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**HB1032 INTERFERING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY (MILLER D)** Renames the offense of "interfering with law enforcement" to "interfering with public safety", and provides that a person who enters a marked off area after having been denied entry by an emergency medical services provider commits interfering with public safety. (Under current law, the offense is only committed if the person is denied entry by a law enforcement officer.)

*Current Status:* 2/25/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Niezgodski

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2020 - added as cosponsors Senators Young M and Doriot

2/25/2020 - Third reading passed;

*State Bill Page:* [HB1032](#)

**HB1043 FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (DAVISSON S)** Provides that a political subdivision served by a volunteer fire department may make contributions to the public employees' defined contribution plan for the members of the volunteer fire department in an amount determined by the governing body of the political subdivision. Provides that a unit's obligation to provide insurance coverage for a volunteer firefighter or member of an emergency medical services personnel supersedes the obligation of another medical insurance carrier. Increases the maximum age for police officers to begin membership in the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund from 35 to 39 years of age.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Niezgodski

*Recent Status:* 2/27/2020 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
2/26/2020 - Senate Committee recommends passage  
Yeas: 9; Nays: 0

*Comments:* HB 1030 failed to pass committee. The language of HB 1030 that would increase the age for participation in the 1977 Fund was amended into this bill.

*State Bill Page:* [HB1043](#)

**HB1063 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER DEATH BENEFITS (GOODRICH)**

C) Increases, from \$150,000 to \$225,000, the special death benefit for certain public safety officers, certain motor carrier inspectors, certain special police employees, members of the 1925 police pension fund, the 1937 firefighters' pension fund, the 1953 police pension fund, and the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who die in the line of duty after June 30, 2020. Provides that the board shall determine contributions and contribution rates for individual employers or for a group of employers necessary to adequately maintain the special death benefit fund. Provides that, for certain police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services providers, the cost of the coverage is in addition to the contribution determined by the board.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Niezgodski

*Recent Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsors Senators Spartz, Garten, Ford J.D

2/27/2020 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

*State Bill Page:* [HB1063](#)

**HB1070** **DISTRACTED DRIVING (SULLIVAN H)** Provides that except in certain circumstances, a person may not hold or use a telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle. Removes prohibitions on typing, transmitting, or reading a text message or an electronic mail message while operating a moving motor vehicle. Makes conforming changes.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Kruse

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2020 - Third reading passed;

2/25/2020 - House Bills on Third Reading

*State Bill Page:* [HB1070](#)

**HB1151** **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (MAYFIELD P)** Adds a school resource officer to the definition of "public safety officer" as it relates to the public employee benefits special death benefit fund (fund). Provides that a school resource officer qualifies for the fund if the school resource officer is not otherwise entitled to a line of duty benefit under the 1925 police pension fund, 1953 police pension fund (Indianapolis), or the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Niezgodski

*Recent Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Ford J.D

2/27/2020 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

*State Bill Page:* [HB1151](#)

**HB1198** **PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (ABBOTT D)** Designates an Indiana first responder to include the following employees and volunteers of state and local public safety agencies: (1) Law enforcement officers. (2) Firefighters, including volunteer firefighters. (3) Corrections officers. (4) Public safety telecommunicators. (5) Providers of emergency medical services. (6) Providers

of emergency management services. (7) Any other individuals whose duties in serving a public safety agency include rapid emergency response. Provides that the designation of an individual as an Indiana first responder does not affect an individual's terms of employment or volunteer service with the public safety agency. Provides that a certified emergency medical technician or a licensed paramedic is not liable for transporting any person to an appropriate health care facility when the emergency medical technician or the licensed paramedic makes a good faith judgment that the emergency patient or the emergency patient's primary caregiver lacks the capacity to make an informed decision about the patient's: (1) safety; or (2) need for medical attention; and the emergency patient is reasonably likely to suffer disability or death without the medical intervention available at the facility.

*Current Status:* 2/18/2020 - Returned to the House without amendments

*Recent Status:* 2/17/2020 - added as cosponsor Senator Randolph

2/17/2020 - added as second sponsor Senator Crider

*State Bill Page:* [HB1198](#)

**HB1225 PUBLIC SAFETY (MCNAMARA W)** Removes the requirement that school buses have black reflective tape affixed on the bumpers and sides of the bus. Provides that, in certain instances, a person who: (1) fails to yield to an emergency vehicle; and (2) causes serious bodily injury, catastrophic injury, or death to any person operating, occupying, or affiliated with the authorized emergency vehicle; commits a Level 6 felony. Provides that the offense of resisting law enforcement is a Level 6 felony if, while committing the offense of resisting law enforcement by forcibly resisting, obstructing, or interfering with a law enforcement officer, the person: (1) creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to the person or another person; and (2) has two or more prior unrelated convictions for resisting law enforcement. Provides that the offense of resisting law enforcement is a Level 6 felony if, while committing the offense of resisting law enforcement by fleeing from a law enforcement officer, the person has two or more prior unrelated convictions for resisting law enforcement. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2020 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2020 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9; Nays: 0

2/25/2020 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

*Comments:* This bill is an Indiana FOP bill. We are working closely with Representative McNamara to get it passed.

*State Bill Page:* [HB1225](#)

**HB1346 JAIL OVERCROWDING (FRYE R)** Repeals all provisions concerning the county jail overcrowding task force. Adds additional members to the justice

reinvestment advisory council ("advisory council"), including members of the Indiana evidence based decision making initiative (which is a partnership between state and local criminal justice stakeholders). Specifies the purpose and certain duties of the advisory council, including: (1) to conduct a state level review and evaluation of jail overcrowding to identify a range of possible solutions; and (2) to develop incarceration alternatives and recidivism reduction programs at the county and community level by promoting the development of the incorporation of evidence based decision making into decisions concerning jail overcrowding. Provides that the advisory council may make a recommendation to the county sheriffs concerning strategies to address jail overcrowding and implementing evidence based practices for reducing recidivism for individuals in county jails. Requires the criminal justice institute to coordinate with state and local criminal justice agencies for the collection and transfer of data from sheriffs concerning jail: (1) populations; and (2) statistics; for the purpose of providing jail data to the management performance hub.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2020 - added as second sponsor Senator Young M

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2020 - Third reading passed;

2/25/2020 - House Bills on Third Reading

*State Bill Page:* [HB1346](#)

## **SB8**

**911 DISPATCHERS (BOHACEK M)** Provides that an emergency medical dispatcher who has successfully completed certain training shall be considered an emergency responder.

*Current Status:* 2/4/2020 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

*Recent Status:* 2/4/2020 - First Reading

1/28/2020 - Referred to House

*State Bill Page:* [SB8](#)

## **SB25**

### **MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY REVIEW PANELS (BOOTS**

P) Establishes mental health disability review panels (review panel) for evaluation of members of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund) who have been determined to have an impairment for mental illness. Includes mental illness in the description of "occupational diseases" for purposes of determining whether a 1977 fund member has an impairment. Makes the final determination of an impairment for a mental illness provisional for two years: (1) beginning July 1, 2020, for a final determination made after December 31, 2012, and before July 1, 2020; or (2) from the date of the final determination, for a final determination made after June 30, 2020. Requires that, during that time, the 1977 fund member participate in a mental health treatment plan, at the employer's cost, and at the end of the two year period, requires the review panel to evaluate the 1977 fund member to determine if the 1977 fund member: (1) is medically able to return to duty; or (2) may continue

for another two year provisional disability period. Requires that, at the end of the second provisional period, the review panel evaluate the 1977 fund member to determine if the 1977 fund member: (1) is medically able to return to duty; or (2) has a permanent impairment. Provides that the evaluations conducted by the mental health disability review panels are confidential. Provides that the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system may suspend a 1977 fund member's disability benefits if the member fails to comply with reasonable requests for information by the mental health disability review panel. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

*Current Status:* 3/2/2020 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsor Representative Moseley  
2/27/2020 - Second reading ordered engrossed

*Comments:* This bill would afford our members who suffer with PTSD and other mental health disorders with the opportunity to receive much needed help with a goal of getting them back on the job where possible. We are working closely with the Fire Fighters, Senator Boots and others to get this bill passed.

*State Bill Page:* [SB25](#)

## **SB69**

### **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (SANDLIN**

J) Exempts certain retired law enforcement officers described in the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) from the prohibition against carrying a firearm on school property. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/13/2020 - added as cosponsors Representatives VanNatter and Cook

*Recent Status:* 2/4/2020 - Referred to House Public Policy  
2/4/2020 - First Reading

*Comments:* We are working closely with Senator Sandlin and others on this bill. If passed it would benefit our retired officers who conceal carry and could save lives in event of another school shooting situation.

*State Bill Page:* [SB69](#)

## **SB181**

### **SURVIVORS' BENEFITS (SANDLIN J)**

Provides that a participant in the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan (EG&C plan) who dies after January 31, 2018, is not required to have a minimum number of years of creditable service in the EG&C plan at the time of the participant's death in order for the participant's nominated survivor to be entitled to receive survivors' benefits. Provides that if a participant in the EG&C plan dies in the line of duty after January 31, 2018, the participant's nominated survivor is entitled to an annual survivors' allowance for

life equal to 100% of the amount to which the participant would have been entitled had the participant retired with 25 years of service at 50 years of age. Provides that in the EG&C plan if: (1) an active participant regardless of the participant's years of creditable service and (2) an inactive participant with at least 15 years of creditable service dies other than in the line of duty after January 31, 2018, the participant's nominated survivor is entitled to an annual survivors' allowance for life equal to 50% of the amount to which the participant would have been entitled had the participant retired with 25 years of service at 50 years of age. Makes technical corrections. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

*Current Status:* 2/25/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 207: yeas 94, nays 0

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2020 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
2/24/2020 - Second reading ordered engrossed

*Comments:* This bill is an FOP bill. Jeff Wells is coordinating an all out effort on behalf of Conservation, Gaming and Excise Officers. We are working with Senators Sandlin and Boots to get this bill passed.

*State Bill Page:* [SB181](#)

## **SB216**

### **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO OFFENDER**

(SANDLIN J) Amends the access to public records act to provide that personal information regarding a correctional officer, law enforcement officer, judge, crime victim, or their family members may be withheld from disclosure when requested by a person confined in a prison, county jail, detention facility, or in a community corrections program as a result of the person's arrest or conviction for a crime, or that person's agent or relative. (Currently the law permits withholding personal information of officers, judges, victims, or their family members, if the information is requested by a person incarcerated in a penal institution after conviction for a crime.) Provides that the term "agent" does not include an attorney in good standing admitted to the practice of law in Indiana.

*Current Status:* 3/2/2020 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/27/2020 - added as cosponsors Representatives Pierce and Young J

2/27/2020 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

*State Bill Page:* [SB216](#)

## **SB237**

### **CARE OF CITY POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS (BROWN**

L) Provides that a city shall pay for the care of a police officer or firefighter who suffers an injury while performing the person's duty or while the person is on duty or who contracts illness caused by the performance of the person's duty. Adds requirements that allows a federal enforcement officer to be appointed as a police chief or deputy police chief in a city.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 209: yeas 94, nays 0

*Recent Status:* 2/25/2020 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
2/24/2020 - Second reading ordered engrossed

*Comments:* This bill is well intended but it will need some tweaking in House to avoid unintended consequences.

*State Bill Page:* [SB237](#)

## **SB291**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND HANDGUNS IN A CASINO (GROOMS R)** Defines "licensed facility" to include gambling game facilities, satellite facilities, riverboats, and property that contains both a gambling game facility and a racetrack with live horse racing. Defines "law enforcement officer" to also include an off-duty law enforcement officer and a qualified retired law enforcement officer under 18 U.S.C. 926C. Requires the gaming commission (commission) to adopt rules: (1) permitting a law enforcement officer to carry a handgun in a licensed facility; (2) requiring a law enforcement officer who is carrying a handgun to notify an enforcement agent or the commission that the law enforcement officer is carrying a handgun; (3) requiring the licensed facility to provide the law enforcement officer with a wristband or other identifiable item that will inform the licensed facility and its agents that the law enforcement officer is carrying a handgun; and (4) implementing a reasonable method to enforce the new rules. Provides that the commission is not prohibited from adopting its own rules or policies concerning the carrying of handguns by its employees or enforcement agents.

*Current Status:* 2/11/2020 - Referred to House Public Policy

*Recent Status:* 2/11/2020 - First Reading  
2/5/2020 - Referred to House

*State Bill Page:* [SB291](#)

## **SB406**

**SURVIVOR BENEFITS (GARTEN C)** Provides that if a public safety officer enters a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for the public safety officer's respective pension plan and the public safety officer dies before the public safety officer's DROP exit date, the benefit options for the public safety officer's survivors are made similar, as applicable, to the DROP disability benefit options in: (1) the DROP applicable to the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; and (2) the DROP applicable to the 1925 police pension fund, the 1937 firefighters' pension fund, the 1953 police pension fund (Indianapolis), and the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund.

*Current Status:* 3/2/2020 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

*Recent Status:* 2/27/2020 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
2/27/2020 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

*Comments:* This is an FOP bill. We are working closely with Senator

Garten to move this bill on.

State Bill Page: [SB406](#)

**SCR4**

**MEMORIALIZING DEPUTY SHADRON K. BASSETT AND URGING INDOT TO NAME A MILE OF SR 39 THE "DEPUTY SHADRON K. BASSETT MEMORIAL MILE"** (CHARBONNEAU E) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Deputy Shadron K. Bassett and urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name a mile of State Road 39 the "Deputy Shadron K. Bassett Memorial Mile".

*Current Status:* 2/18/2020 - Second reading adopted Roll Call 183: yeas 95, nays 0

*Recent Status:* 2/18/2020 - Senate Resolutions Eligible for Adoption  
1/29/2020 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

State Bill Page: [SCR4](#)