

Indiana Institute for Working Families

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A WEEKLY UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATION

AFFECTING WORKING FAMILIES

DATE: 01/26/2010

NEXT DEADLINE FOR ACTION: Wednesday, February 3, 2010– Last day for 3rd Reading of Bills in their chamber of origin.

HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION:

SB 295— Various Family and Social Service Provisions. 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– January 27, 2009, 9:00 am, Senate Chamber**

SB 324- Explanation of proposed constitutional amendments. Requires the LSA 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. **HEARING– January 27, 2009, 9:00 am, Senate Room 130**

BILLS TO WATCH

Bills	Title	Notes	Status
<p>HJR 1 Rep. Crawford</p>	<p>Circuit Breakers and Property Tax Matters</p>	<p>Allows the property tax caps, enacted in 2008, to be brought before the voters by referendum to be amended into the Indiana State Constitution.</p>	<p>Ready for Enrollment</p>
<p>HB 1003 Reps. Riecken & Tyler</p>	<p>Contracting of Public Assistance Eligibility</p>	<p>This bill would bar the Family and Social Services Administration, and its various divisions from contracting with another person to administer or process eligibility intake for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid programs. Bill was amended to create a legislative oversight committee and to require intake personnel to offer voter registration to clients at various times during the intake process.</p>	<p>On 3rd Reading- First House</p>
<p>HB 1021 Reps. Day and Murphy</p>	<p>Bankruptcy exemptions; Earned Income Tax Credit</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Passed - First House</p>
<p>HB 1030 Reps. Riecken & Barnes</p>	<p>Local government reorganization</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Passed- First House</p>
<p>HB 1117 Rep. Moseley</p>	<p>Funding for Adult Education</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Out of Committee -First House</p>

House Bills continued...

Bills	Title	Notes	Status
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.	Passed - First House

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	Passed- First House
SB 62 Sen. Miller	Removal of FSSA expiration dates	Removes the expiration dates for the office of the secretary of family and social services, the office of Medicaid policy and planning, the statutes concerning directors of divisions within family and social services (FSSA), and certain advisory committees under the FSSA statutes.	Passed- First 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.	On 2nd Reading- First 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.	In Committee- First House Hearing on January 27, 2010 9:00 am
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- First House Hearing on January 27, 2010 9:00 am

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