

HB1001

STATE BUDGET (BROWN T) Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Replaces the governor with the budget director or the budget director's designee on the state board of finance. Renames the personal services/fringe benefits contingency fund as the budget agency contingency fund (fund). Adds the following authorized fund uses: (1) Emergency capital project expenses. (2) Necessary expenses for existing programs as determined by the governor and budget director. Removes a provision that prevents transfers from the fund for other purposes. Requires the budget committee to be advised of each transfer from the fund that exceeds \$500,000. Replaces the state librarian with the budget director as a member of the enhanced access fee committee. Transfers the operations of the Indiana department of gaming research into a newly established gaming research division of the Indiana gaming commission. Repeals the exoneration fund. Provides that any money remaining in the fund is transferred to the state general fund. Replaces the director of the budget agency with the director of the office of management and budget as an ex officio voting member of the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS). Removes the annual appropriation provision for the examinations fund of the state board of accounts. Replaces the state superintendent of public instruction with the secretary of education or the secretary's designee as a member of the distressed unit appeal board. Amends the venture capital investment tax credit to apply to taxpayers that provide qualified investment capital to certain qualified Indiana investment funds (qualified fund). Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) may only certify a fund as a qualified fund if the fund meets the definition of a venture capital fund under federal regulations and the fund makes investments according to specified policy requirements and priorities. Provides that a taxpayer may not claim a credit certified with regard to a qualified fund before July 1, 2023. Specifies the maximum available tax credits in a calendar year with regard to a qualified fund. Increases the maximum available tax credits in a calendar year with regard to qualified Indiana businesses under current law, including an additional increase in the maximum amount if the qualified Indiana business is a minority business enterprise or a women's business enterprise. Caps the total amount of credits that the IEDC may award in a calendar year at \$20,000,000, provided that not more than \$7,500,000 is awarded for proposed investments in a qualified fund. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2021, all aviation fuel excise tax revenue is transferred to the airport development grant fund (under current law, 50% of the aviation fuel excise tax revenue is transferred to the general fund and 50% is transferred to the airport development grant fund). Adjusts the distributions from the excise fund to increase the amount transferred to the enforcement and administration fund and correspondingly decrease the amount transferred to the state general fund. Clarifies the equal opportunity procurement and contracting requirements for certain projects. Removes the sunset of provisions regarding public-private agreements that provide that legislative approval is not required to impose tolls on certain projects. Specifies that, except for those certain projects, the general assembly must enact authorizing legislation before the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT), the Indiana finance authority (IFA), or an operator may enter into public-private agreements that impose user fees on motor vehicles for use on highways and roads in existence or under construction on July 1, 2011. Provides that the IFA must be a party to any public-private agreement that requires payments to be made to an operator after the operator receives final payment for construction. Specifies the IFA's bonding authority for public-private partnership projects. Removes annual budget committee review of the distribution formula established by INDOT for the public mass transportation fund. Extends the expiration of the hospital assessment fee and the quality assessment fee from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2023. Removes a provision that prevents unused money appropriated to the department of education for the advanced placement program from reverting to the state general fund. Establishes a definition of "virtual instruction" for purposes of determining a school corporation's basic tuition support using the average daily membership (ADM). Provides that any increase in the maximum higher education award and freedom of choice award by the commission for higher education is subject to approval by the budget agency. (Under current law, the commission's annual determination of the maximum awards is subject to approval by the budget agency with review by the budget committee.) Requires money from judicial insurance adjustment fees to be deposited in the state general fund. Appropriates \$400,000,000 from the state general fund to the pre-1996 account of the teachers' retirement fund of the INPRS. Appropriates amounts for defeasing bonds. Allows the budget agency to augment the county jail maintenance contingency fund appropriation from the state general fund for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year by an amount necessary to cover jail and parole holds. Specifies the uses for the augmented amount. Makes corresponding changes.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Porter, Cherry and Sullivan

1/14/2021 - Authored By Timothy Brown

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HB1002

CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19 (TORRJ) Protects health care providers from professional discipline for certain acts or omissions related to the provision of health care services during a state disaster emergency. Provides that the protection applies to the provision of health care services after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022. Provides that a health care provider is not protected from professional discipline if the health care provider's action,

omission, decision, or compliance constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides that a health care provider is not protected from professional discipline for actions that are outside the skills, education, and training of the health care provider, unless the health care provider's actions are undertaken in good faith and in response to a lack of resources caused by a state disaster emergency. Specifies that orders and recommendations issued by local, state, and federal government agencies and officials during a state disaster emergency do not create new causes of action or new legal duties. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are presumed irrelevant to the issue of the existence of a duty or breach of a duty. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are inadmissible at trial to establish that a new cause of action has been created or proof of a duty or a breach of a duty. Prohibits bringing a civil action against another person based in whole or in part on an allegation that the person's loss, damage, injury, or death was caused by the: (1) exposure to COVID-19; (2) transmission of COVID-19; or (3) contraction of COVID-19; unless the person establishes that the other person caused the loss, damage, injury, or death by an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct. Prohibits filing a class action lawsuit against a defendant in a civil action allowed by the statute. Specifies that a governmental entity or employee is not liable if a loss results from an act or omission arising from COVID-19 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides that a person is not liable to a claimant for loss, damage, injury, or death arising from COVID-19 unless the claimant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the person caused the loss, damage, injury, or death by an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides immunity from civil liability to certain persons, entities, and facilities providing health care services after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022, for certain acts or omissions related to the provision of health care services during a state disaster emergency.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9; Nays: 3;

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 12:00

PM, IGCS Chamber

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1/4/2021 - Referred to House Judiciary

1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Young J, Jeter, Lehman

1/4/2021 - Authored By Jerry Torr

State Bill Page: [HB1002](#)

HB1008

STUDENT LEARNING RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM (CARBAUGHM) Establishes the: (1) student learning recovery grant program; and (2) student learning recovery grant program fund (fund). Provides that, to be eligible to receive a grant, an eligible entity must develop and submit a student learning acceleration plan (plan). Establishes requirements for a plan. Appropriates to the fund from the state general fund for the purposes of the program \$150,000,000 for the 2021 state fiscal year.

Current Status: 1/27/2021 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 12:00 PM, House Chamber

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Engleman and McNamara

1/14/2021 - Authored By Martin Carbaugh

State Bill Page: [HB1008](#)

HB1009

TANF PROGRAM (GOODRICH C) Exempts from being counted as income in determining eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program certain money earned by specified individuals pursuing a postsecondary degree, workforce certificate, pre-apprenticeship, or apprenticeship. Sets the income eligibility requirements for the TANF program at phased-in specified percentages of the federal income poverty level. Requires the division of family resources to amend the state TANF plan or take any other action necessary to implement the income requirements. Increases certain payment amounts under the TANF program. Requires the payments to be annually adjusted using the Social Security cost of living adjustment rate, but provides that the total adjustment in a year must be reduced to the extent the adjustment would result in the transfer to the Child Care and Development Fund grant program being less than the maximum allowable transfer under federal law. Authorizes emergency rulemaking concerning the payments. Repeals language requiring the division of family resources to apply a percentage reduction to the total needs of TANF applicants and recipients in computing TANF benefits.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives DeVon, Ledbetter, Pryor

1/14/2021 - Authored By Chuck Goodrich

State Bill Page: [HB1009](#)

HB1018

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE (BARTLETT J) Urges the legislative council to assign the task of studying human trafficking to an appropriate study committee.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures

All Bill Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By John Bartlett

State Bill Page: [HB1018](#)

- HB1021** **HEALTH WORKFORCE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (MANNING E)** Establishes the following: (1) The health workforce student loan repayment program (program). (2) The health workforce council (council). (3) The health workforce student loan repayment program fund (fund) for the purpose of providing funds to repay outstanding student loans of certain health providers who meet the program requirements. Provides that the professional licensing agency (agency) shall, in coordination with the council, administer the program. Establishes: (1) the imposition of fees at the time a license is issued or renewed for certain health profession licenses; and (2) qualifications to receive a student loan repayment award under the program. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2022: (1) each board may award loan repayment to an eligible applicant who is a provider licensed by the board; and (2) the council may award loan repayment to an eligible applicant who is an eligible provider. Requires, not later than July 1, 2023, and not later than July 1 every two years thereafter, the agency to submit a report concerning the program and fund to the governor and the general assembly. Provides that money in the fund is continuously appropriated. Repeals provisions concerning the following: (1) The primary care physician loan forgiveness program. (2) The mental health services development programs. (3) The dental underserved area and minority recruitment program.
- Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading
1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Barrett and Vermilion
1/4/2021 - Authored By Ethan Manning
- State Bill Page:** [HB1021](#)
- HB1102** **STUDENT AND PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANTS (DAVISSON S)** Adds a provision that provides that the requirements of the student and parent support services grant program do not prevent a school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school from providing school based treatment services or treatment services provided by an outside provider to address the comprehensive needs and well-being of a student.
- Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Education
- All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading
1/7/2021 - Authored By Steven Davisson
- State Bill Page:** [HB1102](#)
- HB1127** **MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION FORENSIC TREATMENTS (STEUERWALD G)** Removes a provision that allows a: (1) delinquent child's; or (2) person's; Medicaid participation to be terminated following a two year suspension due to certain adjudications or incarceration. Adds competency restoration services to the list of treatment and wraparound recovery services made available to certain persons in the criminal justice system. Adds competency restoration services to the list of services that qualify a person for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Adds: (1) recovery community organizations; and (2) recovery residences; certified by the division of mental health and addiction (division) or its designee to the list of organizations eligible for certain funds and grants from the division. Requires demographic data concerning race and ethnicity to be included in certain demographic research performed by the division.
- Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
- All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading
1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives McNamara and Pierce
1/7/2021 - Authored By Gregory Steuerwald
- State Bill Page:** [HB1127](#)
- HB1141** **TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICAID PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBLE (CAMPBELL C)** Requires coverage for nonemergency medical transportation of individuals who have been deemed presumptively eligible for Medicaid during the time in which the individual is deemed presumptively eligible for Medicaid. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for any Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver necessary to provide for the coverage.
- Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Public Health
- All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading
1/7/2021 - Authored By Chris Campbell
- State Bill Page:** [HB1141](#)
- HB1155** **POSTPARTUM MEDICAID COVERAGE (SUMMERS V)** Provides Medicaid coverage for an eligible pregnant woman for the duration of the pregnancy and for the one year postpartum period that begins on the last day of the pregnancy (current law is 60 days coverage), without regard to any change in income of the family of which she is a member during that time.
- Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Public Health
- All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading
1/7/2021 - Authored By Vanessa Summers
- State Bill Page:** [HB1155](#)
- HB1200** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (MCNAMARA W)** Modifies the definition of "protected person" for purposes of the admission of a statement or videotape of an individual who is less than 14 years of age at the time of the offense. Removes the requirement that money paid for a human trafficking victim or for an act performed by a human trafficking victim be

paid to a third party. Increases the penalty if the human trafficking victim is less than 18 years of age. Specifies that: (1) consent by the human trafficking victim; or (2) a belief that the human trafficking victim was at least 18 years of age; is not a defense to a prosecution. Requires law enforcement agencies to report human trafficking investigations to the attorney general within 30 days after an investigation begins.

Current Status: 1/7/2021 - Referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

All Bill Status: 1/7/2021 - First Reading

1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Steuerwald, Olthoff, Negele

1/7/2021 - Authored By Wendy McNamara

State Bill Page: [HB1200](#)

HB1204

REHABILITATION CENTER FUNDING (MCNAMARA W) Establishes the long term recovery group for Southwest Indiana program (program) and the long term recovery group for Southwest Indiana fund. Makes an appropriation for the development of the program for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. Makes annual appropriations for the operation of the program beginning with the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

Current Status: 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Public Health

All Bill Status: 1/7/2021 - First Reading

1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Sullivan

1/7/2021 - Authored By Wendy McNamara

State Bill Page: [HB1204](#)

HB1279

FOSTER FAMILY IMMUNIZATION WAIVER (JUDY C) Provides that the department of child services may not require an individual to undergo an immunization as a condition of issuing the individual a foster family home license, or renewing the individual's foster family home license, if the individual provides: (1) written notice that the individual objects to the immunization on religious grounds; or (2) written certification from a physician that the immunization is or may be detrimental to the individual's health.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Chris Judy

State Bill Page: [HB1279](#)

HB1286

TELEHEALTH MATTERS (LINDAUER S) Prohibits the Medicaid program from specifying originating sites and distant sites for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement and voids administrative rules with these requirements. Changes the use of the term "telemedicine" to "telehealth". Expands the application of the telehealth statute to additional licensed practitioners instead of applying only to prescribers. Amends the definition of "telehealth". Requires that the telehealth medical records be created and maintained under the same standards of appropriate practice for medical records for patients in an in-person setting. Specifies that a patient waives confidentiality of medical information concerning individuals in the vicinity when the patient is using telehealth.

Current Status: 1/26/2021 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, House Chamber

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Public Health

1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Barrett, Vermilion, Teshka

1/14/2021 - Authored By Shane Lindauer

State Bill Page: [HB1286](#)

HB1316

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM LOANS (ANDRADE M) Provides that, to the extent that the definition of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) in Title 6 of the Indiana Code is not updated by amendment in the 2021 session or thereafter to conform with the CARES Act and its related amendments, a taxpayer is entitled to an exemption from state adjusted gross income equal to the amount of income associated with forgiveness of a covered loan under the Paycheck Protection Program of the CARES Act that is excluded from the taxpayer's federal gross income under Section 1106(i) of that Act, but otherwise included in the taxpayer's state adjusted gross income based on the definition of the IRC in Title 6 of the Indiana Code.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Mike Andrade

State Bill Page: [HB1316](#)

HB1326

VOUCHER PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS (GUTWEIN D) Requires the division of family resources of the office of the secretary of family and social services (division) to ensure that, to the extent not inconsistent with federal law, the method used by the division to determine the local market rate for purposes of establishing the division's reimbursement schedule for voucher payments to child care providers under the federal Child Care and Development Fund program does not result in a variation in reimbursement rates among geographic areas that does not reasonably reflect the variation in cost of living among the geographic areas.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Doug Gutwein

- HB1345** **MINIMUM WAGE (BOY P)** Increases the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana as follows: (1) After June 30, 2022, from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.20 an hour. (2) After December 31, 2022, from \$8.20 an hour to \$9.15 an hour. (3) After December 31, 2023, from \$9.15 an hour to \$10.10 an hour. (4) After December 31, 2024, from \$10.10 an hour to \$11.00 an hour. Provides that after December 31, 2024, and each subsequent December 31, the hourly minimum wage increases at the same percentage as any increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year. Increases the cash wage paid to tipped employees as follows: (1) After June 30, 2022, from \$2.13 an hour to \$3.00 an hour. (2) After December 31, 2022, from \$3.00 an hour to \$4.28 an hour. (3) After December 31, 2023, from \$4.28 an hour to \$5.56 an hour. (4) After December 31, 2024, from \$5.56 an hour to \$6.85 an hour. Provides that after December 31, 2025, and continuing for each subsequent December 31, the cash wage required to be paid to employees is equal to 70% of the hourly minimum wage. Provides that, if the federal minimum wage or cash wage is higher than the state minimum wage or cash wage, employers are required to pay the higher federal rate. Makes technical corrections and corresponding changes.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Pat Boy
State Bill Page: [HB1345](#)
- HB1374** **MEDICAID PROVIDERS AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS (CLERE E)** Allows a provider that has entered into a contract with a managed care organization, after exhausting any internal procedures of the managed care organization for provider grievances and appeals, to request an administrative appeal within the office of Medicaid policy and planning of the managed care organization's action in denying or reducing reimbursement for claims for covered services provided to an applicant, pending applicant, conditionally eligible individual, or member. Establishes a procedure for an administrative appeal, including a hearing before an administrative law judge that could be followed by agency review and then by judicial review. Prohibits a provision in a contract between a provider and a managed care organization that would negate or restrict the right of a provider to an administrative appeal and provides that such a contract provision is void and unenforceable. Repeals a provision under which Medicaid law is controlling when Medicaid law conflicts with insurance law. Provides that if the office of the secretary of family and social services or a contractor of the office fails to pay or denies a clean claim for any eligible Medicaid service within certain time limits due to the office or contractor incorrectly processing the clean claim because of errors attributable to the internal system of an insurer or managed care organization, the office or contractor may not assert that the provider failed to meet the time filing requirements for the claim.
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All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Vermilion, Thompson, Fleming
1/14/2021 - Authored By Edward Clere
State Bill Page: [HB1374](#)
- HB1389** **WAIVER OF COURT FEES RELATING TO KINSHIP CARE (SUMMERS V)** Waives court costs and fees associated with the kinship care of a minor.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Vanessa Summers
State Bill Page: [HB1389](#)
- HB1391** **KINSHIP CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SUMMERS V)** Establishes the kinship care oversight committee (committee). Requires the committee to study all aspects of kinship care. Specifies other duties of the committee. Authorizes the committee to meet at any time at the call of the chairperson. Specifies other policies governing the committee. Establishes a kinship care oversight advisory board to advise the committee in carrying out its duties. Specifies the policies governing the kinship care oversight advisory board.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Vanessa Summers
State Bill Page: [HB1391](#)
- HB1400** **COMMUNITY HABILITATION AND FAMILY SUPPORTS WAIVERS (HEINE D)** Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to extend the time in which a provider has to file a timely reimbursement claim when providing services under the fee for service community habilitation and family supports Medicaid waiver (waiver). Prohibits the office of the secretary from establishing or otherwise requiring ratios for the number of individuals to be provided day habilitation services in a group setting for reimbursement under the waiver.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Public Health
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dave Heine
State Bill Page: [HB1400](#)
- HB1448** **ADOPTION; GRANDPARENT VISITATION (TORR J)** Provides that venue for a proceeding concerning a petition to

appoint a legal guardian that is anticipated to be uncontested is in the county in which the attorney for the petitioner maintains an office. Provides that venue for a proceeding for appointment of a legal guardian for purposes of an adoption proceeding is in the court in which the adoption action is pending. Requires a man who files a paternity affidavit to register with the putative father registry. Provides that a man whose: (1) parent-child relationship with a child has been terminated; or (2) consent to termination of the man's parent-child relationship with the child is irrevocably implied under Indiana law; may not establish paternity of the child by filing a paternity affidavit. Provides that if a child is the subject of a petition for adoption and a noncustodial parent of the child files a motion to contest the adoption, a court may not grant the noncustodial parent parenting time rights with the child while the adoption action is pending. Requires a man who: (1) is party to a paternity action with regard to a child; and (2) learns of a contemporaneous action to terminate parental rights with regard to the child; to provide notice of the paternity action to the court in which the termination action is pending. Provides for circumstances under which a petitioner for termination of parental rights with regard to a child may intervene in a contemporaneous paternity action regarding the child. Provides that an individual who is not a resident of Indiana may file a petition for adoption of a child in Indiana in the same manner as an Indiana resident. Provides that an attorney may file a petition for adoption in the probate court of the county in which the attorney maintains an office. Provides that if: (1) an individual who files a petition for adoption of a child decides not to adopt the child or is unable to adopt the child; and (2) a second or amended petition is filed to adopt the child; a required notice that was provided with regard to the original petition satisfies the same notice requirement for purposes of the second or amended petition. Repeals provisions regarding adoption of a hard to place child by an individual who is not an Indiana resident. Removes requirements for filing multiple copies of an adoption petition. Provides that if a petition for termination of parental rights with regard to a child is pending at the same time as a paternity action is pending with regard to the child, the paternity action and the termination action must be consolidated, with the court in the termination action assuming jurisdiction over the paternity action. Adds statutory requirements for service of notice of an adoption, replacing requirements under current law that provide for notice to be served according to Indiana trial rules regarding service of summons. Provides that if a child who is the subject of an adoption proceeding was conceived in a state other than Indiana in which a putative father registry was in existence at the time of the child's conception, a putative father must register with: (1) that state's putative father registry by the date by which a putative father must register to be entitled to notice of the adoption in that state; or (2) the Indiana putative father registry by the date by which a putative father must register to be entitled to notice of the adoption in Indiana; to be entitled to notice of the child's adoption. Specifies that an individual who is entitled to notice of an adoption is entitled to the notice regardless of the individual's gender. Provides that a putative father must register with the putative father registry to be entitled to notice of proceedings for adoption or for termination of the parent-child relationship. Provides that a child's grandparent has the right to seek visitation when certain conditions are met. Permits a petitioner in an adoption proceeding to provide notice of the adoption to a grandparent of the child. Allows a petition for visitation to be filed after a child is adopted, unless the grandparent does not file a petition for visitation within 30 days after receiving notice of the adoption. Provides that if: (1) a prospective adoptive parent resides in a state other than Indiana; and (2) the laws of the other state allow persons other than licensed child placing agencies to perform pre-adoption assessments of prospective adoptive parents; written approval by a person allowed to perform preadoption assessments in the other state satisfies the requirement that placement of a child with the prospective adoptive parent must be approved by a licensed child placing agency or by the department of child services. Provides that a putative father's consent to adoption of a child is not required if the putative father has established paternity of the child in a paternity proceeding or by filing a paternity affidavit, unless a genetic test: (1) ordered by the court in the paternity proceeding; or (2) submitted by the putative father in connection with the paternity affidavit; has identified the putative father as the biological father of the child. Allows: (1) a written consent to adoption to be executed in paper or electronic form; and (2) a consent in electronic form to be signed by electronic signature and submitted electronically. Provides that if a consent to adoption executed by a birth parent contains a statement that the birth parent consents unconditionally to the adoption of the child without reservation of any parental rights whatsoever, the agreement, understanding, or belief of the birth parent, or of petitioner for adoption of the child, that the birth parent will: (1) be allowed postadoption visitation with the child; or (2) be provided with postadoption updates regarding the child; does not invalidate the birth parent's consent to the adoption, invalidate the adoption, invalidate the birth parent's voluntary consent to termination of the parent's parent-child relationship with the child, or invalidate the voluntary termination of the parent's parent-child relationship with the child. Requires an individual or agency that arranges for the signing of a consent to an adoption to: (1) provide each consenting birth parent with a written statement identifying the court in which the adoption has or will be filed; or (2) provide each consenting birth parent with the name and location of the court not later than 10 days after the birth parent signs the consent, if: (A) the court is not known to the individual or agency at the time the consent is signed; or (B) the consenting birth parent requests the information. Provides that consent to a child's adoption is not required from: (1) a biological mother who illegally used a controlled substance or controlled substance analog during the pregnancy, at a time at which the biological mother knew or should have known that she was pregnant; or (2) a biological father who, during the pregnancy: (A) offered to pay for an abortion of the child; or (B) otherwise attempted to persuade the child's biological mother to abort the child. Provides that consent to an adoption by a putative father, or by certain other parties entitled to notice of the adoption, is irrevocably implied if the putative father or other party files a motion to contest the adoption and the motion is dismissed for failure of the putative father or other party to: (1) diligently prosecute the motion; (2) comply with procedural rule

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1/14/2021 - Authored By Jerry Torr

State Bill Page: [HB1448](#)

- HB1506** **FOSTERING AND ADOPTION IMMUNIZATION WAIVERS (JACOB J)** Provides that the department of child services may not require an individual or members of the individual's household to undergo an immunization as a condition of adopting a child or overseeing a child in foster care, if the individual provides: (1) written notice that the individual objects to the immunization on religious grounds; or (2) written certification from a physician that the immunization is or may be detrimental to the individual's health. Provides that the department of child services may not require an individual to undergo an immunization as a condition of issuing or renewing the individual's foster family home license, if the individual provides: (1) written notice that the individual objects to the immunization on religious grounds; or (2) written certification from a physician that the immunization is or may be detrimental to the individual's health.
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1/14/2021 - Authored By John Jacob
State Bill Page: [HB1506](#)
- HB1509** **DOCTORAL STUDENT PROVIDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (AUSTIN T)** Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for approval of any waiver under the federal Medicaid program and any amendment of the state Medicaid plan that may be necessary for Medicaid reimbursement to be provided for mental health services provided to Medicaid recipients by doctoral students in psychology under the supervision of a licensed health service provider in psychology. Provides that a doctoral student in psychology who provides mental health services to a Medicaid recipient under the supervision of a licensed health service provider in psychology is entitled, as compensation, to part of the Medicaid reimbursement provided for the services.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Public Health
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Terri Jo Austin
State Bill Page: [HB1509](#)
- HB1516** **LICENSURE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (JUDY C)** Expands the behavioral health and human services licensing board (board) from 10 to 12 members and provides for the appointment to the board of two licensed and experienced behavior analysts. Requires the board to adopt rules concerning the practice of behavior analysis and continuing education requirements for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. Establishes a behavior analyst section of the board consisting of the two behavior analysts who are members of the board, two consumers who are members of the board, and one physician who is a member of the board. Authorizes the behavior analyst section to approve behavior analysis continuing education courses and propose rules to the board concerning the practice of behavior analysis. Provides for the licensing of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. Requires a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst to comply with a professional code published by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for an unlicensed individual to profess to be a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst, but provides that certain types of individuals may use applied behavior analysis techniques without being licensed.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Public Health
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives VanNatter, Morris, Lindauer
1/14/2021 - Authored By Chris Judy
State Bill Page: [HB1516](#)
- HB1531** **DCS AND THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY (DEVON D)** Allows the department of child services (DCS) to interview a child at the child's school without parental consent if: (1) the DCS employee presents his or her credentials or other proof of employment for inspection; and (2) there is written proof of exigent circumstances. Allows an action against the individual or entity responsible for the intentional disclosure of the identity of an individual who reports child abuse or neglect. Requires that the DCS provide assurances that the child's school, or its representative, has been invited to participate in the case plan process. Prohibits a governmental entity or employee from asserting immunity if confidentiality about an individual who makes a report of child abuse or neglect is intentionally breached.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Cook and Rowray
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dale DeVon
State Bill Page: [HB1531](#)

- HB1532** **DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES REPORTING** (DEVON D) Requires the department of child services (department) to annually submit to the general assembly a report providing specified information regarding cost reports submitted to the department by child caring institutions, group homes, child placing agencies, and private secure facilities. Requires the first such report submitted by the department to provide the specified information for the preceding four calendar years.
- Current Status:* 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Olthoff
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dale DeVon
- State Bill Page:* [HB1532](#)
- HB1533** **TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (DEVON D) Provides that, before July 1, 2026, each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school shall require all school employees likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the employee's employment to attend or participate in inservice training pertaining to evidence based trauma informed classroom instruction and instruction in recognition of social emotional learning reactions to trauma that may interfere with a student's academic functioning. Allows a school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school to provide the training to the school employees in the manner specified by the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school. Provides that, after June 30, 2026, the state board shall determine the timing and the frequency of the training.
- Current Status:* 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Education
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives McNamara and Heaton
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dale DeVon
- State Bill Page:* [HB1533](#)
- HB1534** **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE INFORMATION** (DEVON D) Requires each school corporation and charter school to place a poster listing the Indiana child abuse and neglect hotline's telephone number in each school library and classroom within the school corporation or charter school. Describes required dimensions for the poster listing the Indiana child abuse and neglect hotline's telephone number.
- Current Status:* 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Education
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Ledbetter, Lauer, Clere
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dale DeVon
- State Bill Page:* [HB1534](#)
- HB1536** **DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES** (DEVON D) Provides that if the governor declares a state of disaster emergency, the department of child services (department) may: (1) allow older youth who are receiving collaborative care services at the time of the declaration to continue to receive collaborative care services for the duration of the state of disaster emergency; and (2) modify or suspend enforcement of a statute or rule specifying a time within which a foster parent must provide for a child to be examined by a physician after the child's placement in the foster parent's home.
- Current Status:* 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Young J, Vermilion, Rowray
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dale DeVon
- State Bill Page:* [HB1536](#)
- HB1537** **COMMISSION ON IMPROVING THE STATUS OF CHILDREN** (DEVON D) Changes the membership of the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (commission). Provides that the affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure.
- Current Status:* 1/27/2021 - House Family, Children and Human Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, IGCS Chamber
All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs
1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Engleman, McNamara, Summers
1/14/2021 - Authored By Dale DeVon
- State Bill Page:* [HB1537](#)
- HB1562** **ADOPTION PETITIONS IN ANY COUNTY** (CARBAUGH M) Permits a resident of Indiana who seeks to adopt a child less than 18 years of age to file a petition for adoption in any county in Indiana.
- Current Status:* 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Martin Carbaugh

State Bill Page: [HB1562](#)

SB1 **CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19** (MESSMER M) Provides civil immunity for damages resulting from exposure of an individual to COVID-19 on the premises owned or operated by a person, on any premises on which the person or an employee or agent of the person provided property or services to the individual, or during an activity managed, organized, or sponsored by the person. Defines "COVID-19 protective product" and provides civil immunity for harm that results from the design, manufacture, labeling, sale, distribution, or donation of a COVID-19 protective product, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct (including fraud and intentionally tortious acts). Limits specified immunities to tort actions. Exempts fraud and intentionally tortious acts from specified immunities.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Freeman

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Kruse

1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Houchin

1/14/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/13/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 8; Nays: 3

1/13/2021 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:45 PM, Rm. 130

1/11/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Becker

1/6/2021 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:30 PM, Rm. 130

1/5/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Buchanan and Rogers

1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Senator Zay

1/4/2021 - Authored By Mark Messmer

State Bill Page: [SB1](#)

SB3 **TELEHEALTH MATTERS** (CHARBONNEAU E) Prohibits the Medicaid program from specifying originating sites and distant sites for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement and voids administrative rules with these requirements. Changes the use of the term "telemedicine" to "telehealth". Specifies certain activities that are considered to be health care services for purposes of the telehealth laws. Expands the application of the telehealth statute to additional licensed practitioners instead of applying only to prescribers. Amends the definition of "telehealth". Requires that the telehealth medical records be created and maintained under the same standards of appropriate practice for medical records for patients in an in-person setting. Specifies that a patient waives confidentiality of medical information concerning individuals in the vicinity when the patient is using telehealth. Prohibits certain insurance policies and individual and group contracts from mandating the use of certain technology applications in the provision of telehealth services.

Current Status: 1/27/2021 - Senate Health and Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:15 AM, Senate Chamber

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Zay

1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Ford Jon

1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Bassler

1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Yoder S

1/14/2021 - added as third author Senator Crider

1/14/2021 - added as second author Senator Doriot

1/13/2021 - Senate Health and Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Senate Chamber

1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

1/7/2021 - First Reading

1/7/2021 - Authored By Ed Charbonneau

State Bill Page: [SB3](#)

SB4 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IMMUNITY** (CHARBONNEAU E) Adds: (1) admissions to health facilities or housing with services establishments; and (2) services provided by additional health care professionals; to the definition of "health care services" for purposes of immunity for providing services during a declared disaster emergency. Provides civil immunity for the provision of certain services by persons during an event that is declared a disaster emergency. Removes the immunity requirement that the health care service be provided by a person who has an Indiana license to provide the health care service and that the service is within the scope of practice of the license. Specifies instances that do not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct for purposes of immunity. Specifies information that must be included in a cause of action. Specifies that health care immunity provisions during a disaster emergency do not modify specified statutes.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Zay

All Bill Status: 1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

State Bill Page: [SB4](#)

SB32 PROHIBITION OF CONVERSION THERAPY (FORD J) Prohibits a mental health provider from engaging in conversion therapy with a patient less than 18 years of age, and subjects a mental health provider who violates the prohibition to disciplinary action.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

All Bill Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By J.D. Ford

State Bill Page: [SB32](#)

SB33 EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICERS (FORD J) Provides that each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school shall maintain at least one equity, diversity, and inclusion officer. Establishes duties for the equity, diversity, and inclusion officer. Requires the department of education (department) to provide certain information and resources for an equity, diversity, and inclusion officer. Provides that the department, with the approval of the state board of education, may assign additional duties to an equity, diversity, and inclusion officer to: (1) improve comprehensive strategy fostering equitable, diverse, and inclusive training; and (2) provide and promote education to cultivate an awareness and understanding of the various federal, state, and local laws and policies regarding nondiscrimination. Requires an equity, diversity, and inclusion officer to meet certain annual professional development requirements. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school to submit a report to the department. Requires that the school's annual performance report include the number of times an equity, diversity, and inclusion officer responds to referrals by the governing body or school administrative staff.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

All Bill Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By J.D. Ford

State Bill Page: [SB33](#)

SB46 LICENSURE OF ART THERAPISTS (GROOMS R) Provides that art therapy services provided to an individual who receives mental health services or to an individual who receives services from a community mental health center are reimbursable under Medicaid. Provides for the licensure of professional art therapists and art therapist associates by the behavioral health and human services licensing board through the professional licensing agency. Establishes qualifications and requirements for a licensed art therapist and licensed art therapist associate.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

All Bill Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Ronald Grooms

State Bill Page: [SB46](#)

SB66 ADOPTION SUBSIDIES (NIEZGODSKI D) Prohibits the department of child services (department), a licensed child placing agency, or a court from considering the following when determining the suitability of a prospective adoptive parent: (1) The eligibility of the prospective adoptive parent to receive adoption assistance payments or an adoption subsidy. (2) The amount of the adoption assistance payments or adoption subsidy for which the prospective adoptive parent qualifies. Requires, with certain exceptions, that the department: (1) enter into an agreement with each adoptive parent of a child with special needs who is eligible for an adoption subsidy to provide an adoption subsidy for the child; and (2) allocate to the adoption assistance account funds necessary to make the adoption subsidy payments. Prohibits the department from terminating an adoption subsidy agreement with an adoptive parent due to a lack of sufficient funds in the adoption assistance account. Provides that the amount of adoption subsidy payments may not be less than an amount equal to 50% of the amount that would be payable by the department for the monthly cost of care of the adopted child in a foster family home at the time that: (1) the adoption subsidy agreement is made; or (2) the subsidy is payable under the terms of the agreement; whichever is greater. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Ford J.D. and Houchin

All Bill Status: 1/11/2021 - added as second author Senator Ford Jon

1/11/2021 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

1/11/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 8; Nays: 0

1/11/2021 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:30 AM, Rm. 233

1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By David Niezgodski

- SB74** **WORKPLACE IMMUNIZATION PROHIBITION** (KRUSE D) Prohibits an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment, an employee or prospective employee to receive any immunization if the immunization is medically contraindicated for the employee or receiving the immunization is against the employee's religious beliefs or conscience. Allows for a civil action against an employer for a violation.
Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Zay
All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Tomes
1/14/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Young M and Niezgodski
1/14/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Doriot and Gaskill
1/14/2021 - added as third author Senator Raatz
1/14/2021 - added as second author Senator Boots
1/13/2021 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Rm. 130
1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
1/4/2021 - First Reading
1/4/2021 - Authored By Dennis Kruse
State Bill Page: [SB74](#)
- SB76** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (CRIDER M) Provides that money or property paid in human trafficking may be paid to a human trafficking victim or a third party. Increases the penalty if the human trafficking victim is less than 18 years of age, and specifies that: (1) consent by the human trafficking victim; (2) a belief that the human trafficking victim was at least 18 years of age; or (3) the intended victim is a law enforcement officer; is not a defense to a prosecution.
Current Status: 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
All Bill Status: 1/5/2021 - First Reading
1/5/2021 - Authored By Michael Crider
State Bill Page: [SB76](#)
- SB82** **MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS** (CRIDER M) Defines "mental health diagnosis" and sets forth requirements that must be met in order for certain licensed professionals to provide a mental health diagnosis. Requires certain mental health professionals who are making a mental health diagnosis and who determine that the patient has not been examined by a physician in the preceding 12 months to recommend to the patient that the patient schedule an examination by a physician at the earliest opportunity. Requires notation of that recommendation in the patient's medical record.
Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Doriot
All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Charbonneau
1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
1/5/2021 - First Reading
1/5/2021 - Authored By Michael Crider
State Bill Page: [SB82](#)
- SB126** **WORKER CLASSIFICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY** (BOHACEK M) Establishes a presumption that individuals providing labor for certain government supported projects are employees. Specifies that the general contractor for these projects is jointly liable with any subcontractor or professional employer organization for penalties and unpaid taxes or deposits with a governmental entity resulting from failure to comply with any law, regulation, ordinance, or contract provision requiring licensing, bonding, insurance or self-insurance, or misclassification of an employee as an independent contractor. Provides a procedure for an interested person to initiate an investigation of a violation.
Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Doriot
All Bill Status: 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
1/5/2021 - First Reading
1/5/2021 - Authored By Mike Bohacek
State Bill Page: [SB126](#)
- SB135** **CIVIL STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS** (FREEMAN A) Removes the statute of limitations for civil causes of action concerning child sexual abuse, and provides that a person who alleges an injury resulting from child sexual abuse may file an action in an otherwise time barred case. Specifies that a patient of a health facility who is injured while on the premises of the health facility may bring an action not later than two years from the date the injury: (1) occurs; or (2) is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
All Bill Status: 1/5/2021 - First Reading
1/5/2021 - Authored By Aaron Freeman
State Bill Page: [SB135](#)
- SB137** **KIDS FIRST TRUST FUND BOARD** (ZAY A) Allows the Indiana kids first trust fund board (board) to create a nonprofit subsidiary corporation to solicit and accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises, and contributions. Provides that the members of the board serve terms of four years (rather than two years under current law) and provides for the terms of the appointed members of the board to be staggered. Provides that a majority of the

appointed members of the board constitutes a quorum for purposes of board meetings. Provides that an affirmative vote of the majority of the board members participating in a board meeting is required for the board to take action at the meeting. Provides that at least two meetings of the board each year must be conducted with at least a quorum of the members of the board. Provides that not later than 10 days after a meeting of the board, the board shall post a draft of the minutes of the meeting on the board's Internet web site. Requires the board to study the topic of establishing a nonprofit subsidiary corporation and provide a report to the general assembly with the board's findings.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Garten

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - added as third author Senator Ford Jon

1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Crane

1/25/2021 - House sponsor: Representative DeVon

1/25/2021 - Third reading passed;

1/25/2021 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Ford J.D

1/14/2021 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/14/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/11/2021 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/11/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 8; Nays: 0

1/11/2021 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:30 AM, Rm. 233

1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

1/5/2021 - First Reading

1/5/2021 - Authored By Andy Zay

State Bill Page: [SB137](#)

SB209

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM TAX CREDIT (DORIOT B) Provides a tax credit for a taxpayer that makes a monetary contribution to a qualifying foster care organization. Defines "qualifying foster care organization" as a nonprofit that is engaged in providing foster care in Indiana and is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. Provides that the department of state revenue (department) shall grant a tax credit against any state tax liability due equal to 50% of the amount of the monetary contribution by a person to a qualifying foster care organization. Provides that the tax credit that a taxpayer receives may not exceed \$100,000 for any taxable year. Provides that the amount of tax credits allowed may not exceed \$2,000,000 in the state fiscal year. Provides that to claim a tax credit an application must be filed with the department. Provides that the department shall promptly notify an applicant whether, or the extent to which, the tax credit is allowable in the state fiscal year in which the application is filed. Provides that when the total credits approved equal the maximum amount allowable in any state fiscal year, no application thereafter filed for that fiscal year shall be approved.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Ford Jon and Rogers

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - added as third author Senator Freeman

1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Garten

1/25/2021 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 233

1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

1/7/2021 - First Reading

1/7/2021 - Authored By Blake Doriot

State Bill Page: [SB209](#)

SB233

TANF ELIGIBILITY (FORD J) Sets the income eligibility requirements for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program at phased-in specified percentages of the federal income poverty level. Requires the division of family resources to amend the state TANF plan or take any other action necessary to implement the income requirements. Increases certain payment amounts under the TANF program. Requires the payments to be annually adjusted using the Social Security cost of living adjustment rate, but provides that the total adjustment in a year must be reduced to the extent the adjustment would result in the transfer to the Child Care and Development Fund grant program being less than the maximum allowable transfer under federal law. Authorizes emergency rulemaking concerning the payments. Repeals language requiring the division of family resources to apply a percentage reduction to the total needs of TANF applicants and recipients in computing TANF benefits.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Walker G

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Rogers

1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Ford J.D

1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Grooms

1/25/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 6; Nays: 2

1/25/2021 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 233

1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

1/7/2021 - First Reading

1/7/2021 - Authored By Jon Ford

State Bill Page: [SB233](#)

SB239

PROVISION OF REMOTE CHILD SERVICES (BROWNL) Requires the department of child services to establish before October 1, 2021, policies and procedures to allow for child services to be provided remotely. Specifies factors that

must be considered when determining whether remote services are appropriate for a child.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage DO PASS Yeas: 7; Nays: 1;

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 233

1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By Liz Brown

State Bill Page: [SB239](#)

SB259

PARENTS WITH DISABILITIES (NIEZGODSKI D) Specifies that it is the policy of the state to recognize the importance of family and children, including the parenting rights of a parent, regardless of whether the parent has a disability. Provides that the right of a person with a disability to parent the person's child may not be denied or restricted solely because the person has a disability. Establishes procedures to be used in proceedings concerning: (1) custody; (2) parenting time; (3) adoption; (4) foster care; and (5) guardianship; when a parent, prospective parent, prospective foster parent, or prospective guardian is a person with a disability. Requires the department of child services to implement disability awareness training. Requires the department of child services to: (1) transfer records concerning the unlawful removal of a child to the department of child services ombudsman (ombudsman); and (2) after transferring the records, remove, delete, or destroy all information concerning the unlawful removal of a child. Requires the ombudsman to securely store records received from the department of child services. Specifies that records received from the department of child services are confidential and may not be disclosed to the public unless: (1) the parent, guardian, or custodian requests a copy; (2) the records are compiled into an aggregate statistical report containing no identifying information; or (3) the records are redacted. Requires the ombudsman to compile an aggregate statistical report before July 1, 2022, and before July 1 of each following year.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Ford Jon

All Bill Status: 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By David Niezgodski

State Bill Page: [SB259](#)

SB301

CHILD SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HOUCHIN E) Establishes the child services oversight committee (committee). Requires the committee to review case decisions of the department of child services (DCS) and the juvenile courts in certain cases with negative outcomes, make recommendations to the DCS and the legislative council, study topics assigned by the legislative council, and study any other issues relevant to the activities of the DCS and improving child safety. Authorizes the committee to meet at any time at the call of the chairperson. Provides that records reviewed by the committee are confidential and may not be disclosed. Requires a local office or the department to redact any identifying information from any record provided to the committee. Specifies other policies governing the committee.

Current Status: 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

All Bill Status: 1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By Erin Houchin

State Bill Page: [SB301](#)

SB324

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR CHARITY GAMING (BUSCHJ) Provides that a qualified organization may accept credit cards for the purchase of: (1) a chance to play any game of chance offered at an allowable activity; or (2) licensed supplies. Provides that certain credit card payments may be made on the Internet.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Senate Public Policy

All Bill Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Justin Busch

State Bill Page: [SB324](#)

SB339

HUMAN TRAFFICKING (DONATO S) Provides that if a petition alleges that a child is a child in need of services as a victim of human or sexual trafficking, the juvenile court shall make a determination on the petition and: (1) the child shall not be required to admit or deny the allegation; and (2) the petitioner must prove the allegation by a preponderance of the evidence. Requires that before or at the initial hearing, the court shall appoint an attorney for a child alleged to be a child in need of services as a victim of human or sexual trafficking.

Current Status: 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

All Bill Status: 1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By Stacey Donato

State Bill Page: [SB339](#)

SB343

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN (TALLIAN K) Requires a transitional services plan for foster children to include information about: (1) the healthy Indiana plan; (2) the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; (3) the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; (4) basic banking and account management; (5) student loan and grant application completion; and (6) individual development accounts.

Current Status: 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

All Bill Status: 1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By Karen Tallian

SB412

INDIANA PERSONALIZED EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM (BUCHANAN B) Establishes the Indiana personalized education grant program (program). Provides that a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may establish an account in the program. Defines an eligible student as: (1) a student with a disability who requires special education; or (2) a student placed in foster care or otherwise under care and supervision of the department of child services. Provides that an eligible student who has an account and attends a qualified school is eligible to receive an annual grant amount that may be used to pay for tuition at an accredited nonpublic school or education related expenses. Provides that the treasurer of state and department of education shall jointly administer the program. Provides a deduction from Indiana adjusted gross income for a grant amount that is distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana education savings account and used for a qualified expense, to the extent the distribution is included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income.

Current Status: 1/25/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

All Bill Status: 1/25/2021 - First Reading

1/25/2021 - Coauthored by Senators Brown L and Zay

1/25/2021 - Authored By Brian Buchanan

State Bill Page: [SB412](#)