

Indiana Institute for Working Families

INSIDE THE STATEHOUSE



A WEEKLY UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATION

AFFECTING WORKING FAMILIES

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HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION:

SB23– State and Local Administration– This bill delays from January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2011 changes in the taxable wage base and employer contribution rates for the unemployment compensation system. It permits the Secretary of the Family and Social Services to apply for and administer TANF Emergency Funds. It permits the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development to implement a subsidized employment program. It requires the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to designate a small business ombudsman and a compliance officer whose primary duties are to determine and report to the corporation whether each person that receives a job creation incentive granted by the corporation or another agency or instrumentality of the state. It eliminates the requirement that an existing business must employ 35 or more employees to qualify for and EDGE credit. The bill provides a new employer tax credit for a corporation or pass through entity that after December 31, 2009, either locates or relocates the operations of a business enterprise in Indiana, incorporates, or otherwise first organizes in Indiana, or expands its operation of a business enterprise in Indiana and employs at least 10 new qualified employees. It provides that the credit is 10 percent of the wages paid by the new Indiana business to qualified employees during a 24 month period. It also requires the agreement to provide that the IEDC, after a finding that an applicant is employing fewer individuals than the applicant agreed to employ and subject to any confidentiality laws, shall hold a hearing to determine if the applicant shall be required to pay back to the state a portion of the incentive granted to the applicant under the agreement. The bill makes various other provisions.—**Ready for Enrollment**

House Bills

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.	Signed by the President Pro Tempore
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.	LAW ENACTED
HB 1030 Reps. Riecken & Barnes	Local Government Reorganization	Makes provisions for the reorganization of local government and for the elections of offices created by the reorganization, as well as the removal of offices abolished by the reorganization. Makes provisions regarding the consolidated fire departments of Marion County. Makes provisions regarding tax levy and/or bond issues in reorganized local governments, specifically regarding vote centers and public libraries. Makes provisions regarding redistricting.	Died– Lack of Action Before Deadline
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.	Died– Lack of Action Before Deadline
HB 1181 Rep. Crawford	Township Government	Specifies that in each county after December 31, 2012, the county fiscal body is the fiscal and legislative body of each township in the county and that the county fiscal body shall exercise the legislative and fiscal powers assigned in the Indiana Code to township boards, including the authority to adopt the townships annual budget and to levy township property taxes for township funds. Makes provisions regarding the functioning of township government.	Died– Lack of Action Before Deadline

Senate Bills

Bills	Digest	Notes	Status
<p>SB 23 Sen. Hershman Kenley, Kruse, etc.</p>	<p>Unemployment Insurance</p>	<p>Delays from January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2011, changes employer contribution rates for the unemployment compensation system. Permits FSSA to apply for TANF Emergency Funds. Permits DWD to establish a subsidized employment program. Provides a new employer tax credit with a claw back provision . Makes various other provisions.</p>	<p>Ready for Enrollment</p>
<p>SB 253 Sen. Kenley</p>	<p>Constitutional Amendment Ballot Language</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Died– Lack of Action Before Deadline</p>
<p>SB 295 Sen. Miller</p>	<p>Family and Social Services</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Died– Lack of Action Before Deadline</p>
<p>SB 324 Sens. Dillon & M. Young</p>	<p>Explanation of Proposed Constitutional Amendments</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Died– Lack of Action Before Deadline</p>
<p>SB 389 Sens. Kruse & Breau</p>	<p>Information on Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>LAW ENACTED</p>

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