

Indiana Institute for Working Families

INSIDE THE STATEHOUSE



A WEEKLY UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATION

AFFECTING WORKING FAMILIES

DATE: 02/16/2010

NEXT DEADLINE FOR ACTION: Wednesday, March 3, 2010– Last day for 3rd Reading of Bills in the second chamber.

HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION:

HB 1181- Requires a public question to be placed on the November 2010 general election ballot in each township regarding whether the voters want to retain a township trustee and township board. Provides that if a majority of voters in a township do not approve the public question, the powers and duties of the trustee and township board are transferred to the county on January 1, 2012. **HEARING– Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 1:30 PM, Senate Room 130**

SB 295- This bill makes various provisions regarding FSSA including: Requiring a family to receive a cash assistance benefit of at least \$10 under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program if certain income standards and employment earnings are met. As well as specifying that access to a child support enforcement program and IMPACT (JOBS) training program are included as TANF services for certain eligible families. **HEARING- Wednesday, 2/17/10, 3:30 PM, House Chamber**

BILLS TO WATCH

Bills	Title	Notes	Status
HJR 1 Rep. Crawford	Circuit Breakers and Property Tax Matters	Allows the property tax caps, enacted in 2008, to be brought before the voters by referendum to be amended into the Indiana State Constitution.	Ready for Enrollment
HB 1021 Reps. Day and Murphy	Bankruptcy exemptions; Earned Income Tax Credit	This bill would make a debtor's Indiana earned income tax credit exempt under the bankruptcy property exemption statute. Current law provides only that a debtor's federal earned income tax credit is exempt property.	In Committee - Second House
HB 1030 Reps. Riecken & Barnes	Local government reorganization	Specifies that a reorganization committee acting under local government reorganization statutes must include in its reorganization plan and in other materials provided to the public a statement regarding: (1) whether a fiscal impact analysis concerning the proposed reorganization has been prepared by or on behalf of the reorganization committee; and (2) whether a fiscal impact analysis concerning the proposed reorganization has been made available to the public.	Passed Committee - Second House
HB 1117 Rep. Moseley	Funding for Adult Education	Provides an adult education grant to school corporations as part of the state tuition support distribution. Adds the adult education appropriation for state fiscal year 2010-2011 to the state tuition support distribution appropriation for state fiscal year 2010-2011.	In Committee- Second House
HB 1181 Rep. Crawford	Referendum on retaining township trustee and board.	Requires a public question to be placed on the November 2010 general election ballot in each township regarding whether the voters want to retain a township trustee and township board. Provides that if a majority of voters in a township do not approve the public question, the powers and duties of the trustee and township board are transferred to the county on January 1, 2012.	Hearing- Wednesday, 2/17/10, 1:30 PM Room 130

Senate Bills

Bills	Digest	Notes	Status
SB 23 Sen. Hershman Kenley, Kruse, etc.	Unemployment Insurance	Delays from January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2011, changes in the taxable wage base and employer contribution rates for the unemployment compensation system.	In Committee- Second House
SB 253 Sen. Kenley	Constitutional amendment ballot language	Specifies the ballot language for the submission of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning circuit breakers and other property tax matters.	In Committee- Second House
SB 295 Sen. Miller	Family and social services	Various provisions regarding FSSA including: Requiring a family to receive a cash assistance benefit of at least \$10 under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program if certain income standards and employment earnings are met. As well as specifying that access to a child support enforcement program and IMPACT (JOBS) training program are included as TANF services for certain eligible families.	Hearing- Wednesday, 2/17/10, 3:30 PM House Chamber
SB 324 Sens. Dillon & M. Young	Explanation of proposed constitutional amendments	Requires the legislative services agency to prepare a neutral summary of any proposed state constitutional amendment and to submit the proposed summary to the legislative council for approval. Makes provisions for distributing the summary to the public.	In Committee- Second House
SB 389 Sens. Kruse & Breaux	Information on Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)	Requires that caseworkers of foster children will provide the children with information concerning individual development accounts. An amendment filed on February 1, 2010, would, if adopted, require the caseworker to distribute this information to the foster parent, as well as to the foster child.	In Committee- Second House

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Let your legislators know how you feel about these issues.

Who represents you? <http://district.iga.in.gov/DistrictLookup/>

Contact your Legislators! <http://www.in.gov/cgi-bin/legislative/contact/contact.pl>

INDIANA INSTITUTE FOR WORKING FAMILIES



INDIANA INSTITUTE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

1845 W. 18th St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Phone: 317-638-4232
Fax: 317-634-7947
E-mail: jfraser@incap.org