

The Indiana General Assembly wrapped up the 2018 legislative session in chaotic fashion early Thursday morning. State law mandates the short session to conclude March 14 at midnight, but with major bills still unsettled including HB 1230 (School Safety), HB 1315 (School Corporation Financial Management), 1341 (Autonomous Vehicles), and SB 242 (State and Local Tax Administration), Governor Eric Holcomb proposed extending the session by one hour to 1 a.m. Thursday. Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane (D-Anderson) objected to the legality of the proposal and retiring President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) conceded, causing the above measures to die. Meanwhile in the House, House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) announced that they had run out of time prompting the legislative session to abruptly end at 12:15 a.m.

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

- **SEA 1 (Sunday Carryout Sales)** – Allows Sunday carryout alcohol sales from noon to 8.p.m.
- **SEA 99 (Civil Forfeiture)** – Increases due process protections for property owners whose property is seized as part of a civil forfeiture action.
- **HEA 1002 (Workforce Funding and Programs)** – Expands the Governor’s workforce ready grant program and increases training grants.
- **HEA 1426 (Education Matters)** – Consolidates the four current high school diplomas into one to meet federal requirements.

These and subsequent bills are now headed to Governor Holcomb’s desk to be signed into law.

### Next Year

We have seen unprecedented turnover in the Indiana General Assembly in recent months, and we are expecting the same after November’s election. Three members of the Indiana Senate and thirteen members of the Indiana House have announced they will not run for reelection. Senate President Pro Tem David Long announced he is leaving his position after the November election. Senator Rod Bray (R-Martinsville), Senator Travis Holdman (R-Markle), and Senator Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) are the frontrunners to replace Long. There is a lot of time between now and November and add to the mix many legislators have strong primary opponents in May, its setting up to be an interesting election.

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

- **HB 1109 (Various Pension Matters)** – House concurred on the Senate amendments and the bill is on its way to be signed in to law by the Governor.
- **HB 1120 (State Department of Health Matters)** – House concurred on the Senate amendments and the bill is on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **HB 1301 (Insurance Matters)** – Conference committee report adopted by both chambers. The bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 27 (1977 Fund New Unit Credits for Prior Service)** – Signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 75 (1977 Fund Retirement Age and Benefits Study)** – Senate concurred on the House amendments and the bill is now on its way to be signed into law by the Governor.
- **SB 99 (Civil Forfeiture)** – Signed into law by the Governor.

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