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## **Legislative Report #6, 2026**

Committee hearings in the second chamber continued throughout the week. Deadlines for committee reports are rapidly approaching. Legislators are scrambling to get things finished up before the projected Sine Die date of February 27.

In Legislative Report #6, 2026, you will find the latest on all bills that we have been tracking that have survived so far. Please contact President Owensby or me with any questions.

**HB1044 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (PRESSEL J)** Provides that a public safety employee who: (1) becomes disabled on or after January 1, 2020; (2) receives a Class 1 or a Class 2 impairment benefit; and (3) is eligible for group health insurance coverage for the public safety employee and the public safety employee's spouse or dependents; must pay the same amount that the public safety employee would have been required to pay if still serving as a current active public safety employee employed by the local unit public employer. Specifies that the public safety employee must file a written request for insurance coverage with the employer before June 1, 2026, or within 90 days after the public safety employee begins receiving disability benefits, whichever is later. Provides that a surviving spouse or dependent of a public safety employee who dies in the line of duty must pay the same amount that the public safety employee would have been required to pay if still serving as a current active public safety employee employed by the local unit public employer for coverage selected by the surviving spouse or dependent under the group health insurance program.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Randolph  
2/12/2026 - added as third sponsor Senator Qaddoura

**Current Bill Text:** [HB1044](#)

**HB1056 RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION (MELTZER J)** Resolves a conflict between HEA 1014-2025 and HEA 1637-2025.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
2/12/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 9;  
Nays: 0

**Current Bill Text:** [HB1056](#)

**HB1065 BAN ON GRATUITIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS (SLAGER H)** Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for: (1) a person to offer a payment to a public servant as a reward for an official act performed by the public servant for the person; or (2) a public servant to solicit or accept a payment as a reward for an official act performed by the public servant for the person. Increases the penalty to a Level 6 felony if the fair market value of the reward is at least \$750. Exempts: (1) a good or service that is subject to a reporting requirement or otherwise authorized by an applicable rule or code of ethics; (2) a good or service with a value of less than \$100; (3) commemorative or ceremonial items, such as



plaques, trophies, or framed photos; (4) lawful political contributions; (5) wages and other forms of work related compensation from the governmental entity employing the public servant that the public servant is legally permitted to receive; or (6) an offer of employment that is not offered as a reward for an official act performed by a public servant. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally violates a specified provision by commingling the funds of a committee with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee commits a Class A misdemeanor. Enhances the penalty to a Level 6 felony if a person commingles at least \$50,000 of committee funds.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
2/10/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 9;  
Nays: 0

**Current Bill Text:** [HB1065](#)

**HB1145 THIRTEENTH CHECK (KARICKHOFF M)** Allows a participant in the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan to elect a joint and survivor option for the payment of the participant's retirement allowance. Provides for a thirteenth check in calendar year 2026 for certain members, participants, or beneficiaries of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) Indiana public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2026 - added as third sponsor Senator Goode

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - added as second sponsor Senator Rogers  
2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted;  
reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

**Current Bill Text:** [HB1145](#)

**HB1155 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (SOLIDAY E)** Establishes a traffic enforcement on private roads pilot project. Provides that a subdivision: (1) that is subject to governance authority by a homeowners association; (2) that contains at least 1,500 lots; and (3) with at least 15 miles of private road that are owned and maintained by the homeowners association; may establish maximum speed limits and designate intersections at which a vehicle is required to stop. Provides that a law enforcement officer has all police powers necessary to enforce the laws of the state for the regulation and use of vehicles on the private roads within the subdivision governed by the homeowners association. Provides that, with the exception of maximum speed limits and stop signs established by the homeowners association, a law enforcement officer may not enforce other rules or requirements established by the homeowners association. Provides that, with certain requirements, a homeowners association may enter into an agreement with or employ an off duty law enforcement officer. Provides that the pilot program expires July 1, 2028.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Maxwell  
2/12/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Current Bill Text:** [HB1155](#)

**HR1 HONORING JOHN KAUTZMAN (GARCIA WILBURN V)** Honoring John Kautzman.

**Current Status:** 12/2/2025 - adopted



**Recent Status:** 12/2/2025 - First Reading  
12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Jeter

**Current Bill Text:** [HR1](#)

**SB2**      **BAIL PROCEDURES (FREEMAN A)** Provides that offenses other than murder are not bailable if the state proves: (1) by a preponderance of the evidence that the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and (2) by clear and convincing evidence that the arrestee is dangerous and that no conditions of release will reasonably protect the safety of other persons or the community. Establishes procedures for a bail hearing. Removes duplicative provisions concerning repeat violent arrestees. Permits a court to retain cash bail for the payment of certain costs without an indigency hearing if the defendant has executed an agreement permitting the court to retain the cash bail for these purposes.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
2/11/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 12; Nays: 1

**Current Bill Text:** [SB2](#)

**SB14**      **PENSION MATTERS (ROGERS L)** Modifies the definition of "average of the annual compensation" for a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) who retires after December 31, 2027. Specifies that compensation received in contemplation of retirement is excluded from the average of the annual compensation for particular members of PERF and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF). Repeals a provision requiring the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board) to maintain separate accounts for each unit of local government. Provides that amounts forfeited under the public employees defined contribution plan must be used as determined by the board. (Current law requires these amounts to be used to reduce the unfunded accrued liability of PERF.) Specifies a process by which a fully vested member of the public employees' defined contribution plan or the teachers' defined contribution plan may irrevocably elect to participate in PERF or TRF, as applicable. Modifies the information that must be included in a delinquency notice to a delinquent political subdivision. Modifies the requirements that apply to certain PERF members purchasing and claiming years of service credit in PERF. Allows, subject to particular requirements, certain TRF members to purchase and claim years of service credit in TRF. Allows a PERF or TRF member's employer to pay all or part of the member's contributions required for purchase of service credit. Allows a wage assignment to be made for the purpose of paying voluntary contributions of an employee of a political subdivision to a tax deferred retirement account. Provides that a municipality, a unit, an airport authority, a school corporation, or a charter school may require certain members of PERF to continue as members of that fund instead of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. Makes conforming amendments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
2/11/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 12; Nays: 0

**Current Bill Text:** [SB14](#)



**SB69**      **1977 PENSION AND DISABILITY FUND** (ROGERS L) Increases the lump sum death benefit payable to the heirs or estate of a 1977 fund member. Provides that a 1977 fund member may extend their deferred retirement option plan (DROP) retirement date up to 60 months after the member entered the DROP. Makes conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2026 - Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 126.3

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
2/11/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 12;  
Nays: 0

**Current Bill Text:** [SB69](#)

**SB76**      **IMMIGRATION MATTERS** (BROWN L) Provides that if a law enforcement officer, governmental body, or postsecondary educational institution is made a party to a civil suit and the attorney general determines that the suit has arisen out of certain immigration matters, the attorney general may defend the law enforcement officer, the governmental body, or the postsecondary educational institution if representation is requested and the actions subject to the suit do not violate federal or state law. Provides that the prohibition on governmental bodies or postsecondary educational institutions limiting or restricting the enforcement of federal immigration law applies regardless of whether the enforcement related activity is carried out by a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental bodies or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that a governmental entity has not complied with certain requests, the attorney general may bring a court action to: (1) enjoin an act or practice constituting a violation; (2) impose a civil penalty for noncompliance; and (3) and obtain other such relief as is necessary. Provides that before bringing an action against a county jail for certain violations, the attorney general shall consult with the department of correction concerning the most recent inspection report and provide the county jail with notice of the attorney general's probable cause determination. Provides that a governmental body that has the custody of an individual who is the subject of an immigration detainer request shall: (1) provide the judge authorized to grant or deny the individual's release on bail notice that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (2) record in the individual's case file that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (3) comply with the immigration detainer request; and (4) inform the individual that the individual is being held pursuant to an immigration detainer request. Provides immunity to a governmental body or an employee of a governmental body for any action taken concerning an immigration detainer request as long as the action does not violate federal or civil law. Requires a judge who receives notice that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer request to ensure that the notice of the immigration detainer request is recorded in the court's record. Provides that the department of correction shall, in consultation with the attorney general, identify options for training concerning minimum standards for county jails. Provides that compliance with certain standards and the results of an inspection do not preclude and are not a defense to the attorney general bringing an action under IC 5-2-18.2. Provides that the department shall submit to the state budget committee status update reports. Requires the office of the secretary to submit a report to the legislative council concerning certain immigration matters. Provides that each hospital shall, not more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each calendar quarter, file with the state department beginning January 1, 2027, in cases where Medicaid is the patient's payor, the form of



identification, if any, used by the patient when the patient was admitted. Specifies that it is unlawful for an employer to knowingly or intentionally recruit, hire, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien in Indiana. Allows the attorney general to bring an enforcement action against an employer if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that the employer has violated certain recruitment and hiring restrictions concerning an unauthorized alien. Prohibits an employer from discharging or discriminating against an employee because the employee communicated or cooperated with the attorney general. Provides that indecent nuisance means a place in which human trafficking is conducted and is not limited to a public place. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting official is entitled to investigative costs, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in an indecent nuisance action if the existence of an indecent nuisance is admitted or established in the action. Makes technical changes.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 240: yeas 61, nays 28

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
2/10/2026 - Recommitted to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety pursuant to House Rule 126.4; Failed, Roll Call 214: yeas 29, nays 67

**Current Bill Text:** [SB76](#)

**SB140 PUBLIC SAFETY (BECKER V)** Amends the definition of "threat" in the intimidation statute to include posting a person's personal information on a social media platform with the intent to cause: (1) bodily injury to the person; (2) damage to the person's property; or (3) the commission of a crime against the person. Increases the penalty for intimidation if committed against a legislator. Prohibits the release of personally identifying information concerning a railroad crew in a public report concerning a railroad fatality. Provides that certain uses of a drone constitute remote aerial harassment.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
2/11/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13; Nays: 0

**Current Bill Text:** [SB140](#)

**SB148 INDIANA CRIME GUNS TASK FORCE (POL R)** Beginning July 1, 2027, adds LaPorte County and Porter County to the task force area of the Indiana crime guns task force (task force), and specifies the number required for a quorum and to take official action in the event of a tie vote.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**Recent Status:** 1/29/2026 - First Reading  
1/28/2026 - Referred to House

**Current Bill Text:** [SB148](#)

**SB160 PUBLIC SAFETY (DEERY S)** Makes wearing a mask during the commission of a criminal offense a sentencing aggravator. Makes it malicious littering, a Class A misdemeanor, for a person to place refuse on the property of another person with the intent to cause the owner or occupant of the property to reasonably fear for their physical safety.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading



**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
2/11/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled  
for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A

**Current Bill Text:** [SB160](#)

## **SB222**

### **FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MATTERS (CHARBONNEAU**

**E)** Adds the 9-8-8 crisis response center and a mobile crisis team as first responders. Requires certified peers to be trained and certified by the division of mental health and addiction or an approved nationally accredited certification body. Amends the definition of "qualified provider" concerning the Medicaid program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to limit presumptive eligibility determinations to qualified providers and sets forth requirements. Requires rules to be adopted concerning the implementation and administration of certification requirements for specified entities and amends standards. Allows a home health agency that meets certain conditions to continue to provide services to a Medicaid recipient and receive Medicaid reimbursement while the home health agency's application for Medicare enrollment is pending if the home health agency submitted the application or initiated the enrollment process before April 1, 2026. Changes the name of the division of disability and rehabilitative services to the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services. Repeals the division of aging and moves existing statutes and administrative rules to other locations. Renames the bureau of aging and in-home services to the bureau of better aging (bureau) and designates the bureau to perform certain duties once performed by the division of aging. Eliminates the requirement of a preferred drug list report. Extends the expiration of the micro facility pilot program. Authorizes the legislative services agency to prepare any legislation necessary to conform with the changes made.

**Current Status:** 2/10/2026 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

**Recent Status:** 2/9/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 209: yeas 95, nays 0  
2/9/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**Current Bill Text:** [SB222](#)

## **SB227**

### **COUNTER ACTION AGAINST UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) (BALDWIN**

**S)** Provides that the state police department is the statewide coordinating agency for counter-UAS activities authorized under federal law. Provides that the bill's provisions apply: (1) if a federal law is enacted that authorizes state or local law enforcement personnel to detect, track, identify, or mitigate a UAS under federal approval, certification, or oversight; and (2) after the governor publishes a notice in the Indiana Register that includes a description of the authorization and identifies the federal statute or program that provides the authorization. Provides that the state police department may designate a law enforcement agency of a political subdivision as a participating agency if the agency satisfies federal requirements for personnel training and operational readiness. Provides that the state police department may designate Indianapolis as a pilot project location due to the concentration of high-risk sites and special event assessment rating events. Provides that mitigation activities may not be performed unless expressly authorized under federal law.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Lauer

**Recent Status:** 1/29/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Culp  
1/28/2026 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public  
Safety

**Current Bill Text:** [SB227](#)



**SB243**      **VARIOUS TAX MATTERS** (HOLDMAN T) Amends and adds state income tax statutes to conform with certain provisions enacted in Public Law 119-21 (H.R. 1) (commonly known as One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025). Amends state income tax withholding provisions for gambling winnings. Amends the definition of "contribution" for purpose of the state income tax credit for contributions to an ABLE account. Provides rounding provisions for cash transactions. Amends provisions regarding computation of specified research or experimental expenditures. Authorizes the department of state revenue (department) to mail documents electronically through its online tax system. Allows taxpayers to request to receive all documents from the department through the department's online tax system. Makes changes to certain tax warrant procedures. Extends the deadline for filing revenue agent report (RAR) adjustments from 180 days to one year from the Internal Revenue Service's finalization of the federal adjustments. Amends the statute of limitations for issuing assessments and refunds based on an RAR to one year. Adds certain sales tax enforcement provisions regarding motor vehicles, cargo trailers, aircraft, and watercraft. Amends provisions regarding confidentiality of tax information. Makes various changes to the cigarette tax chapter, the petroleum severance tax chapter, and the alcoholic beverage excise tax chapters. Specifies the liability of responsible persons for trust fund taxes. Defines the term "responsible person" with regard to trust fund taxes. Clarifies application of the Indiana adoption tax credit. Revises provisions in the pass through entity tax regarding credit for taxes paid to another state. Amends provisions in the tax amnesty program. Specifies the determination of estimated tax penalties. Makes amending changes to the aircraft license excise tax.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** Upon Adjournment, Room 404

**Recent Status:** 2/4/2026 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:30 PM, Room 404  
2/2/2026 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Current Bill Text:** [SB243](#)

**SB284**      **LAW ENFORCEMENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARDS** (CARRASCO C) Provides that any type of law enforcement civilian oversight board or commission or any other entity established by a county, municipality, or township to provide civilian oversight over a law enforcement agency, excluding merit boards and commissions, may operate only in an advisory capacity to the applicable law enforcement agency and does not have binding authority over the law enforcement agency.

**Current Status:** 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

**Recent Status:** 1/28/2026 - First Reading  
1/27/2026 - Referred to House

**Current Bill Text:** [SB284](#)

**SB285**      **HOUSING MATTERS** (CARRASCO C) Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority (authority) to establish eligibility criteria for a potential recipient to be included in the authority's application for funding under the federal continuum of care program (program). Requires a recipient of program funding to submit an annual report to the authority. Prohibits an individual from camping, sleeping, or using for long term shelter land owned by the state or a political subdivision, unless the land has been authorized for that use by law. Provides, if certain elements are met, that a person who



knowingly or intentionally uses land owned by the state or a political subdivision for unauthorized camping, sleeping, or long term shelter commits a Class C misdemeanor. Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing any policy that prohibits or discourages the enforcement of any order or ordinance prohibiting public camping, sleeping, or other obstruction of a sidewalk. Authorizes a resident of the political subdivision, an owner of a business located in the political subdivision, or the attorney general to bring a civil action to enjoin a political subdivision that adopts or enforces such a policy. Requires: (1) each local law enforcement agency to provide to the state police department the number of arrests made for violations of the prohibition of street camping; and (2) the state police department to provide this information to the authority. Specifies that the bill does not prohibit a policy, program, or order of a political subdivision that encourages a diversion program or encourages or requires providing housing or shelter in lieu of a citation or arrest.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**Recent Status:** 2/2/2026 - First Reading  
1/29/2026 - Referred to House

**Current Bill Text:** [SB285](#)

**SCR4**      **URGING INDOT TO RENAME THE PORTION OF I-69 NORTH THE "GREGG WINTERS MEMORIAL MILE"** (ALEXANDER S) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the portion of I-69 North beginning at mile marker 233 the "Gregg Winters Memorial Mile".

**Current Status:** 2/3/2026 - Second reading adopted Roll Call 203: yeas 71, nays 0

**Recent Status:** 2/2/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
2/2/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 12;  
Nays: 0

**SJR1**      **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING BAIL** (KOCH E) Provides that an offense other than murder or treason is not bailable if: (1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and (2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community. This proposed amendment has been agreed to by one general assembly.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2026 - Senate Resolutions on Third Reading

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
2/12/2026 - Senate Resolutions on Second Reading