

Indiana Institute for Working Families

## INSIDE THE STATEHOUSE



**A WEEKLY UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATION**

**AFFECTING WORKING FAMILIES**

**DATE: 02/01/2010**

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

**HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION:**

**HB 1117-** 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 addition, an amendment filed by Rep. Thompson would remove the provision prohibiting charter schools from participating in the Adult Education Grant created by the bill. Another amendment filed by Rep. Moseley would, among other changes, prohibit programs that were not operating by at least 2009 from receiving distributions from the newly created Adult Education Grant. **On 2nd Reading— February 1, 2010, 10:30 PM, House Chamber**

**SB 389-** 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. **On 2nd Reading— February 1, 2010, 12:00 PM, Senate Chamber**

**BILLS TO WATCH**

Bills	Title	Notes	Status
<p><b>HJR 1</b> 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><b>HB 1003</b> Reps. Riecken &amp; Tyler</p>	<p>Public assistance matters and voting registration</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><b>HB 1021</b> 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><b>HB 1030</b> Reps. Riecken &amp; 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><b>HB 1117</b> 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>On 2nd Reading- First House</p>

## House Bills continued...

Bills	Title	Notes	Status
<b>HB 1181</b> 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
<b>SB 23</b> 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
<b>SB 253</b> 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
<b>SB 295</b> 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.	On 2nd Reading- First House
<b>SB 324</b> 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.	On 2nd Reading- First House
<b>SB 389</b> 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.	On 2nd Reading- First House

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