

The Indiana General Assembly wrapped up their business for the 2016 legislative session around 10 p.m. last night. A deal was struck between the House, Senate and Governor late Wednesday for this year's top issue, infrastructure funding (HEA 1001). The plan calls for almost \$230 million to be used into state highways and bridges over the next two years, while local governments will receive close to \$580 million for their infrastructure needs and improvements. All of the funding comes from the State's \$2 billion budget reserve and not from the proposed tax increases found in the House passed versions of HB 1001 and SB 33 earlier in the session. HEA passed the House 91-5 and the Senate 46-4.

Other issues the legislature was able to address this year include the following:

- HEA 1019 (Law Enforcement Recordings) – Provides a framework for the release of law enforcement recordings.
- HEA 1087 (Bureau of Motor Vehicles) – 1087 was in response to numerous issues that arose from Indiana's BMV.
- HEA 1396 (ISTEP Matters) – Numerous changes were made to the contentious ISTEP test.
- SEA 80 (Ephedrine / Pseudoephedrine) – SEA 80 was aimed to crack down on meth manufacturing in the State. Currently, Indiana leads the nation in reported meth labs incidents.
- SEA 177 (Alcoholic Beverage Matters) – The bill prohibits an out of state resident from retaining a liquor store permit.

Next Year

We have seen almost historic turnover in the Indiana General Assembly since 2010, and we are expecting the same after November's election. Eight members of the Indiana Senate and eight members of the Indiana House have announced they will not run for reelection. Governor Pence is also up for reelection this year, which looks to be a close race in a rematch against the former Indiana House Speaker, John Gregg. There is a lot of time between now and November, and add to the mix an uncertain national ticket for both Republicans and Democrats, it's setting up to be an interesting election.

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

- **HB 1012 (Developmental Disability Identification Card)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1019 (Law Enforcement Recordings)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1028 (Human and Sexual Trafficking)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1087 (Bureau of Motor Vehicles Omnibus Bill)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1130 (Ignition Interlock Devices)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1157 (Methamphetamine Matters)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.

- **HB 1211 (Methamphetamine and Criminal Mischief)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 14 (Various Criminal Law Matters)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 80 (Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine)** - Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 147 (School Emergency Response Systems)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 161 (Pharmacists, Ephedrine, and Methamphetamine)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 213 (911 Fees)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 357 (Registry of Convicted Child Abusers)** – Conference committee report was adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.

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.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. If we are out of the office, Frank's cell phone number is (317) 501-1131, and mine is (317) 519-2844.

We would like to take a moment and thank all of you for your help this year!