

**Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana
2022 Bill Summary**

Bill Number	Topic	Summary
Family Economic Resources, Housing & Community		
1	Automatic taxpayer refund	Removes a provision that requires taxpayers to have adjusted gross income tax liability in order to qualify for an automatic taxpayer refund.
62	Sale of tax properties to nonprofits	Permits a county treasurer in a county having a consolidated city to offer for sale a tract or item of real property on the county auditor's tax sale list: that is not used as a person's principal place of residence and receiving a homestead standard deduction for the most recent assessment date; that is unsold after two or more public sales; and for which a set off has not been obtained against the delinquent debt owed on the real property; to an eligible nonprofit entity prior to a regularly scheduled tax sale.
376	Gaming matters	Provides that a charitable government services organization and other specified individuals may accept payment by credit card for the purchase of a chance to enter a raffle or water race offered at an allowable activity if the transaction satisfies particular requirements.
1002	Various tax matters	Reduces the individual adjusted gross income tax rate from 3.23% in 2022 to 3.15% in 2023 and 2024. Phases down the individual adjusted gross income tax rate after 2024 depending on certain conditions being met.
1214	Residential eviction actions	Seals eviction records in cases that are dismissed or that the tenant wins. Requires any COVID rental assistance programs to be voluntary for all parties.
1306	Housing task force	Establishes the housing task force to review issues related to housing and housing shortages in Indiana. Sets forth membership, and requires the task force to issue a report to the general assembly and the governor not later than November 1, 2022.
1354	Requirements for SNAP participants	Urges interim study committee on requiring the custodial and noncustodial parents to cooperate with the child support bureau as a condition of eligibility for assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and assigning individuals who are subject to federal work requirements for SNAP eligibility to an employment and training program.
1361	TANF and child care assistance eligibility	Increases some asset limits and ongoing eligibility income thresholds for TANF, and disregards apprenticeship income for purposes of qualifying for a TANF-funded child care voucher
1410	Mandatory job search for TANF eligibility	Requires evidence of job search activities for certain applicants and recipients under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, with certain exceptions.
Child Welfare & Family Law		

148	Prosecuting attorneys	Among other items, permits the department of child services or a prosecuting attorney to file a paternity action in certain cases.
246	Motor vehicle insurance for foster children	Establishes the insuring foster youth trust fund. Provides that the money in the fund may be used to provide payments to foster youth to help defray the cost of: automobile insurance coverage for foster youth; and not more than 44 of the 50 hours of supervised driving practice for foster youth.
266	Department of child services matters	Child welfare service providers may hire staff and begin training them while waiting for the interstate child protection index background check, if all other background checks are complete and if the new hire has no contact with children or children's records before the background check is completed. Establishes a process by which child services providers may request a review of base rates and other cost-based rates approved by DCS and requires publication of cost denials.
410	Unlicensed caregiver intervention in juvenile court proceeding.	Allows an unlicensed caregiver of a child to petition to intervene as a party in a: (1) child in need of services proceeding; or (2) proceeding to terminate the parent-child relationship; concerning the child.
1247	Child fatalities	Requires the state child fatality review coordinator to provide to each local child fatality review team a data collection form for reporting data regarding child fatalities. Specifies additional information that must be included in DCS's annual report regarding child fatalities that are the result of abuse or neglect.
1363	Department of child services matters	Shortens the window DCS must wait to move a child from a long-term placement from 15 days to 10 days, and allows the current placement to waive their right to appeal and have the transfer expedited; specifies that a child who is a victim of specific crimes and is not receiving or likely to receive the needed care without the intervention of the court, is only a CHINS if the crime was committed by a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child; adds crimes related to child pornography, including images of children who may not be real and sex acts that may be simulated; provides a defense for the possession of child pornography when possessed in the course of one's duties as a child protective services worker or an attorney for a client.
Criminal & Juvenile Justice		
9	Electronic monitoring standards	Establishes certain rules for home detention and monitoring, requires JRAC to study and make a report on home detention and monitoring, and makes escape committed by a juvenile status offender a status offense under certain circumstances.

70	Obstruction of Justice	Provides that a person commits obstruction of justice if the person induces a witness in a legal proceeding to: (1) withhold or delay producing evidence that the witness is legally required to produce; (2) avoid a subpoena or court order; (3) not appear at a proceeding to which the witness has been summoned; or (4) give a false or materially misleading statement. Provides that a person commits obstruction of justice, as a Level 5 felony, if the person induces a witness to give a false or materially misleading statement during the investigation or pendency of a domestic violence or child abuse case. Establishes a uniform definition of "communicates" for the criminal code.
117	Police log information	Provides that certain information contained in a daily log of a law enforcement agency relating to the victim of a crime or delinquent act who is less than 18 years of age may not be disclosed by a public agency without the consent of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, unless access to the records is specifically required by a state or federal statute or is ordered by a court under the rules of discovery. Provides that the information may be disclosed to the department of child services. Prohibits, after June 30, 2023, the broadcast of a Social Security number by police radio unless the broadcast is encrypted.
155	Human trafficking	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 but less than 18 years of age at the time of trial. Makes purchasing a trafficking victim a level 4 felony.
182	Court procedures	Specifies that a juvenile delinquency allegation that results in an adjudication for an infraction does not result in a conviction for purposes of expungement. Requires a court to automatically issue an expungement order if one year has passed since allegations were filed against a juvenile and the state is not pursuing the case
263	Evidence preservation requirements	Establishes additional requirements for the disposition of property held as evidence that may contain biological evidence related to an offense, including matters involving postconviction DNA testing and analysis.
1079	Elements of rape	Provides that a person commits rape if the person engages in sexual activity with another person and the person disregards the other person's attempts to refuse the person's acts.
1137	Protective orders	Makes an order of protection indefinite if the person is required to register as a lifetime sex or violent offender and the petitioner for the protective order was the victim of the crime that resulted in the lifetime registration.

1181	Youth offender boot camps and inmate calling services	Juvenile offenders may not be placed in department of correction boot camps beginning July 1, 2022, and for those already in the boot camp program, it expires December 31, 2023. Provides that a rate for intrastate: (1) collect calling; (2) debit calling; (3) prepaid calling; or (4) prepaid collect calling; in connection with inmate calling services shall not exceed the rate cap for the comparable interstate service, as set by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in effect at the time the call is initiated.
1217	Coerced abortion	Makes it a Level 6 felony if a person knowingly or intentionally coerces a pregnant woman into having an abortion. Establishes duties of a clinic with regard to inquiring about coercion and reporting it. Makes it a Class C infraction if a reproductive health facility knowingly employs a mandatory reporter who violates the mandatory reporting statute.
1292	Compensation for victims of violent crimes	Expands violent crime victim compensation claimants to include certain family members of a victim and the list of expenses eligible to include crime scene cleanup and replacement windows or door locks. Allows the victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute to accept proof that evidence was collected during a forensic exam as a claimant's cooperation with law enforcement. Specifies that a person who contributed to the injury or death of the victim may not receive benefits.
1296	Firearms matters	Repeals the law that requires a person to obtain a license to carry a handgun in Indiana. Makes theft of a firearm a Level 5 felony.
1300	Bail	Requires a charitable bail organization to be certified by the commissioner of the department of insurance unless they pay bail for: not more than three individuals in any 180 day period; or a relative. State and local government may not provide funding used to pay bail.

<p>1359</p>	<p>Juvenile law matters</p>	<p>Requires the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (commission) to create a statewide juvenile justice oversight body (oversight body) to do the following: (1) Develop a plan to collect and report statewide juvenile justice data. (2) Establish procedures and policies related to the use of certain screening tools and assessments. (3) Develop a statewide plan to address the provision of broader behavioral health services to children in the juvenile justice system. (4) Develop a plan for the provision of transitional services for a child who is a ward of the department of correction. (5) Develop a plan for the juvenile diversion and community alternatives grant programs. Requires the judicial conference of Indiana to develop statewide juvenile probation standards that are aligned with research based practices, and requires the board of directors of the judicial conference of Indiana to approve the standards by July 1, 2023. Requires the use of a risk and needs assessment tool, a risk screening tool, and a diagnostic assessment when evaluating a child at specific points in the juvenile justice system to identify the child's risk for reoffense. Requires an intake officer and the juvenile court to use the results of a detention tool to inform the use of secure detention and document the reason for the use of detention if the tool is overridden. Requires a court to document the reason for a juvenile detention override and submit details of the to the office of judicial administration. Provides that a child less than 12 years of age cannot be detained unless detention is essential to protect the community and no reasonable alternatives exist to reduce the risk. Establishes a procedure for juvenile diversion. Repeals provisions requiring a child who participates in a program of informal adjustment to pay an informal adjustment program fee. Provides that a child who is a ward of the department of correction may receive at least three months of transitional services to support reintegration of the child back into the community and to reduce recidivism. Requires the department of correction to provide an annual report that includes collected data that will help assess the impact of reintegration improvements for juveniles, including tracking recidivism beyond incarceration and into the adult system. Provides that a juvenile court may recommend telehealth services as an alternative to a child receiving a diagnostic assessment. Establishes: the juvenile diversion and community alternatives grant programs and grant programs fund; and the juvenile behavioral health competitive grant pilot program and grant pilot program fund; as of July 1, 2023. Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute (institute) to administer each program and fund. Requires the office of judicial administration to administer the statewide juvenile justice data aggregation plan.</p>
<p>Education</p>		
<p>2</p>	<p>Virtual instruction and tuition support</p>	<p>Allows school districts to use the entire fall semester of 2021 attendance to determine if a student was primarily (more than 50%) virtual for purposes of school funding.</p>

11	Display of historical documents	Provides that a document of educational and historical significance with acknowledged religious history may be displayed on property owned by the state, only if the document is donated; purchased with funds made available through voluntary contributions to the Indiana department of administration; or reprinted from a document donated or purchased with contributions to the department.
82	FAFSA requirement	Requires each school corporation and charter high school to use the model FAFSA notice prepared by the commission for higher education; and provide the model notice to certain students. Requires the commission to develop an online FAFSA affirmation form and provide information to certain schools to determine which students have completed the FAFSA and the affirmation form.
83	Meetings of school boards and charter schools	Requires a governing body of a school corporation or charter school to permit oral public comment on a topic before the governing body takes final action on the topic. Restricts the conditions under which a school board may meet virtually.
89	Higher education scholarships	Provides that the commission's annual schedule of awards must provide award amounts on the basis of a federal needs calculation. Amends language concerning teacher stipends to teacher scholarships. Provides that the total amount of scholarships or other financial aid received by an individual may not exceed certain total expenses.
91	Accreditation of teacher preparation programs	Makes changes to the rules related to teacher prep program accreditation.
115	School employee misconduct	Updates the list of criminal offenses that require a school to not employ or contract with an individual, and adds an offense that a school must consider in deciding whether to employ or continue to employ an individual.
123	Education matters	Provides that the dyslexia screening and intervention provisions apply to qualified districts or qualified high schools; and innovation network schools. Provides that the following may not waive or suspend the dyslexia screening and intervention provisions: A coalition of continuous improvement school districts, and state accredited public schools. Adds, for consistency, the dyslexia screening and intervention provisions to the list of statutes that apply to charter schools.
290	Various education matters	Requires the department of education to establish a career coaching pilot program to award grants to school corporations to establish career coaching programs for students of the school corporation. Adds steps for the State Board and Budget Committee to take if a school district's budget would change by \$250,000 or more from the prior year based on ADM count before such change is implemented. Provides that the state board shall assign to a school or school corporation (including adult high schools) a "null" or "no letter grade" for the 2021-2022 school year.

297	School employee dues deductions	Amends the content of the statement that is required to be included on an authorization form for deducting school employee organization dues from school employee pay. Provides that the provision regarding the content of the statement applies only to collective bargaining agreements or contracts entered into, renewed, modified, extended, or amended after June 30, 2022.
331	Education matters	Allows school corporations to count their prorated share of teacher salaries for a special ed or CTE coop in their total amount of budget dedicated to teacher salaries. Establishes an administrative fund at the office of the State Treasurer for the Indiana Education Scholarship, which allows students with special needs to receive a portion of their education funding and use it with private institutions.
356	Teacher matters	Makes it easier to obtain an initial practitioner license for an individual who completes an alternative teacher certification program and adds restrictions regarding teaching special education under the license. Provides that, for school years beginning after June 30, 2022, a school corporation may provide a supplemental payment to a teacher in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan.
366	Higher education funding	Requires the Commission for Higher Education to create a long-range strategic plan and a funding formula for state institutions, and to present these and its recommendations to the state budget committee along with the budget requests of each state institution of higher education.
1013	State fossil	Designates the mastodon as the official state fossil of Indiana.
1041	Participation in school sports	Prohibits the participation of transgender girls (or biological males) in girls' sports in K-12 schools, and requires schools to establish grievance procedures. Creates a civil cause of action for violations. [This bill was vetoed by the Governor, but the veto may be overridden by the General Assembly.]
1045	529 college savings accounts	Increases the maximum amount of the annual tax credit for a contribution to a college choice 529 education savings plan from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
1093	Education matters	Amends the membership and duties of the Early Learning Advisory Committee; requires all police officers serving in a school during school hours to obtain School Resource Officer training; requires MOUs between the assigning law enforcement agency and the school or district to spell out the duties of the law enforcement officer; prohibits incentivizing enrollment in a school or educational program by giving gifts with monetary value; establishes an executive director and certain funds and processes for the state charter school board; prohibits schools from conducting more than three virtual days per year if the days are not at least 50% synchronous; schools may apply for a waiver of this requirement from IDOE.
1094	Career and technical education	Requires IDOE to facilitate the provision of employer and worker's comp insurance for employers who employ youth in a work-based learning course; employers must pay the cost of the insurance. Clarifies requirements related to transformation zone schools.

1130	Open meetings	Requires school boards to allow each attendee the opportunity to provide oral public comment. Allows a school board to permit oral public comment at a public meeting that is conducted electronically during a state or local disaster emergency. Restricts the circumstances in which the governing body of a state or local public agency may hold a virtual meeting during a declared disaster emergency without any of the governing body members physically present.
1192	Qualified providers and Medicaid school services	Defines "qualified provider" and "school based nurse" for purposes of providing Medicaid covered services in a school setting. Specifies conditions that must be met in order for the school based Medicaid services to be provided.
1223	Education matters	Requires that the Indiana family friendly school designation program of the department of education establish a procedure under which the department must conduct an assessment for the purpose of evaluating and improving parent involvement in the school if the parents of at least 10% of currently enrolled students at a particular school request an assessment. Requires that the department determine the manner in which requests may be submitted.
1251	Various education matters	Requires IDOE to complete certain reports, studies, and waiver requests. Allows schools to hire adjunct teachers, establishes a portal for these positions, requires openings to be announced at school board meetings; and exempts adjunct faculty from collective bargaining; expands background checks for drivers of special purpose school buses or other small vehicles used by schools; establishes the student enrichment grant program, through which students who experienced learning loss during the pandemic can receive funding to pay for tutoring.
1303	Tax credit for ABLE account contributions	Creates (beginning January 1, 2024) a stand-alone credit for contributions to Indiana ABLE accounts (similar to 529 education savings accounts, but for individuals with disabilities).
1318	Child care provided by a school corporation	Makes child care provided in school buildings exempt from licensure. Allows Montessori preschool and kindergarten programs to use the average age of children in a classroom for purposes of determine staff to child ratios (Montessori has mixed-age classrooms).
1320	Purchases from a youth agricultural programs	Raises the total amount of food that a public school or school corporation may purchase from a youth agricultural education program to \$10,000 per fiscal year. Specifies that if a purchasing agency purchases more than \$10,000 of food from a youth agricultural educational program per fiscal year, the purchasing agency must comply with the applicable federal procurement requirements.

Health

	Reciprocity and 5 audiology compact	Establishes a procedure to grant licenses and certificates to practice certain health care professions in Indiana through reciprocity with other states. Establishes provisional licenses that must be granted within 30 days of application, with penalties for perjury on the application. Requires the speech-language pathology and audiology board to initiate and make every effort to enter into reciprocity agreements with contiguous states for individuals licensed as: a speech-language pathologist; and an audiologist; to practice the individual's profession under the license from one state in the other state. Adopts the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.
	Suicide and drug 84 overdose death reporting	Requires the state department of health to annually prepare a report concerning all suicide and overdose fatalities in Indiana that occurred during the preceding calendar year. Requires the report to include: the number of fatalities that occurred in each county; the number of fatalities that occurred during each month; the age, sex, and race of each fatality victim; the method of suicide or overdose, including the type of weapon and each substance used; and if known, whether the fatality victim has served in the armed forces of the United States or the national guard. Provides that the first report must also include information from the 2020 calendar year.
	Newborn safety 185 device	Modifies the newborn safety device requirements that apply to a fire department. Modifies the immunity provisions applicable to certain individuals and entities that take custody of a child or operate a newborn safety device.
	Practitioner 239 identification and advertising	Certain practitioners are subject to disciplinary sanctions if the practitioner communicates or disseminates to the general public an advertisement that includes deceptive or misleading information or does not prominently state the profession or license held by the practitioner.
	Report on 911 and 247 regionalized trauma systems	Requires the department of homeland security, the state department of health, the integrated public safety commission, and the statewide 911 board to make recommendations before November 1, 2022, to the general assembly regarding: improving emergency medical services response through increased interoperability of the 911 system; and the effectiveness of regionalized trauma systems and the systems' impact on patient care.
	Interstate medical 251 licensure compact	Requires the medical licensing board of Indiana to administer the interstate medical licensure compact (compact). Adopts the compact. Sets forth requirements.
	284 Telehealth matters	Consolidates, clarifies, and updates telehealth language, including types of services and practitioners that can practice telehealth, and Medicaid provisions.

365	Psychology interjurisdictional compact	Establishes the psychology interjurisdictional compact concerning interjurisdictional telepsychology and the temporary authorization to practice psychology in another compact state. Sets forth requirements of a compact state. Sets forth the duties of the psychology interjurisdictional compact commission.
382	Various tax matters	In addition to other DOR and tax provisions, reduces the tax on wholesale vaping products.
1003	Nursing programs and licensing matters	Establishes certain requirements for the temporary licensure of retired or inactive emergency medical services personnel, retired or inactive health care professionals, out-of-state health care professionals, or recently graduated students who have applied for certain licenses. Relaxes certain requirements for nursing schools to allow greater numbers of nursing students and faculty.
1073	Accessible vehicle matters	Provides for protection for a buyer who purchases a converted motor vehicle for personal, noncommercial use, when the converted motor vehicle suffers from a nonconformity.
1140	Medicaid coverage for pregnant women	Increases the Medicaid income eligibility requirements for pregnant women. Removes the Medicaid limitation for pregnant women of medical assistance coverage only for pregnancy related services. Provides that the extension of postpartum Medicaid coverage for pregnant women shall be determined by the office of the secretary of family and social services and must be at least 60 days but not more than 12 months beginning on the last day of the pregnancy.
1169	Health matters	Makes numerous changes and updates to the administrative code related to the Indiana Department of Health and certain divisions of FSSA; invests Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) with authority to sign off on certain services; restricts coroners from certifying deaths as SUIDS without a comprehensive death investigation.
1192	Qualified providers and Medicaid school services	Defines "qualified provider" and "school based nurse" for purposes of providing Medicaid covered services in a school setting. Specifies conditions that must be met in order for the school based Medicaid services to be provided.
1193	Opioid litigation	Provides a new window for cities, counties, and towns to opt in to Indiana's opioid settlement process and fund, and clarifies how the funds will be distributed.
1217	Coerced abortion	Makes it a Level 6 felony if a person knowingly or intentionally coerces a pregnant woman into having an abortion. Establishes duties of a clinic with regard to inquiring about coercion and reporting it. Makes it a Class C infraction if a reproductive health facility knowingly employs a mandatory reporter who violates the mandatory reporting statute.
1222	Various FSSA matters	Amends and updates FSSA's administrative code with regard to division names, child care home licensing, mobile crisis units and 988; competency restoration services; and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

1254	Newborn screening requirements	Places decisions on which newborn disorders to require screening for in the hands of the perinatal genetics and genomics advisory committee and the IDOH.
1313	Screening children for lead poisoning	Requires pediatricians to offer blood lead screening for all children between 9 and 72 months of age, after determining whether or not the child has been previously screened. IDOH must develop guidance. Parents may refuse screening.