

This past week, Governor Eric Holcomb (R-Indianapolis) delivered his first State of the State address. He expanded upon his legislative agenda from two weeks ago, outlining an ambitious yet broad set of goals including cultivating a strong and diverse economy, funding a long-term roads and bridges plan, developing a 21st century skilled workforce, attacking the drug epidemic and providing great government service for taxpayers. Specifically, Governor Holcomb said in the next 10 years, Indiana employers will need to find one million new skilled workers to replace 700,000 retiring baby boomers, and fill an expected 300,000 new jobs.

In order to solve the workforce gap, the Governor supported a proposed balanced budget amendment, investing \$1 billion during the next 10 years in innovation and workforce development and doubling the state's investment in Pre-K to \$20 million a year. Governor Holcomb also backed the proposal for legislators to give a pay raise to Indiana State Police. To improve digital connectivity, the Governor encouraged legislators to increase state funding by \$1 million dollars annually to enable more schools to participate in the federal E-rate matching program.

The Governor did not address whether he supports the House Republican infrastructure funding plan, which includes raising the state's gas tax. However, he did allude to a user-fee approach when stating that motorists should be willing to invest a little more to boost funding for the state's highways and bridges.

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush gave the annual State of the Judiciary on Wednesday. Rush praised those partnering with the courts, the legislature and Governor Holcomb in the fight against the opioid crisis.

Here are some upcoming deadlines for the 2017 Session.

- 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:

- **HB 1122 (Critical Incident Stress Management Services)** – Heard on Tuesday in the House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee. Bill passed 13-0.
- **SB 112 (Hospital Police Departments)** – Heard on Tuesday in the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee. Bill passed 7-0.

- **SB 140 (Matching Grant Fund for Local Police Departments)** – Heard on Tuesday in the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee. Bill passed 9-0 and was reassigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 285 (Traffic Obstruction by Protestors)** – Bill was held by author on Wednesday in the Senate Local Government Committee.

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

- **SB 110 (Impounding of Uninsured Driver's Vehicle)** – Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee on Thursday.
- **SB 231 (Crisis Intervention Teams)** – Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee on Tuesday.

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.