the School City of East Chicago school corporation. Transfers, not later than July 15, 2017, to the school disaster loan fund from the state general fund an amount equal to the total amount to pay off the loan that was made to the School City of East Chicago school corporation in the amount of \$2,805,000 from the school disaster loan fund. Appropriates to the department of education (department) from the state general fund the following amounts: (1) \$1,472,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. (2) \$736,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. Requires the: (1) department to distribute the appropriated amounts to the School City of East Chicago school corporation; and (2) School City of East Chicago school corporation to use the money only for the purpose of paying the lease payments under the lease agreement, as certified by the department of local government finance, entered into between the School City of East Chicago school corporation and the East Chicago Multi School Building Corporation for the lease of the Carrie Gosch Elementary School.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB161 REFERENDUM LEVIES (NIEMEYER R)** Provides that a referendum on a controlled project may be held only at a general election, if the preliminary determination to issue bonds or enter into a lease for the controlled project is made after June 30, 2017. Requires a political subdivision that intends to hold a referendum on a controlled project to post examples on the Internet web site of the department of local government finance (department) that illustrate the effect on the annual property tax liabilities of hypothetical taxpayers if the referendum question were to be approved. Provides that a referendum for a referendum tax levy of a school corporation may be held only at a general election, if the resolution to hold the referendum is adopted after June 30, 2017. Requires a school corporation that intends to hold a referendum for a referendum levy to post examples on the department's Internet web site that illustrate the effect on the annual property tax liabilities of hypothetical taxpayers if the referendum question were to be approved.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - DEFEATED Yeas: 6; Nays: 7

**SB179**      **SELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** (BUCK J) Provides for the state superintendent of public instruction (superintendent) to be appointed by the governor after January 12, 2025. Provides that, after January 12, 2025, the governor appoints the members of the charter school review panel. (Under current law, the superintendent, or the governor jointly with the superintendent, appoints the members of the panel.) Provides that, after January 12, 2025, the governor appoints the director of special education. (Under current law, the governor appoints the director of special education upon the recommendation of the superintendent.) Provides that a statute relating to the residency of candidates for superintendent expires January 1, 2021.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Elections

**SB182**      **SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACTS** (HOUCHIN E) Provides that a contract entered into or renewed after June 30, 2017, between a governing body and its superintendent is subject to the following conditions: (1) The contract must, with an exception for an extension, be for a term of at least 12 months and not more than 36 months. (2) If the contract contains a provision that establishes an amount the governing body must pay to the superintendent to buy out the contract, the amount may not be more than an amount equal to the superintendent's salary for any one year under the contract.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB196**      **VEHICLE BILL** (LONG D) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**SB197**      **VEHICLE BILL** (LONG D) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**SB198**      **VEHICLE BILL** (LONG D) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**SB199**      **VEHICLE BILL** (LONG D) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**SB200**      **MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS** (LONG D) Requires a person convicted of disseminating material harmful to minor to register as a sex offender if the person is a child care worker and distributes the material to a child under the person's care or supervision or to a child who attends a school at which the child care worker is employed.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Senator Merritt added as author

**SB224**      **PREKINDERGARTEN STATUS REPORT** (LEISING J) Requires the department of education, in consultation with the family and social services administration, to conduct a survey to determine the number of children who are four years of age and were enrolled in a prekindergarten program during the 2015-2016 school year.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Senators Becker and Glick added as coauthors

**SB240**      **INDIANA SCHOOL COUNSELING PILOT PROGRAM** (HEAD R) Establishes the Indiana school counseling pilot program, which authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to select school corporations and charter schools from urban, suburban, and



rural areas to apply for and receive grants from the department of education (department) to develop and implement school counseling programs. Establishes a fund, administered by the department, to provide grants to participating schools and to carry out or contract for research concerning school counseling programs. Makes an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB248**

**CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS** (RAATZ J) Provides that the governing body of two or more school corporations situated in the same county may consolidate administrative functions while continuing the historical legacy of their respective school corporations. Provides that each school corporation is considered a subunit of the consolidated school corporation. Provides that school corporations in a particular county may consolidate: (1) if the governing bodies meet and adopt a joint resolution declaring their intention to consolidate school corporations; or (2) whenever 20% of the legal voters residing in the district of any school corporation, jointly with 20% of the legal voters in each other school corporation situated in a particular county, prepare a resolution and petition the governing body of their respective school corporations to consolidate the school corporations. Provides that a petitioner who wishes to consolidate school corporations in an election shall submit certified copies of the resolution and petition to the governing bodies of each school corporation contained in the proposed consolidation. Provides that each governing body named in the resolution shall hold a public meeting within 60 days after the date the proposed resolution and petition are submitted to the governing body to discuss the proposed consolidation. Provides that, if after 30 days after the date of the public meeting the petitioner does not withdraw the petition, each governing body petitioned shall call the school election provided for in each school corporation. Provides that the election must be held on the same day in each school corporation proposed to be consolidated at a general or primary election in which voters of each school corporation will vote. Provides that the governing body shall meet to organize not later than 15 days after the commencement date of the members' terms of office. Provides that debts or obligations paid by a debt service levy incurred by a school corporation before the new consolidated school corporation comes into existence may be levied only on the taxpayers of the subunit that initially incurred the debt or obligation before consolidation. Provides that the resolution consolidating the school corporations must contain an itemized listing of the administrative functions to be consolidated in the proposed new school corporation. Provides that the name or attendance area of each school within a subunit may not be changed for at least 10 years after the date the consolidation comes into existence. Provides that 20% of the legal voters residing in the district of any school corporation may petition the governing body of the school corporation for an election to determine whether the majority of the voters residing in the district in which the school corporation is located is in favor of consolidation. Requires the department of local government finance (department) to set new maximum levies, which must equal the sum of the existing maximum levies adjusted for assessed value growth. Requires the department to establish a maximum capital projects levy rate.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB249**

**TEACHER HIRING** (RAATZ J) Provides that a school corporation, including a charter school, shall adopt a policy requiring the school employer to contact references and, if applicable, the most recent employer of a prospective employee, before the school corporation or charter school may hire the prospective employee.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB250**      **REPORT ON STUDENT PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION** (RAATZ J) Requires each school corporation to submit an annual report to the department of education (department) containing the: (1) number of students of the school corporation that transfer out of the school corporation after the student's cohort enters grade 12; (2) exit code and exit title or description for each student who transfers; (3) grade point average for each student who transfers; and (4) number of high school credits earned by each student who transfers. Requires the department to prepare a report and maintain a copy of the report on the department's Internet web site.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB253**      **PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM** (TALLIAN K) Requires the commissioner of labor to do the following: (1) Develop guidelines and procedures to establish a paid family and medical leave program (program), in consultation with the state personnel department and the department of insurance, that incorporates, to the extent possible, the findings and recommendations made by the Indiana commission for women. (2) Prepare an implementation plan for the program. (3) Not later than November 1, 2018, submit a report to the legislative council containing at least: (A) the guidelines and procedures; (B) the implementation plan; and (C) any legislative changes needed to establish and implement the program.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB259**      **INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPENSES** (TALLIAN K) Provides that the income tax deduction for education expenses for a dependent child is allowable for expenses made in connection with attendance at a public school. (Under current law, the tax deduction applies only to expenses made in connection with a private school program.)

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

**SB274**      **LIMITS ON SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS** (RANDOLPH L) Requires a determination that a student's school suspension or expulsion will prevent or reduce the risk of interference with an educational function or school purposes, disruption of the learning environment, or physical injury to the student, other students, school employees, or school visitors. Requires inclusion of the rationale for the use of school suspension or expulsion in the statement to a student's parent.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB276**      **EARLY EDUCATION GRANT PILOT PROGRAM** (HOLDMAN T) Expands the prekindergarten pilot program (pilot program) to include five additional counties. Expands the requirement that the office of the secretary of family and social services carry out a longitudinal study of students who participate in the pilot program to include the students in the five additional counties. Establishes the prekindergarten pilot program fund. Makes an appropriation to the prekindergarten pilot program fund in an amount of \$20,000,000 from the state general fund for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

- SB284**      **EDUCATOR EXPENSE TAX CREDIT** (TOMES J) Provides that a teacher employed by a private school is entitled to claim a state income tax credit for teacher classroom supplies. (Currently, only public school teachers are entitled to claim the tax credit.) Specifies that a "teacher" for purposes of the tax credit is a kindergarten through grade 12 teacher.  
*Current Status:* 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development
- SB286**      **SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS** (FORD J) Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, 2017-2018 school year, and 2018-2019 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that, for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2016, and ending before July 1, 2020, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year or the school year immediately preceding the applicable state fiscal year, whichever percentage of passing scores is greater. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores for the ISTEP program test taken in the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, 2017-2018 school year, or 2018-2019 school year may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular teacher's annual performance rating.  
*Current Status:* 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development
- SB290**      **STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE** (NIEZGODSKI D) Provides an annual grant award of \$2,500 to assist an individual with student loan debt for each consecutive year the individual is employed full time in social work, nursing, or teaching in Indiana, not to exceed five years. Specifies that eligibility for a grant award begins on the first month of the first year that an individual is required to start repayment of a student loan, the proceeds of which were used to fund the individual's education. Makes an annual appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- SB298**      **SCHOOL EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS** (ALTING R) Amends the time period by which a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school must conduct expanded criminal history checks for applicants for noncertificated employment or certificated employment. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to conduct an expanded child protection index check concerning each applicant for noncertificated employment or certificated employment before or not later than two months after the applicant's employment. (Current law requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to conduct an expanded child protection index check before or not later than three months after the applicant's employment.)  
*Current Status:* 1/26/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations
- SB311**      **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATIONS** (BOOTS P) Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, and 2017-2018 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that, for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2016, and

ending before July 1, 2019, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year or the school year immediately preceding the applicable state fiscal year, whichever percentage of passing scores is greater. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores for the ISTEP program test taken in the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, or 2017-2018 school year may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular teacher's annual performance rating.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB312**      **USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION IN HIRING** (BOOTS P) Provides that a political subdivision may not prohibit an employer from obtaining or using criminal history information during the hiring process to the extent allowed by federal or state law, rules, or regulations. Provides that a political subdivision may not prohibit an employer, at the time an individual makes an initial application for employment, from making an inquiry regarding the individual's criminal history information or requiring the individual to disclose criminal history information.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**SB317**      **STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND APPROPRIATION** (MRVAN F) Makes an appropriation to the state disaster relief fund to provide financial assistance to eligible entities affected by lead contamination in East Chicago.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB319**      **DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES** (MRVAN F) Provides that if a student with a disability is suspended or expelled for an incident in which the student causes a classroom disturbance, the student's case conference committee must be convened not later than 10 school days after the date of the incident to consider the appropriateness of an alternative placement for the student. Makes a technical correction.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB325**      **VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM** (STOOPS M) Establishes the voluntary prekindergarten program. Establishes the voluntary prekindergarten program fund. Makes an appropriation from the state general fund to fund the voluntary prekindergarten program in an amount not to exceed: (1) \$2,500,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017; (2) \$148,000,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018; and (3) \$176,000,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. Repeals provisions concerning the following: (1) The early education matching grant program. (2) The early education grant pilot program.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB330**      **CAREER READINESS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** (RUCKELSHAUS J) Establishes a career readiness improvement committee to study the state's public higher education system and the feasibility of adding a fifth year of high school for the attainment of vocational and other certificates of training for entry into the workforce.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB337**      **STUDY OF ETHNIC HISTORY** (TAYLOR G) Requires the study of ethnic and racial groups to be included as part of each school corporation's high school United States history course.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB349**      **EXPEDITED TEACHER LICENSING FOR MILITARY SPOUSES** (GLICK S) Requires the state board of education to adopt rules, including emergency rules, that establish procedures to expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a teacher license to a military spouse whose husband or wife is assigned to a duty station in Indiana. (Current law allows, but does not require, the state board to adopt such rules.) Requires the state board of education to promote and encourage military spouses to participate in the federal Troops to Teachers program, or a similar program approved by the department of education.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Senator Leising added as coauthor

**SB359**      **SCHOOL CONCUSSION RECOVERY GUIDELINES** (LANANE T) Requires the department of education to develop and disseminate, before July 1, 2018, guidelines to school corporations concerning suggested protocols for a student who has received a concussion or brain injury to return to classroom work.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB365**      **VEHICLE BILL** (LANANE T) None

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**SB367**      **REVOCATION OF TEACHING LICENSES** (BASSLER E) Requires a court to issue an order recommending to the department of education (department) revocation of a defendant's teaching license if the defendant is convicted of certain crimes and the victim is a child less than 18 years of age. Requires the department to revoke the license upon receipt of the order. Provides that a presentence investigation includes gathering information with respect to whether the convicted defendant holds a teaching license.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB374**      **PETITIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT** (DELPH M) Allows a court to issue an educational support order until a child becomes 23 years of age.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law

**SB392**      **EMERGENCY MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS** (STOOPS M) Defines "emergency medication" as epinephrine, albuterol, or naloxone. Allows a school or school corporation to: (1) fill a prescription for an emergency medication; and (2) store the emergency medication. (Current law allows a school to fill a prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine and store the auto-injectable epinephrine.) Defines "emergency stock medication" as emergency medication to which both the following apply: (1) The prescription of the emergency medication is filled by a school or school corporation. (2) The emergency medication is stored at a school. Makes conforming changes regarding: (1) administering emergency stock medication; (2) prescribing and dispensing emergency medication; and (3) certain immunity from liability concerning the administration of

emergency stock medication. Defines "school" and "school nurse". Requires the department of education (department) to develop guidance materials concerning emergency medication and post a copy of the materials on the department's Internet web site. Requires a school nurse or school employee to make a report if an emergency stock medication is administered and submit the report in an electronic format to the department.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB407**      **EDUCATION MATTERS** (HOUCHIN E) Requires, before April 1, 2018, the department of education to develop, and the state board of education to approve, a method for measuring individualized student growth throughout the school year using a benchmark assessment to be used to evaluate a certificated employee as part of the school corporation's staff performance evaluation plan. Requires that a school corporation's staff performance evaluation plan must be based upon, in part, student growth during the school year. Provides that a school employer shall submit a copy of the affidavit submitted by the exclusive representative indicating the number of teachers who are members of the exclusive representative to the Indiana education employment relations board (board). Requires the board to post a copy of the affidavit on the board's Internet web site. Requires the board to post on its Internet web site training modules, videos, or other instructional material informing school employees of their rights to select an exclusive representative. Provides that each school year in which school employee participation in a school employee organization currently serving as the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit does not represent a majority of the school employees within the unit, the board shall notify the school employees of the bargaining unit of their right to: (1) representation; and (2) the ability to change their exclusive representative. Urges the legislative council to establish the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) education innovation interim study committee.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Kruse added as second author

**SB409**      **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (HOUCHIN E) Provides that formal collective bargaining between a school corporation and an exclusive representative may not begin before September 15. Provides that before September 15 of the first year of the state budget biennium, the department of education shall provide the parties with an estimate of the general fund revenue available for bargaining in the school corporation from the school funding formula. Provides that if the parties do not receive a certified estimate from the department of education within 30 days after the fall count of ADM, the parties may use the school corporation's estimate of the general fund revenue available based on the school corporation's fall count of ADM. Provides that a factfinder must conduct a public hearing not before November 15, and the hearing must be completed by February 15 of the calendar year after the start of formal collective bargaining.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

**SB422**      **APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** (BASSLER E) Provides that, after January 10, 2021, the state superintendent of public instruction is to be appointed by the governor. Repeals a provision that a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction must have resided in Indiana for at least two years. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Senator Ford added as second author

**SB428**      **AGE FOR COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** (TAYLOR G) Provides that a student shall enroll in a kindergarten program not later than the fall term of the school year if the student is five years of age on August 1 of that school year. (Current law requires that a

student enroll in a kindergarten class not later than the fall term of the school year in which the student becomes seven years of age.) Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB430 SCHOOL BUS EQUIPMENT (FORD J)** Provides that a school bus or special purpose bus that is purchased after January 1, 2018, and that is used to transport elementary school or high school students must be equipped with a 3-point lap and shoulder safety belt (safety belt) at each seating location. Requires the state school bus committee to adopt rules for the design, installation, and use of safety belt systems that must be installed in school buses and special purpose buses. Provides for an exception to the laws concerning other types of passenger restraint systems. Requires each occupant of a school bus or special purpose bus that has a safety belt to have the safety belt properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the bus is in motion.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

**SB432 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY DISABILITY (MRVAN F)** Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2018, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Under current law, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and not more than five years of age.) Adds developmental delay as a category of mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB460 GRADUATION RATE DETERMINATION (HEAD R)** Defines "alternate diploma". Makes changes to the definitions of "graduation" and "graduation rate" for purposes of calculating a school's graduation rate. Makes a change to the calculation of a school's graduation rate.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB471 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRANTS AND EVALUATIONS (BECKER V)** Provides that, for a state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results must be calculated using the higher of: (1) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year; or (2) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2015-2016 school year. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores from the ISTEP program test taken in the spring of 2016 may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee, unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular certificated employee's annual performance rating.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB475 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY (MELTON E)** Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2018, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at

least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Currently, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and not more than five years of age.) Adds developmental delay as a category for mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.

**Current Status:** 2/1/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB498**      **TEACHER COMPENSATION (RAATZ J)** Provides that certain factors may account for not more than 33.33% (instead of 33%) of the calculation used to determine a teacher's increase or increment in salary. Amends the factor concerning additional content area degrees and credit hours in determining a teacher's increase or increment in salary.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB503**      **TEACHER EVALUATIONS AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE (LEISING J)** Provides that, for a state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the higher of: (1) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year; or (2) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2015-2016 school year. Specifies that if a school's performance grant is calculated using the percentage of passing ISTEP scores from the 2013-2014 school year, the grant amount may not exceed (with certain exceptions) the grant amount that the school received for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015. Provides that a school corporation shall distribute all stipends from a performance grant to individual teachers within 20 business days of the date the department of education distributes the performance grant to the school corporation. Provides that ISTEP program test scores or a school's category or designation of school improvement for the 2015-2016 school year, based on the ISTEP program test taken in the spring of 2016, may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores or a school's category or designation of school improvement would improve the certificated employee's annual performance rating. Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that for purposes of determining whether a choice scholarship school has become newly eligible for consequences based on the school's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year, the department of education may not apply the consequences unless the school is placed in the lowest category or designation for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB504**      **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS (LEISING J)** Requires that educational service centers provide services to a participating charter school upon the request of the charter school. (This is in addition to current law that requires educational service centers to provide services to a participating school corporation upon request of the school corporation.) Allows charter schools individually, in collaboration with other school corporations, charter schools, or both school corporations and charter schools, and through the educational services centers, to undertake action to reduce noninstructional expenditures and allocate the resulting savings to student instruction and learning. Makes conforming changes to include charter schools in the actions that may be undertaken.



**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB534**      **SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PROGRAM** (RAATZ J) Establishes the Indiana special education scholarship account program (program). Requires the treasurer of state to administer the program. Establishes: (1) the special education scholarship account fund (fund); and (2) requirements and conditions for the program. Requires the department of education (department) to, on or before May 1 and January 1 of each year, provide the treasurer of state a list of the names of students with disabilities who require special education and for whom an individualized education program has been developed. Provides that any grant amount distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana special education scholarship account and used for qualified expenses under the program is not included in adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes. Provides that money transferred from a student's Indiana special education scholarship account to the student's college choice 529 education savings plan is not included as a contribution for purposes of a credit against a taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax. Requires the treasurer of state to: (1) annually request a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student who is participating in the program to complete a written survey; and (2) annually provide a summary of the survey to the governor and the legislative council. Continuously appropriates money from the fund and the accounts established within the fund for the purposes of the program.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB536**      **STUDENT ASSESSMENTS** (DELPH M) Replaces the ISTEP test program with an assessment program using the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills or the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, as appropriate for the grade level being tested. Repeals a statute establishing the ISTEP program citizens' review committee. Repeals a provision defining the ISTEP program. Repeals an expiration provision. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Senator Zay added as third author

**SB557**      **CHARTER SCHOOLS IN GARY** (MELTON E) Prohibits, beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2022, an authorizer from granting to an organizer a charter to operate a charter school that is or will be located in the city of Gary unless the Gary Community School Corporation has no outstanding loans or advances from the common school fund.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SB564**      **GARY SCHOOLS** (MELTON E) Provides that the following apply to the Gary Community School Corporation: (1) The governing body of the Gary Community School Corporation shall appoint a superintendent for academics and a chief operating officer. Specifies the powers and duties of these individuals. (2) The fiscal management board is established, consisting of one member appointed by the governing body of the Gary Community School Corporation, one member appointed by the mayor of the city of Gary, and one member appointed by the superintendent of public instruction. Provides that members of the fiscal management board must have experience in finance and financial management. Specifies that the fiscal management board shall appoint a fiscal manager, and provides that the fiscal manager must possess, through both education and experience, an understanding of finance and financial management, and must possess any other experience and must meet any other requirements as required by the fiscal management board to ensure that the fiscal manager is qualified to carry out the financial restructuring of the school corporation. Provides that the fiscal management board, rather than the governing body: (1) has the

fiscal powers and duties of the school corporation; and (2) has the powers and duties of the school corporation concerning specified operational functions and joint programs. Provides that the fiscal manager and the chief operating officer shall report to the fiscal management board and shall carry out the fiscal management board's powers and duties under the direction of and as specified by the fiscal management board. Specifies that after June 30, 2017, and before July 1, 2019, the compensation of the fiscal manager shall be paid by the distressed unit appeal board (DUAB). Specifies that the fiscal manager and the chief operating officer serve at the pleasure of the fiscal management board. Requires the DUAB to: (1) work jointly with the city of Gary and the fiscal manager to develop a financial plan for the school corporation; (2) provide information and technical assistance; and (3) assist the Gary Community School Corporation in obtaining assistance from state agencies and other resources. Authorizes the DUAB to do the following: (1) Delay or suspend any payments of principal or interest, or both, that would otherwise be due from the Gary Community School Corporation on loans or advances from the common school fund. (2) Forgive any payments of principal or interest, or both, that would otherwise be due from the Gary Community School Corporation on loans or advances from the common school fund. (3) Recommend to the state board of finance that the state board of finance make an interest free loan to the Gary Community School Corporation from the common school fund. (4) Establish benchmarks of financial improvement for the school corporation and provide a grant or grants to the school corporation, if the school corporation meets one or more of the benchmarks. Specifies that if the fiscal manager, the chief operating officer, or a member of the fiscal management board is made a party to a civil suit, the attorney general shall defend the officer or board member throughout the action. Requires the fiscal management board to do the following: (1) Attempt to negotiate with the creditors of the school corporation to establish a plan specifying the schedule for paying each creditor. (2) Submit the plan to the DUAB for approval. Specifies that the annual budget adopted by the fiscal management board for the school corporation must dedicate a significant part of the school corporation's budget to eliminating the school corporation's debt obligations. Requires the fiscal management board to do the following: (1) Attempt to negotiate with the creditors of the school corporation to establish a plan specifying the schedule for paying each creditor. (2) Submit the plan to the DUAB for approval. Provides that the fiscal management board must consult with the governing body in developing the school corporation's annual budget, and that the DUAB must review and approve the school corporation's annual budget. Requires the governing body of the Gary Community School Corporation to develop an education plan to achieve academic progress. Specifies certain components that must be included within the plan. Requires the fiscal manager to report quarterly to the DUAB in a format specified by the DUAB. Provides that the report must include: (1) information concerning the status of certain indicators of fiscal health; (2) information concerning the actions that the school corporation is taking to improve the financial condition of the school corporation; and (3) any other information required by the DUAB. Requires the fiscal manager to report more frequently than quarterly if requested by the DUAB and to provide copies of the report to the governing body, the fiscal management board, the mayor of the city of Gary, the budget committee, and the legislative council. Requires the school corporation to publish a copy of each report on the school corporation's Internet web site, along with a link to the Indiana transparency Internet web site established to provide access to financial data for local schools. Requires the school corporation: (1) to make copies of the report available free of charge to the public upon request at each school building operated by the school corporation; and (2) to provide copies of the report to the city of Gary to be made available free of charge to the public upon request. Requires the governing body to report annually concerning the school corporation's academic and financial progress and academic and financial condition at a public meeting of the city council. Specifies that the school corporation remains subject to all of these requirements until the earlier of the following: (1) July 1, 2022. (2) The date

specified in a resolution adopted by the DUAB in which the DUAB terminates the school corporation's status of being subject to the requirements, after finding that significant improvements have been made to the financial condition of the school corporation and it is in the best interest of students, the school corporation, citizens, and the state to terminate the school corporation's status of being subject to the requirements.

***Current Status:*** 1/26/2017 - Senator Charbonneau added as coauthor

**SB570**      **CDC YOUTH RISK BEHAVIORS SURVEY** (BREAUX J) Requires each school corporation and charter school to annually administer to students in grades 6 through 12 the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Youth Risk Behaviors Survey.

***Current Status:*** 1/18/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**SR17**      **URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT TEACHERS WHO TEACH A DIVERSE CURRICULUM** (RAATZ J) A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Department of Education to reinforce support of teachers who choose to teach a diverse curriculum.

***Current Status:*** 1/23/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development