



# LeadingAge Indiana 2024 Advocacy Training

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## Legislative Leadership

### Indiana House of Representatives

**70 Republicans**  
House Speaker,  
Todd Huston (R)  
Fishers



**30 Democrats**  
House Minority  
Leader,  
Phil GiaQuinta (D)  
Fort Wayne



### Indiana State Senate

**40 Republicans**  
President Pro  
Tempore,  
Rodrick Bray (R)  
Martinsville



**10 Democrats**  
Senate Minority  
Leader,  
Greg Taylor (D)  
Indianapolis



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## Legislative Session Key Dates

- State Senators had until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to file any remaining bills.
- State Representatives have until 2 p.m. today (Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>) to file any remaining bills.
- All bills should be public by early next week.



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## Short Session

- The 2024 Legislative session is a short session
  - Non-budget year
  - Largely focuses on policy matters
  - Typically does not entertain bills with a fiscal impact to the State.
- Start date: Monday, January 8th, 2024
  - Anticipated session end date: Thursday, March 14, 2024
  - Discussion of ending one week early.



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## Long Session

- Long sessions occur in odd-number years and must adjourn by April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- These are known as “budget sessions” where the General Assembly creates a two-year (biennial) budget for the state.



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## What Nonprofits Can / Cannot Do

### CAN

- Hold non-partisan voter education activities including
  - public forums and
  - publishing voter education guidelines.
- Encourage participation in the electoral process
  - voter registration
  - get-out-the-vote drives

### CANNOT

- Prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, intervening in, any political campaign on behalf (or in opposition) of any elective public office.
- Make contributions to a political campaign on behalf of the organization.



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## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Step 1

### Introduction:

"The style of every law shall be: "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana"; and no law shall be enacted, except by bill. Bills may originate in either House, but may be amended or rejected in the other; except that bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives" Article 4. Section 1; Article 4, Section 17



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## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Step 2

### Consideration:

"Every bill shall be read, by title, on three separate days, in each House; unless, in case of emergency, two-thirds of the House where such bill may be pending shall, by a vote of yeas and nays, deem it expedient to dispense with this rule; but the reading of a bill, by title, on its final passage, shall, in no case, be dispensed with; and the vote on the passage of every bill or joint resolution shall be taken by yeas and nays." Article 4. Section 18



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## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Step 3

### Passage:

"A majority of all the members elected to each House, shall be necessary to pass every bill or joint resolution; and all bills and joint resolutions so passed, shall be signed by the Presiding Officers of the respective Houses" Article 4, Section 25



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## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Step 4

### Presentment:

"Every bill which shall have passed the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor."  
Article 5, Section 14



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## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Step 5

### **Filing:**

"Every bill presented to the Governor which is signed by him or her on which he/she fails to act within said seven days after presentment shall be filed with the Secretary of State within ten days of presentment. In the event a bill is passed over the Governor's veto, such bill shall be filed with the Secretary of State without further presentment to the Governor." Article 5, Section 14



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## How a Bill Becomes a Law – Step 6

### **Circulation:**

"No act shall take effect, until the same shall have been published and circulated in the several counties of the State, by authority, except in case of emergency, which emergency shall be declared in the preamble, or in the body, of the law." Article 4, Section 28



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## SO WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN?



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## From Idea to Bill...

- An idea is developed. A legislator – either a Representative or a Senator – decides to sponsor a bill. This could be an original idea, or it could come as a suggestion from a constituent, an interest group, a public official, or the Governor. Other lawmakers may be asked to join as co-sponsors. The co-sponsors may or may not be of the same political party as the sponsor. A bill is drafted. At the sponsoring legislator's direction, the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency (LSA) provides research and drafting assistance. LSA prepares the bill in proper technical form. The bill is introduced. The bill is filed by the legislator in her/his own chamber, which could be either the Senate or the House of Representatives. If the chamber leadership does not call the bill for First Reading, it "dies." If the bill is called, it is scheduled for First Reading. The bill has its First Reading in the house of origin. The bill is read by title for the first time to the full legislative body.

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## Committee

- The bill is assigned to committee. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives can choose not to refer the bill to a committee. In this event, the bill “dies.” If the bill is to advance, it is referred to a committee for review. The committee takes action on the bill. The committee chairperson may choose not to schedule the bill for hearing. In this event, the bill “dies.” If the bill is to advance, it is scheduled for a public hearing. At that hearing, the committee discusses the merits and disadvantages of the bill, and any interested party may ask to speak to the committee. Interested persons may speak in favor of or in opposition to the bill. Following this hearing, the bill can be voted upon or tabled. If the bill is tabled, it may or may not come back for a vote. If it does not come back for a vote, the bill “dies”. If the committee casts a vote on the bill, the bill can be defeated or it can advance.



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## Second Reading

- The committee sends the bill back to the house of origin for Second Reading. If the committee advances the bill, it is printed and the full body of legislators has at least two days to review it. Chamber leadership may choose not to schedule the bill for Second Reading. In this event, the bill “dies.” If the bill is scheduled, any legislator of the house of origin can suggest amendments to the bill. The amendments can be approved by a majority vote of the full body of legislators. Following a vote on amendments, a vote is held on the bill itself. The bill may “die” at this point, or it may advance.



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## Third Reading

- The house of origin holds the Third Reading and the bill is voted upon by the full chamber. Again, chamber leadership may choose not to schedule the bill for Third Reading, and the bill “dies.” If the bill is scheduled, amendments can once again be made. However, on Third Reading, the amendments cannot be approved unless two-thirds of the legislators agree to the change. Following a vote on amendments, the bill once again comes to a vote by the full body. A simple majority of the full house can advance the bill. If a majority vote is not received, the bill “dies.”



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## Bill in Second Chamber

- The process repeats in the other chamber. Once the bill has advanced through the house of origin, it is sent to the second house, where the process repeats. The second chamber may fail to act on the bill, in which case the bill “dies.” If action is taken, the bill must pass through First Reading, Committee, Second Reading and Third Reading. The bill can “die” at any step of the way, just as it can in the house of origin. At the same stages as in the house of origin, as long as the bill is advancing, amendments may be proposed and accepted.



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## Bill Returns to House of Origin

- The bill returns to the house of origin. If the bill advances through the second chamber without amendments, the bill is sent to the Governor for signature. If the bill advances with amendments, it returns to the house of origin. The house of origin may fail to take action, and the bill “dies.” The legislative body may vote to approve the changes made by the second chamber. If this happens, the bill is sent to the Governor for signature. If the first chamber does not approve the changes made by the second chamber, and both houses want the bill to advance, the bill is assigned to a Conference Committee



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## Conference Committee

- Conference Committee. Conference Committee is made up of two members from each of the legislative bodies. Each chamber sends one member from both major political parties. The four members attempt to reconcile differences between the chambers. If agreement cannot be reached, the bill “dies.” If agreement is reached, the bill returns to both chambers. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives must approve the bill before it can be sent to the governor for signature.



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## Whack an Amendment...



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## Governor's Review

- The bill is sent to the Governor. Once the governor receives a bill, he can sign it, veto it, or do nothing. If he signs it, the bill becomes law. If he does nothing, the bill becomes law without his signature. If he vetoes the bill, and the Senate and House of Representatives do nothing, the bill "dies." If he vetoes the bill and the Senate and the House of Representatives attempt to over-ride the veto, the bill may still become law. If less than 26 Senators and less than 51 House members do not vote to over-ride the veto, the bill "dies." If a simple majority of both chambers vote to over-ride the veto, the bill becomes law. The bill becomes law at a date specified in the body of the bill. It could be the date of the actual passing or a date at some point in the future.

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## Gov. Holcomb's State of the State Address

- **Indiana Leading the Way:**
  - Forbes ranked Indiana as the number one state in America in which to start a business.
  - Indiana paid down \$4.5 billion in debt, returned \$1.5 billion to taxpayers, and maintained a AAA state credit rating.
  - The state's GDP grew by \$150 billion since the year 2017.
- **READI 2.0:**
  - Holcomb announced a \$250 million contribution from the Lilly Endowment to support projects in the program.
  - This money will be earmarked for projects concerning various arts and cultural initiatives as well as blight reduction and will be targeted toward rural towns and communities.
- **Hoosier Healthcare:**
  - Holcomb championed new funding for local health departments through Health First Indiana (HFI), a historic investment in public health.
  - 86 counties opted to receive a total of \$75 million in HFI funding to address improving the health of all Hoosiers through guaranteed access to core public health services.
- **Child Care:**
  - Holcomb and lawmakers look to increase accessibility of child care in the state.
  - Improvement goals included: adding workforce training programs, allowing child care workers to be eligible for free or reduced child care for their own children, and reducing the age requirement for child care workers to eighteen.



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## State of the State Address link

- [The following is a link to the Governor's full State of the State Address:](#)
- [https://events.in.gov/event/gov\\_holcomb\\_delivers\\_2024\\_state\\_of\\_the\\_state\\_address?utm\\_campaign=widget&utm\\_medium=widget&utm\\_source=State+of+Indiana](https://events.in.gov/event/gov_holcomb_delivers_2024_state_of_the_state_address?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=State+of+Indiana)



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## 2024 Session Preview

- Both the Leaders in the House and Senate intend for a short, “uncontroversial” session that will focus on minor changes to state law.
- Focus:
  - Education
  - Health Care
  - Provider Services



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## HB 1024, Pregnancy Accommodations

- **Authored by Rep. Sharon Negele (R)**
  - **Co-Authored by Rep. Maureen Bauer (D)**
- Codifies a section of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.
- Repeals superseded provisions (IC 22-9-12).
- Establishes a new chapter *Reasonable Accommodations Related to Pregnancy*
  - Unlawful to not make reasonable accommodations to the known limitations of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions
  - Unlawful to deny employment opportunities to a qualified employee based on pregnancy accommodations
  - Unlawful to take adverse actions in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment against a qualified employee requesting a reasonable accommodation due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.



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## HB 1026, Commission, Committee, and Board Administration

- **Authored by Rep. Karen Engleman (R)**
  - Co-Authored by Rep. Kyle Pierce (R) Rep. Pat Boy (D) Rep. Edward DeLaney (D)
- Specifies certain duties and responsibilities relating to the operations of various task forces, committees, boards, and councils (statutory entities).
- Renames the Indiana code revision commission, probate code study commission, and other statutory entities.
- The new *Code Revision Committee* shall:
  - Assist the council in developing standards for codifications and revision to make statutes clear, concise, and easy to interpret.
  - Assist the council with the printing and computerization of Indiana Administrative Code.
- Repeals statutes governing the Medicaid oversight committee and relocates them to the law governing interim study committees.



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## HB 1067, Implicit Bias Continuing Education

- **Authored by Rep. Robin Shackelford (D)**
- Requires the medical licensing board of Indiana to adopt rules requiring a physician and a physician assistant who apply for a license or renewal to complete continuing education addressing the topic of implicit bias.
- Requires the Indiana state board of nursing to adopt rules requiring a nurse who applies for a license or renewal to complete continuing education addressing the topic of implicit bias.
- Establishes certain requirements for an implicit bias continuing education course.
- Provides that the Indiana professional licensing agency must maintain on the agency's website a schedule of or link to implicit bias continuing education courses that are available.



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## HB 1071, Exceptions to Required Immunizations

- **Authored by Rep. Becky Cash (R)**
- Provides that a person may not be required to receive an immunization if:
  1. The entity requiring an immunization has certain documentation that the person received the immunization required by the entity
  2. The immunization is medically contraindicated
  3. Receiving the immunization is against the person's religious belief
  4. The person refuses to permit the immunization after being fully informed of the health risks.



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## HB 1099, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Education

- **Authored by Rep. Gregory Porter (D)**
  - **Co-Authored by Rep. Martin Carbaugh (R) and Rep. Carolyn Jackson (D)**
- Requires the Indiana Department of Health (state department) to:
  - Collaborate with a national Alzheimer's disease and dementia organization in educating the public about Alzheimer's disease and dementia
  - Identify and collaborate with additional partners in the education.
- Requires the state department to partner for outreach in the education and publish certain educational materials on the state department's website.
- Allows the state department to accept grants, services, and property from public and private entities for the education.



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## HB 1153, Home and Community Based Services Waivers

- **Authored by Rep. Robb Greene (R)**
- Requires the office of the secretary of Family and Social Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for an amendment to each home and community based services.
  - Medicaid waiver to exclude the income and resources of a spouse when determining an individual's eligibility for the waiver.



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## SB 22, Notice of Debt Collection

- **Authored by Sen. Vaneta Becker (R) & Sen. James Tommes (R)**
- Requires a health facility to send notice to a resident that the resident owes a debt to the health facility before the debt is assigned to a collection agency.
- Provides that the required notice must be sent by certified mail that includes return receipt and must be sent to the resident and the resident's legal representative.



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## SB 45, Trauma Informed Care

- **Authored by Sen. Michael Crider (R)**
- Requires an individual who holds an active license as a nurse to complete a trauma informed care training program at least once every two years.
- Establishes requirements for a program
- The trauma informed care training program provides a foundational trauma informed care curriculum that includes
  - The definition of trauma informed care
  - The prevalence and impact of trauma
  - Trauma informed care as a universal precaution
  - The five (5) principles of trauma informed care
  - The informed treatment and trauma specific treatment
  - Practical strategies for adopting and integrating trauma informed care into practice



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## SB 132, Professions and Professional Services

- **Authored by Sen. Liz Brown (R), Sen. Ed Charbonneau (R), and Sen. Tyler Johnson (R).**
  - Co-Authored by Sen. Mike Bohacek (R)
- Authorizes the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to implement a risk based managed care program for certain Medicare recipients who
  - Are eligible to participate in the federal Medicare program and receive nursing facility services
  - Are (A) at least 60 years of age; (B) blind, aged, or disabled; and (C) receiving services through the aged and disabled Medicaid waiver, a risk based managed care program for aged, blind, or disabled individuals who are not eligible to participate in the federal Medicare program, or the state Medicaid plan.
- Eliminates the requirement that a provider who is licensed in Indiana, physically located outside Indiana, but providing telehealth services to patients who are in Indiana, file a certification constituting a waiver of jurisdiction



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## Bills being introduced daily...

- Bills will be introduced daily.
- As noted, almost all bills will be public by next week.
- Leading Age receives a bill tracking list weekly that includes all bills we are watching with updates on any actions that have occurred on the bill.



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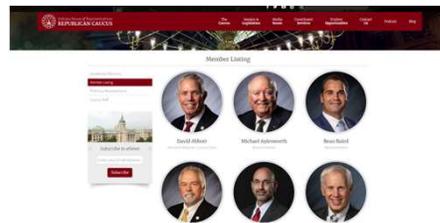
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## How to Contact a Legislator at the State House

1. Search the member list directory to find the legislator.

Caucus Directory Links

- [House Republican Caucus](#)
- [House Democrat Caucus](#)
- [Senate Republican Caucus](#)
- [Senate Democrat Caucus](#)



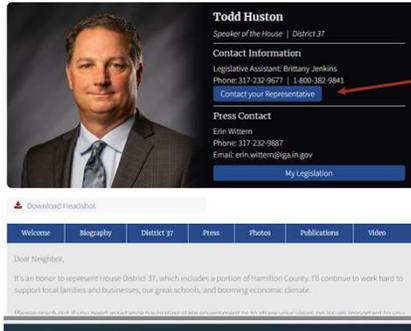
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## How to Contact a Legislator at the State House cont....

2. Click on the Legislator’s profile and press “Contact your Representative”.



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## How to Contact a Legislator at the State House cont.

3. Fill out the “Contact your Representative” form with your information and any questions and or concerns you may have.

**Contact your Representative**

Please contact us by filling out the form below or write to:

Indiana House of Representatives  
200 W. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Not sure who your Representative is? Click here to find out.

Choose your Representative  
Rep. Todd Huston (HQ 37)

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317-231-6448

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11 S Meridian St.

Address Line 2

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## How to Find a Bill or Amendment

1. Visit this [Indiana General Assembly](#) website for the 2024 Legislative Session Bills.
2. Click on the bill you're searching for.

Example HB 1024:

- [HB 1024: Pregnancy accommodations.](#)
- [HB 1025: Mixed beverages.](#)
- [HB 1026: Commission, committee, and board administration.](#)
- [HB 1027: Fire department work schedule.](#)
- [HB 1028: Medicaid coverage for pregnancy services.](#)
- [HB 1029: Assessment of community land trust property.](#)
- [HB 1030: Passenger restraint systems.](#)
- [HB 1032: Legislative notaries.](#)
- [HB 1033: Causes of action.](#)
- [HB 1034: Insurance and transfer on death deeds.](#)
- [HB 1035: Elimination of school improvement plans.](#)
- [HB 1036: Age verification for material harmful to minors.](#)
- [HB 1037: Minimum teacher salaries.](#)
- [HB 1038: Property tax exemption for qualified veterans.](#)
- [HB 1039: College savings tax credit.](#)
- [HB 1040: Medical forensic examination kits.](#)



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## How to Find a Bill or Amendment cont.

3. You will then be prompted to the *Bill Details* page.

Which includes

-Author / Co-Author

-Digest

House Bill 1024  
Pregnancy accommodations.

Introduced House Bill (H)

Author: Rep. Sharon Negele.

Co-Author: Rep. Maureen Bauer.

Digest

Codifies a section of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. Repeals superseded provisions.

4. The left side bar will allow you to toggle through the bill actions and any amendments to the bill.



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## How to Watch a Committee Online

1. Visit the Indiana General Assembly Website links below:

[-House Public Health Committee](#)

[-Senate Health & Provider Services Committee](#)



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2. Click on the video  icon to join the committee livestream with closed captioning.

- The link also provides:
  - Video recordings
  - Meeting agenda



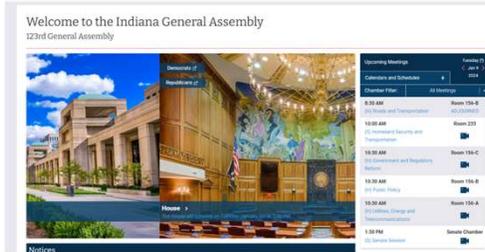
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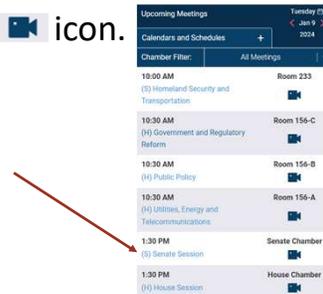
## How to Watch a Session Online

1. Visit the [Indiana General Assembly](#) link
2. On the right side of the page you will see an “Upcoming Meetings” calendar. This will have all the current committee and session schedules currently available.



## How to Watch a Session Online cont.

3. Scroll through the schedule until you find either *Senate Session* or *House Session* and click the  icon.
4. You will then be prompted to the video livestream of the session.



## Upcoming Key Dates

- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Long Term Care Day at the State House
- LeadingAge Public Policy Committee Dates:
  - Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



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## Questions?



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