

The media spotlight has been on Indiana this past week, and it was not because of the upcoming Final Four games that are being played in Indianapolis. Uproar over the passage of SEA 101 (Religious Freedom Restoration Act) continued to be felt after Governor Pence signed the bill into law a week ago Thursday. Corporations, associations and other groups threatened to pull all current and future business from the State because of the law's passage. After the fallout continued through the weekend, the Governor announced on Tuesday he was working with both Chambers to amend SEA 101. Numerous caucus debates were held on Tuesday and Wednesday where the House and Senate Republicans were able to finally agree to a legislative fix. Senate Bill 050's conference committee report became the vehicle for the fix, which was introduced during a committee hearing on Thursday morning. That committee report was adopted by both the House and Senate on Thursday afternoon, and signed into law by the Governor on Thursday night.

Next Thursday is the Committee Report Deadlines. All bills that are not heard in the second Chamber by that point will be considered dead. However, the language could be revived during the Conference Committee process.

Here are some upcoming deadlines for the 2015 Session.

- Thursday, April 9th – Committee Report Deadline for Senate Bills in the House
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- Wednesday, April 15th – Last day for 3rd Reading of House bills in the Senate
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- Wednesday, April 29th – Last day for adjournment (Sine Die)

Below is a summary of actions taken on this week on key bills included in your Bill Track list:

- **HB 1006 (Criminal Justice Funding)** – Heard Thursday in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and was passed with an amendment.
- **HB 1150 (Police and Firefighter Retirement Matters)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill's 2nd Reading.
- **HB 1393 (Various Motor Vehicle Matters)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill's 2nd Reading.
- **SB 380 (Crisis Intervention Teams)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill's 2nd Reading.
- **SB 492 (Various Pension Matters)** – Heard Tuesday in the House Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee, and was passed with an amendment.
- **SB 559 (Various Criminal Law Matters)** – Heard Wednesday in the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, and was passed with an amendment.

The following bills on your Bill Track list are scheduled for a committee hearing next week:

As is our policy, we have attached an updated Bill Track List, with bills that are of an interest to you.

If you would like to see a full copy of any bill, please visit

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2015/bills/>

or let us know if you would like for us to furnish you with a hard copy of a particular bill. As you review the bills, please let us know of any questions or comments you have with the legislation that we may not be aware of.