

The first half of the 2017 legislative session is now in the books. Both the House and the Senate met their Third Reading deadline without much difficulty.

The House the Republican's budget proposal, HB 1001 (Biennial Budget), passed by a party line vote of 68-29. The \$31 billion budget increases funding for local K-12 schools by 2.9 percent over the biennium while providing modest funding increases for higher education, and doubling state funding for Indiana's high-quality pre-K pilot program, which helps low-income, at-risk students. The bill also includes increases in Indiana State Police salaries and the state income tax exemption for military pensions and survivor's benefits, as well as funding investments in workforce development. There were also budget items aligned with Governor Holcomb's call to address the opioid epidemic including allocations of \$5 million to fund a drug czar and \$185 million for investments in local corrections programs. House Bill 1001 will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.

The Indiana Senate passed Sen. Randy Head's (R-Logansport) Senate Bill 1, which would reform the regulations for e-liquid manufacturers by a vote of 49-1. Current Indiana law-parts of which have been ruled unconstitutional by the Indiana Seventh Circuit Court-allows for a monopoly in the state by requiring that manufacturers of liquids used in e-cigarettes have contracts with a private security firm. Head's bill seeks to protect consumer safety and ensure manufacturers are complying with the federal standards while removing the unnecessary regulations put into place during the previous two sessions of the Indiana General Assembly. Under the bill, the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) would approve e-liquids manufacturing permits. In addition, any e-liquids produced by an ATC approved manufacturer prior to July 1, 2017 may be distributed and sold for retail until the expiration of the e-liquids. SB 1 now moves to the House for further consideration.

As mentioned earlier, Monday and Tuesday were the Third Reading deadlines for the House and Senate respectively. All bills that failed to pass out of their Chamber of origin are now considered dead. Your Bill Track List should reflect those changes.

Here are some upcoming deadlines for the 2017 Session:

- Monday, April 3-Senate/House Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Thursday, April 6-Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in the House
- Thursday, April 6-Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in the Senate
- Friday, April 21- Anticipated Day of adjournment (Sine Die)
- Saturday, April 29-Deadline for adjournment (Sine Die)

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

- **HB 1617 (1977 Fund and Sheriff's Disability Benefits)** – Passed unanimously on the bill's Third Reading on Monday a vote of 91-0.
- **SB 61 (School Resource Officers)** – Passed unanimously on the bill's Third Reading on Monday at a vote of 48-0.

- **SB 285 (Study Committee)** – Passed on the bill’s Third Reading on Tuesday at a vote of 34-16.
- **SB 299 (Offenses Involving Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)** – Passed unanimously on the bill’s Third Reading on Monday at a vote of 50-0.
- **SB 322 (DNA for Felony Arrestees)** – Passed on the bill’s Third Reading on Monday at a vote of 36-13.

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

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.