

Both the House and Senate completed their 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Deadline's earlier this week. Conference Committees also began to meet with the hopes of working out differences between the House and Senate passed versions of a particular bill before next Thursday's Sine Die. Many of this year's larger issues such as Road Funding (HB 1001 / SB 333), ISTEP Matters (HB 1395), Law Enforcement Recordings (HB 1019) and BMV matters are all heading to Conference Committee.

### Conference Committee Process

As mentioned previously, conference committees began early this week. Any bill that was amended in the second Chamber is sent back. The original author of the bill can either concur with the changes, or dissent. If the author concurs, the bill is eligible for a concurrence vote in its Chamber of Origin. Once the bill has passed that vote, it is sent to the Governor to be signed into law. If the author dissents, a conference committee is appointed for the bill.

Conference committees consist of one member from each of the four legislative caucuses. The conference committees meet and discuss the changes made to a particular bill. Rules for conference committees are fairly open. They have the option to allow or not allow testimony from third parties. For a conference committee report to be adopted, it will go back to each Chamber for passage.

Below are the upcoming deadlines for the 2016 Session.

- Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 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 1012 (Developmental Disability Identification Card)** – The bill was heard in conference committee on Thursday.
- **HB 1019 (Law Enforcement Recordings)** – The bill was heard in conference committee on Friday.
- **HB 1022 (Private University Police Departments)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence by 93-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1028 (Human and Sexual Trafficking)** – Passed the Senate on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 50-0. A dissent was filed by the original author.
- **HB 1048 (Motor Vehicle Accidents)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence by 94-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1087 (Bureau of Motor Vehicles Omnibus Bill)** – Passed the Senate on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 45-5. A dissent was filed by the original author.
- **HB1130 (Ignition Interlock Devices)** – The bill was heard in conference committee on Wednesday.
- **HB 1157 (Methamphetamine Matters)** – Passed the Senate on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 49-1, returned to the House with amendments.
- **HB 1164 (Law Enforcement Officers and Investigations)** – Passed the House on the bill's concurrence 94-0. The bill is now on its way to the Governor to be signed into law.
- **HB 1211 (Methamphetamine and Criminal Mischief)** – The bill was heard in conference committee this Friday.
- **HB 1235 (Drug Offenses)** – Passed the Senate on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 40-10, returned to the House with amendments. A motion to concur has been filed.

- **SB 14 (Various Criminal Law Matters)** – Passed the House on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 95-0, returned to the Senate with amendments.
- **SB 80 (Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine)** - The bill was heard in conference committee this Friday.
- **SB 147 (School Emergency Response Systems)** – Passed the House on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 97-0, returned to the Senate with amendments.
- **SB 161 (Methamphetamine Matters)** – Passed the House on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 95-2. A dissent was filed by the original author.
- **SB 213 (911 Fees)** – Passed the House on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 90-4, returned to the Senate with amendments.
- **SB 357 (Registry of Convicted Child Abusers)** – Passed the House on the bill's 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by 96-0, returned to the Senate with amendments.

As is our policy, we have attached an updated Bill Track List, with bills that are of interest to you. You may notice this week's Bill Track List is shorter than those you have received in the past. Bill's that failed to pass before this week's 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Deadline have been removed. However, we will monitor those subjects as they may reappear as amendments to legislation during the conference committee process.

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

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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.

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