

This past week, the Indiana Senate Republicans released their priorities for the 2017 legislative session. Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) said the caucus' top priorities include a long-term road funding plan, passing a balanced two-year budget, replacing the ISTEP test and finding tools and resources to help combat the opioid epidemic.

Senator Long said the focus will be finding the type of tax and fee increases that will be necessary to cover current maintenance costs. New Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee Chairman, Senator Mike Crider (R-Greenfield), agreed that the House Republican user-fee plan was a good start to the infrastructure funding discussion.

Governor Holcomb will give his first State of the State Address on Tuesday, January 17 and Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush will deliver the State of the Judiciary Address on Wednesday, January 18.

Here are some upcoming deadlines for the 2017 Session.

- Tuesday, January 17-State of the State
- Wednesday, January 18-State of the Judiciary
- Tuesday, February 21-Senate/House Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Monday, February 27-Last day for 3rd Reading of Senate bills in the Senate
- Monday, February 27-Last day for 3rd Reading of House bills in the House
- Monday, April 10-Senate/House Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Thursday, April 13-Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in the House
- Thursday, April 13-Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in the Senate
- Saturday, April 29-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:

- **SB 37 (Certifications Concerning Breath Tests)** – Heard on Wednesday in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and was passed without an amendment.
- **SB 46 (Various Pension Matters)** – Heard on Wednesday in the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee, and was passed without an amendment.
- **SB 80 (Deferred Retirement Option Plan Disability Benefit)** – Heard on Wednesday in the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee, and was passed with a technical corrections amendment.

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

- **HB 1122 (Critical Incident Stress Management Services)** – Scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday in the House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee.
- **SB 112 (Hospital Police Departments)** – Scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday in the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee.
- **SB 140 (Matching Grant Fund for Local Police Departments)** – Scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday in the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee.

- **SB 285 (Traffic Obstruction by Protestors)** – Scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday in the Senate Local Government Committee.

As is our policy, we have attached an updated Bill Track List, with bills that are of interest to you. We expect to receive a few more filing lists from each Chamber. Next week you should have a full Bill Track List.

If you would like to see a full copy of any bill, please visit <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2017/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.