

We are less than two weeks away from the next round of Committee Report Deadlines. Numerous committee meetings were held this past week, yet many of the “major” issue bills are still outstanding and have not passed their assigned committee. Most notably, HB 1001 (State Biennial Budget) and HB 1002 (Transportation Infrastructure Funding) have both been discussed once in Committee but no vote or action has taken place. Both bills are scheduled for a hearing next week.

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed Rep. Bob Behning’s (R-Indianapolis) House Bill 1004 by a vote of 9-1. In its original form, Behning’s bill would not only expand the state’s current pre-K pilot program, but also allow low-income families to receive a voucher through a state funded scholarship. Last week, the Senate Education Committee voted to amend the bill making it identical to the language in Senate Bill 276, which passed the Senate in the first half of session. While the House bill would still give eligible pre-K providers a grant to expand its service to more children in low-income families, it would only allocate \$3 million more to the \$10 million currently allocated for the On My Way Pre-K pilot program. The new version of the bill would also give priority to children in Indiana foster care to enroll in the state’s pre-K program, and remove a provision requiring two annual inspections and a long-term study. The bill now moves to the Senate Floor for further consideration.

All bills that are not heard in the second Chamber by the Committee Report Deadline will be considered dead. However, the language could be revived during the Conference Committee process.

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
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- 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 1122 (Critical Incident Stress Management Services)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill’s Second Reading.
- **HB 1123 (Study of Civil Forfeiture Laws)** – Passed on the bill’s Third Reading by a vote of 41-9.
- **HB 1189 (Crime Reporting Requirements)** – Passed on the bill’s Third Reading by a vote of 50-0.
- **HB 1250 (Handgun Licenses and Law Enforcement Officers)** – Passed on the bill’s Third Reading by a vote of 47-1.

- **HB 1577 (DNA Samples of Felony Arrestees)** – Heard in Senate Judiciary Committee, and was held for a vote.
- **HB 1617 (1977 Fund Disability Benefits)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill’s Second Reading.
- **SB 37 (Certifications Concerning Breath Tests)** – Passed on the bill’s Third Reading by a vote of 96-0.
- **SB 46 (Various Pension Matters)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill’s Second Reading.
- **SB 80 (Deferred Retirement Option Plan Disability Benefit)** – Ordered to Engrossment on the bill’s Second Reading.
- **SB 299 (Offenses Involving Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)** – Heard Wednesday in House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, and was passed with an amendment.
- **SB 344 (Possession of a Firearm by an Illegal Alien)** – Heard Wednesday in House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, and was passed.
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The following bills on your Bill Track List are scheduled for a committee hearing next week:

- **HB 1535 (Study of Law Enforcement Training Matters)** – Scheduled for a hearing Tuesday in Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee.
- **HB 1555 (Police Reserve Officers and Other Volunteers)** – Scheduled for a hearing Wednesday in Senate Pensions and Labor Committee.
- **SB 61 (School Resource Officers)** – Scheduled for a hearing Tuesday in House Education Committee.
- **SB 112 (Hospital Police Departments)** – Scheduled for a hearing Tuesday in House Veteran Affairs and Public Safety Committee.
- **SB 231 (Crisis Intervention Teams and Substance Abuse Programs)** – Scheduled for a hearing Monday in House Public Health Committee.

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.