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- HB1003      **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (BARTELS S)** Makes changes to requirements for the readoption of administrative rules. Repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. Modifies or establishes various funds. Makes changes to the membership, duties, and operations of various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. Provides that the professional licensing agency may adopt and enforce procedural rules for the administration of a board if the rule: (1) will affect multiple boards; and (2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected board. Repeals the fire prevention and building safety commission (commission). Transfers the commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to the department of homeland security (department). Makes certain changes to the administration of building and safety statutes and building and safety codes. Provides for the codification of administrative rules setting forth building and safety codes into statute. Makes an appropriation.
- Current Status:* 2/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
*Recent Status:* 2/5/2026 - First Reading  
2/3/2026 - Referred to Senate
- HB1029      **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA EDUCATION (PORTER G)** Requires the Indiana department of health (state department) to: (1) collaborate with a national Alzheimer's disease and dementia organization in educating the public about Alzheimer's disease and dementia; and (2) 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.
- Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Yoder  
2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Ford J.D
- HB1040      **BATTERY AGAINST SCHOOL AND HEALTHCARE EMPLOYEES (MCNAMARA W)** Increases the penalty for battery on certain health care employees and school employees. Specifies that the enhancement for battery committed against a department of child services (DCS) employee applies only to those DCS employees whose responsibilities include personally supervising a child or parent, personally providing services to a child or parent, or personally interviewing a child or parent as part of an investigation. Requires the employer of a health care or school employee who is the victim of battery to make a semiannual report to the department of labor concerning workplace batteries.
- Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
2/10/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 7; Nays: 0
- HB1052      **VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW MATTERS (MANNING E)** Adds conditions for which the horse racing commission (HRC) may revoke or suspend a license or deny a license application. Adds a reference to wagering on horse racing in a provision prohibiting certain individuals from wagering at a licensed facility. Provides that appeals of certain decisions of the HRC may be appealed to the office of administrative law proceedings. Adds sports wagering certificate holders to the voluntary exclusion program. Defines and establishes civil penalties for conducting a "sweepstakes game". Allows the holder of a beer wholesaler's permit to possess, transport, sell, and deliver beer to a food manufacturer that is registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of adding or integrating the beer into a product or recipe. Provides that a wine retailer whose wine sales represent at least 60% of the annual gross income from the premises may allow customers to obtain sealed bottles of wine by self-service for consumption off the licensed premises. Allows the holder of a temporary wine permit to purchase, receive, and sell mixed beverages. Establishes requirements for the wholesale sale and distribution of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. Adds additional information an applicant must provide to the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) when applying for a tobacco sales certificate. Provides for the suspension of a certificate if the certificate holder's

employees violate employee identification requirements three or more times in one year. Allows the commission to issue: (1) a beer dealer's permit, wine dealer's permit, and liquor dealer's permit to a drug store operated in the city of Westfield; and (2) a beer dealer's permit and wine dealer's permit to a convenience store operated in the town of Sellersburg. Provides that certain requirements regarding the sale, rental, trade, or transfer of a handgun do not apply to an item defined as an antique firearm.

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*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

2/11/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 8; Nays: 0

HB1102 APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS THERAPY SERVICES (GREENE R) Requires, upon request, a public school to consult with and allow certain licensed or board certified behavior analysts and certified registered behavior technicians to provide applied behavioral analysis therapy services in the public school to a student under certain conditions in accordance with the student's special education program or plan. Provides immunity from civil liability for any actions taken in good faith to comply with the requirements. Requires the department of education to prepare and provide information and guidance to assist public schools in implementing the requirements.

*Current Status:* 2/11/2026 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

*Recent Status:* 2/10/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Qaddoura

2/9/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Yoder

HB1114 COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN CANCER PRESCRIPTIONS (PRYOR C) Prohibits a state employee health plan, a policy of accident and sickness insurance, and a health maintenance organization that provides coverage for advanced, metastatic cancer and associated conditions from requiring that, before providing coverage for a prescription drug, the insured fail to successfully respond to a different prescription drug or prove a history of failure of a different prescription drug.

*Current Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

*Recent Status:* 2/11/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 6; Nays: 2

2/11/2026 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

HB1137 FOODS AND BEVERAGES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (MCGUIRE J) Provides that a public school that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal program: (1) may not serve, sell, or allow a third party vendor to serve or sell a food or beverage that contains certain ingredients on school property on a school day; and (2) shall post any breakfast or lunch menu and ingredients on the school's website. Establishes exceptions.

*Current Status:* 2/4/2026 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

*Recent Status:* 1/27/2026 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

1/27/2026 - First Reading

HB1210 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE (SNOW C) Requires a municipal entity that hires or retains a municipal adviser to complete a competitive process at least once every two years to select the municipal adviser. Makes changes to the amount of supplemental wagering tax that the treasurer of state is required to pay to the riverboat operating in Gary. Makes changes to the distribution of wagering tax revenue to the city of Gary. Legalizes and validates certain bonds, notes, evidences of indebtedness, leases, or other written obligations issued or executed by or in the name of the: (1) Indiana finance authority; (2) development authority; and (3) Lake County Convention Center Authority (authority). Provides that the authority is established when the construction of the convention and event center is substantially completed so that the convention and event center can be used for its intended purpose. Requires state agencies and political subdivisions to cooperate with the state GIS officer in preparing a statewide base map. Eliminates the requirement that the department of local government finance (DLGF) work with the office of technology or another organization that is part of a state educational institution for purposes of posting information on the Indiana transparency website and submitting forms regarding data for local units. Makes changes to procedures regarding the reporting by county assessors of assessment values of real and personal property and parcel level data. Changes the deadline by which a county must submit to the DLGF data regarding real property, personal property, and geographic information system information from September 1 to July 1 of each year. Requires the purchaser of a mobile home to process the paperwork with the bureau of motor vehicles to transfer the title into the purchaser's name within 90 days of the sale. Specifies eligibility for certain townships to petition for an increase to the maximum property tax levy for the firefighting and emergency services fund. Makes procedural changes for civil taxing units not subject to levy limits. Adds the county option circuit breaker tax credit and local property tax credits to the list of credits that result in a reduction of property tax collections in a political subdivision in which such a credit is applied. Specifies the procedures for the submission of certain forms and related allocation amounts with regard to various allocation areas. Changes reporting requirements by governing bodies to the DLGF regarding guaranteed savings

contracts and energy efficient programs used by school corporations. Provides that the property tax rate for the levy imposed to be used for the replacement of fire protection territory equipment is considered part of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy and may not exceed \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed value. Extends a temporary increase in the capitalization rate percentage under the statewide agricultural land base rate determination. Provides that the DLGF shall annually publish on the Indiana Register the adjusted cost estimate threshold for a public work project that a board may perform using its own workforce, without awarding a contract. Provides a real and personal property tax exemption for Indiana nonprofit senior living communities beginning with property taxes that are first due and payable in 2027. Allows certain taxpayers to retroactively file a property tax exemption application. Prohibits certain individuals or business entities from bidding or purchasing a tract or item of real property offered at tax sale. Increases the amount of the property tax deduction for a model residence and a residence in inventory from 50% to 75% of the assessed value of the property for each deduction. Requires an individual to reside on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home to be eligible for the over 65 property tax credit. Increases the property tax deduction for a veteran who is totally disabled to an amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the individual's real property (instead of \$14,000). Expires property tax deductions for certain veterans, and instead provides a property tax liability credit. Restores the property tax deduction available to a surviving spouse of a World War I veteran that was limited to property taxes imposed for an assessment date before January 1, 2025, by SEA 1-2025 (P.L. 68-2025). Allows the executive of Miami Township in Cass County to submit a petition to the DLGF requesting an increase in the township's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for property taxes first due and payable in 2027. Requires the Hancock County fiscal body to adopt a resolution to allow a one time transfer of money from the library property tax replacement fund. Provides that for purposes of fixing and reviewing budgets, tax rates, and tax levies, before a county auditor makes an amendment, the county auditor must provide written notice to the county fiscal body, the DLGF, and the fiscal officers of the affected taxing units. Provides that the DLGF may not approve the budget for a political subdivision until an attestation statement concerning the uploading of contracts is submitted. Specifies eligibility and procedures for a health reimbursement arrangement income tax credit. Moves the effective date for the local income tax changes enacted in SEA 1 in the 2025 session from 2028 to 2029. Makes corresponding changes to move the expiration date regarding a county with a single voting bloc enacted in HEA 1142 in the 2025 session. Specifies procedures for the imposition of local income taxes and distribution of local income tax revenue. Provides that, for counties or municipalities that fail to adopt an ordinance to renew an existing expenditure tax rate, the expenditure tax rate for the county or municipality shall be the minimum tax rate necessary for existing debt service. Provides that the county may determine an allocation method for revenue raised from a tax rate for fire protection or emergency medical services. Provides that the county and certain township fire departments must receive an allocation of revenue raised from a tax rate for fire protection or emergency medical services. Provides a formula for the distribution of revenue from the local income tax rate imposed by a county for certain small cities and towns. Specifies procedures for determining population for purposes of a municipal local income tax rate. Allows the Marshall County jail fund to be used for costs otherwise incurred for the operation of the county jail. Allows the Rush County fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to impose a food and beverage tax on or before December 31, 2026. Authorizes the city of Greendale to impose a food and beverage tax. Provides that the Jackson County, DeKalb County, and Noble County innkeeper's tax rates may not exceed 8%. Replaces the definitions of "manufactured home" and "mobile home" throughout the Indiana Code with a singular definition. Requires a person appointed to a fire protection district board of trustees to reside in the fire protection district. Provides that, after a hearing on a petition to establish a tourism improvement district, a county's, city's, or town's legislative body may adopt the ordinance establishing the tourism improvement district. Revises a provision of the municipal Barrett Law concerning deferred installations. Prohibits a unit from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, regulation, policy, or rule that prohibits

*Current Status:* 2/17/2026 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Randolph

2/10/2026 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

HB1230

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCY (MILLER D) Provides that a state agency must determine if an alleged violator has substantially corrected the violation and notify an alleged violator whether the alleged violator is in substantial compliance with a state rule or state statute not more than 90 days after certain occurrences (current law provides for 30 days). Adds certification language for purposes of renewals. Allows certain boards to assess different fines for individuals and businesses for purposes of disciplinary sanctions. Makes various changes to the following boards: (1) The state board of cosmetology and barber examiners. (2) The committee of hearing aid dealer examiners. (3) The respiratory care committee. Provides that certain persons may not own an interest in an appraisal management company. Repeals the Indiana Code chapter relating to the professional licensing agency's duties and merges the agency's duties in another existing Indiana Code chapter.

*Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

2/12/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 11; Nays: 0

HB1251

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES (O'BRIEN T) Specifies that emergency medical services, including emergency ambulance services, are essential services in Indiana. Specifies that the provision of emergency medical services is an

essential purpose of political subdivisions. Requires the county commissioners of each county to: (1) identify areas that are unserved by emergency ambulance services; and (2) provide emergency ambulance services to those areas by establishing a county emergency ambulance service, contracting with a public, private, or nonprofit provider of emergency ambulance services, or by any other available means. Allows a governing body to opt out of the requirement to provide emergency ambulance services to unserved areas in certain cases. Provides that a county governing body that opts out of the provision of emergency ambulance services is immune from civil liability for personal injury or death resulting from a lack of emergency ambulance services in an area of the county.

*Current Status:* 2/12/2026 - added as third sponsor Senator Bohacek

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - added as second sponsor Senator Becker

2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy

HB1254

VARIOUS DENTAL MATTERS; RESPIRATORY CARE (GOSS-REAVES L) Amends the educational requirements for dental hygienists. Amends the requirements for administration of nitrous oxide by a dental hygienist. Allows the state board of dentistry to establish additional requirements for an applicant who has failed the licensure examination at least three times. Amends the licensure and temporary permit requirements for respiratory care practitioners.

*Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

2/11/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 0

HB1271

PAYMENT OF HEALTH CLAIMS (MCGUIRE J) Requires a hospital to: (1) disclose information concerning payment assistance programs; (2) post signs concerning the programs in specified locations of the hospital; and (3) make information concerning the programs available to individuals through the hospital's patient portal system. Requires a hospital to make a reasonable effort to notify individuals of available payment assistance programs before beginning a collection action against the individual. Prohibits an insurer that issues a policy of accident and sickness insurance (insurer), a health maintenance organization, and a third party contractor from using downcoding in a specified manner. Prohibits a provider from using an automated process, system, or tool to submit a health benefits claim without the review of a provider or other person involved in the development of the claim for submission. Prohibits an insurer and a health maintenance organization from retroactively reducing the reimbursement rate for any CPT code. Sets forth limitations on the time frame in which an insurer and a health maintenance organization: (1) may request repayment of an overpayment, adjust a subsequent claim, recoup or refund a paid claim, or retroactively audit a paid claim; and (2) is required to correct a payment error to a provider. Provides that if an insurer or a health maintenance organization recoups payment from a provider due to an error in coordination of benefits, the provider may submit a claim for the same services to the appropriate insurer or health maintenance organization.

*Current Status:* 2/12/2026 - Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b); reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

2/11/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 12; Nays: 0

HB1277

LONG TERM CARE (BARRETT B) Amends the requirements for a Medicaid home and community based services waiver. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to apply to the federal government for: (1) a new Medicaid waiver to provide assisted living services; and (2) an amendment to a specific Medicaid home and community based services waiver to establish an individual cost limit of not more than the institutional cost of nursing facility services. Specifies that provisions concerning reimbursement for assisted living services for individuals who are aged and disabled and receiving services under a Medicaid waiver apply to the new assisted living Medicaid waiver. Requires certain Medicaid recipients to choose the recipient's provider of integrated health care coordination. Provides that integrated health care coordination provided by a provider of assisted living services is not duplicative of certain other services. Specifies that an individual is no longer a member of the covered population upon receiving nursing facility services for 100 consecutive days. Provides that on the one hundredth day, the individual is not a member of the covered population and shall receive Medicaid services under a fee for service program. Requires the office to conduct a comprehensive study of Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to providers of assisted living services.

*Current Status:* 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Randolph

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Charbonneau

2/12/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

HB1278

NURSING MATTERS; EDUCATION PROGRAMS (BARRETT B) Requires the Indiana State Nurses Association, any time there is a vacancy or expiration of a term on the board of nursing, to recommend to the governor a list of qualified nurses for appointment. (Current law requires the Indiana State Nurses Association to recommend the list when there is a vacancy on the board.) Allows an institution that has been operating an eligible nursing program for at least five years to increase the enrollment in any eligible nursing program at any rate the institution considers appropriate.

*Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Reread second time: amended, ordered engrossed  
2/12/2026 - Amendment #1 (Busch) prevailed; voice vote

- HB1296 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (BASCOM G) Requires the secretary of family and social services to certify integrated reentry and correctional support programs. Requires the owner of a recovery residence to register with the division of mental health and addiction (division). Sets forth the requirements for registration. Requires the division to post a list of registered recovery residences on the division's public website and include certain information concerning each recovery residence. Requires the division to adopt rules concerning: (1) the issuance, revocation, and denial of a registration; and (2) any rules necessary to implement these provisions. Allows the division to contract with certain entities to administer the registration of recovery residences.  
*Current Status:* 2/10/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Schmitt  
*Recent Status:* 2/10/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 152: yeas 50, nays 0  
2/10/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading
- HB1358 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (BARRETT B) Changes the statewide standing order for the dispensing of a smoking cessation product to a tobacco, vaping, or nicotine cessation product. Amends the date by which a hospital must submit the hospital's fiscal report and patient information report to the state department. Removes a requirement that a home health aide competency evaluation program include at least 75 hours of training and 16 hours of classroom training before supervised practical training. Adds Parkinson's disease to the definition of "chronic disease" for provisions concerning the chronic disease registry. Requires: (1) the state department to maintain a trauma registry; and (2) certain health care facilities to submit data to the registry. Establishes requirements for the handling and transporting of infectious waste. Sets forth factors the state department must consider in determining the nature of and civil penalty for a violation of infectious waste requirements. Expands provisions concerning epinephrine, including provisions allowing a pharmacist to dispense and an entity to prescribe epinephrine rather than auto-injectable epinephrine. Removes the expiration of provisions concerning lead screening for children. Requires a registered manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor of food, drugs, or cosmetics to comply with federal regulations concerning good manufacturing practices. Allows the state health commissioner to enter and inspect the premises of the manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor. Permits a local health department to conduct inspections of certain manufacturers, processors, repackagers, or wholesale distributors. Amends the information a local child fatality review team and the statewide child fatality review committee may review in conducting a child fatality review. Allows a suicide and overdose fatality review team and a fetal-infant mortality review team to provide records to the state department. Requires the state department to maintain the confidentiality of these records. Requires a medical school to: (1) include nutrition education in the school's curriculum; and (2) require students to complete a rural health rotation. Voids administrative rules concerning infectious waste and the state trauma registry.  
*Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
2/12/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 0
- SB1 HUMAN SERVICES MATTERS (GARTEN C) Establishes the Indiana rural health transformation fund and makes allotments and expenditures from the fund subject to budget committee review before the allotment and expenditure may occur. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to report biennially to the budget committee concerning the use of the money in the fund. Prohibits recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from using SNAP benefits to purchase candy and soft drinks. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for a waiver or authorization to implement the prohibition if a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is required. Terminates the state's participation in the use of expanded categorical eligibility within the federal SNAP. Specifies gross income standards and countable resources for SNAP eligibility. Establishes immigration eligibility requirements for SNAP and requires the division of family resources to verify compliance with the requirements and submit information to the federal government about individuals for whom the division could not verify the immigration status. Specifies the time frame for Medicaid eligibility redeterminations. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to transmit certain information to the federal government to prevent multiple state Medicaid enrollment. Specifies the time frame concerning the initial date of Medicaid assistance based on the application date. Sets forth additional countable income requirements for Medicaid. Modifies immigration status requirements for Medicaid, including presumptive eligibility and the healthy Indiana plan (HIP), and requires the office to verify compliance of the requirements and report information to the federal government. Modifies work and exemption requirements for HIP and requires the conditions to be met in the three preceding months before an individual applies to HIP. Requires the office to verify compliance with the work requirements on an ongoing basis and at least quarterly. Prohibits the office from expanding the medically frail exemption beyond the federal definition of the term. Removes the 12 month eligibility period for HIP and requires semiannual renewal. Sets forth additional copayments for the use of an emergency room setting for nonemergency

services and other services under HIP.

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*Recent Status:* 2/4/2026 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/28/2026 - Referred to House Ways and Means

SB85

HEALTH CARE DEBT AND COSTS (CHARBONNEAU E) Authorizes the attorney general to enforce provisions concerning health care debt wage garnishment and principal residence lien restrictions and establish a complaint process. Requires hospitals to do the following: (1) Offer a person who meets certain income guidelines and has received health services the opportunity to pay the charges through a payment plan that satisfies certain requirements. (2) Develop a written notice about a charity care program operated by the hospital, provide the notice to patients, and post the notice. (3) Include certain information concerning financial assistance on a billing statement. (4) Requires a hospital that reports an annual gross patient revenue of at least \$20,000,000 to provide written notice and information to a person who has requested an eligibility determination concerning a payment plan or charity care. Provides that the unpaid earnings of a consumer who meets specified income eligibility requirements may not be attached by garnishment if an individual makes 200% of the federal income poverty level or less, and limits the amount to be garnished over a certain amount of the individual's disposable earnings in satisfaction of: (1) health care debt owed or alleged to be owed by the consumer; or (2) any amount of the judgment that represents health care debt determined to be owed by the consumer. Provides that: (1) health care debt owed or alleged to be owed by a consumer; or (2) in an action against a consumer in which a judgment has been entered, the amount of the judgment that represents health care debt determined to be owed by the consumer; does not constitute a lien against the consumer's principal residence for a consumer. Requires the disclosure of whether a debt is a health care debt in the execution of a judgment. Provides that in any action filed in Indiana for the recovery of health care debt owed or alleged to be owed by a consumer, the principal residence of the consumer is not liable to judgment or attachment or to be sold on execution against the consumer.

*Current Status:* 2/2/2026 - Referred to House Public Health

*Recent Status:* 2/2/2026 - First Reading

1/29/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Barrett

SB180

VARIOUS HEALTH CARE MATTERS (BROWN L) Eliminates a requirement that home health aide competency evaluation program training include at least 75 hours of training and 16 hours of classroom training before supervised practical training. Amends the educational requirements for dental hygienists. Amends the requirements for administration of nitrous oxide by a dental hygienist. Allows the state board of dentistry to establish additional requirements for an applicant who has failed the licensure examination at least three times. Amends the licensure and temporary permit requirements for respiratory care practitioners. Provides that a current or former police officer or firefighter (first responder) may recover medical benefits from the first responder's employer for an employment related injury or illness without first proceeding with a worker's compensation claim. Provides that if a first responder pursues a worker's compensation claim for medical benefits and the claim is withdrawn or denied, the first responder is not precluded from recovering medical benefits from the employer. Repeals the penalty in Title 16 concerning the crime of transferring contaminated semen. (Current statute contains a transferring of contaminated body fluids crime in Title 35 remains in law.)

*Current Status:* 2/16/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

2/12/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB222

FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MATTERS (CHARBONNEAU E) Adds the 9-8-8 crisis response center and a mobile crisis team as first responders. Requires certified peers to be trained and certified by the division of mental health and addiction or an approved nationally accredited certification body. Amends the definition of "qualified provider" concerning the Medicaid program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to limit presumptive eligibility determinations to qualified providers and sets forth requirements. Requires rules to be adopted concerning the implementation and administration of certification requirements for specified entities and amends standards. Allows a home health agency that meets certain conditions to continue to provide services to a Medicaid recipient and receive Medicaid reimbursement while the home health agency's application for Medicare enrollment is pending if the home health agency submitted the application or initiated the enrollment process before April 1, 2026. Changes the name of the division of disability and rehabilitative services to the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services. Repeals the division of aging and moves existing statutes and administrative rules to other locations. Renames the bureau of aging and in-home services to the bureau of better aging (bureau) and designates the bureau to perform certain duties once performed by the division of aging. Eliminates the requirement of a preferred drug list report. Extends the expiration of the micro facility pilot program. Authorizes the legislative services agency to prepare any legislation necessary to conform with the changes made.

*Current Status:* 2/10/2026 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

*Recent Status:* 2/9/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 209: yeas 95, nays 0

2/9/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

FSSA FISCAL MATTERS (MISHLER R) Establishes a time frame in which the bureau of disabilities services must review and approve or deny requests for an increase in service units provided to certain individuals with a disability. Reduces the income levels as a percentage of the federal poverty level for purposes of the Medicaid eligibility of certain Medicare beneficiaries. Repeals a provision prohibiting the office of the secretary of family and social services from reducing reimbursement for home health services. Specifies that public notice of at least six months (rather than one year) must be provided before a health facility service reimbursement that results in a reduction in reimbursement may be changed. Provides that a claim by the estate recovery unit of the office of Medicaid policy and planning (estate recovery unit) is forever barred unless the estate recovery unit files a claim in the court in which the decedent's estate is being administered not later than 365 days after the date of death of the decedent.

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2/2/2026 - First Reading