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Legislative Report #8, 2026

The Indiana General Assembly concluded its work on February 27, 2026, as scheduled. A few bills have already been signed by the Governor. Others are awaiting his signature. Some bills await leadership signature before being transmitted to Governor Braun. A detailed report will be presented at the 2026 Annual Indiana FOP Conference in June.

In Legislative Report #8, 2026, you will find the latest information on the bills that we have been tracking that survived the session. Please get in touch with President Owensby or me with any questions.

A Message From President Owensby

Well, the 2025-26 "short" session has concluded. It was fast-moving and indeed short.

Each session we strive to improve working conditions and retirement benefits for you, and this session we successfully helped to pass some meaningful legislation that will be helpful to our membership.

Please review Legislative Report # 8, 2026, to get an understanding of what we were able to accomplish this session.

HB1044 (insurance benefits for police and fire), SB14 (death benefit increase from SB69) SB284 (all civilian review boards are now to be advisory only) and SCR4 (renaming a portion of I69 for Officer Greg Winters)

As a reminder, should you have any suggestions for future legislation please contact your district legislative representative, who will bring it to the state conference for discussion on the next session's legislative agenda.

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Bill



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 no more than the 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. Specifies that if a public safety agency closes, merges, or otherwise ceases to exist, the local unit public employer that caused the public safety agency to cease to exist, shall continue to provide certain insurance coverage. 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: 2/26/2026 - Signed by the Governor

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Signed by the President of the Senate
2/19/2026 - House concurred with Senate amendments; Roll Call 295: yeas 93, nays 0

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: 2/24/2026 - Returned to the House without amendments

Recent Status: 2/24/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 230: yeas 47, nays 1
2/24/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

Current Bill Text: [HB1056](#)

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: 2/26/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - House concurred with Senate amendments; Roll Call 375: yeas 95, nays 0
2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

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: 2/25/2026 - House concurred with Senate amendments; Roll Call 363: yeas 69, nays 12

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action
2/24/2026 - Motion to concur filed

Current Bill Text: [HB1155](#)

HCR1 **URGING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME THE U.S. 41 BRIDGE OVER THE KANKAKEE RIVER THE "CORPORAL BRANDON SCHREIBER MEMORIAL BRIDGE"** (AYLESWORTH M) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the U.S. 41 bridge over the Kankakee River the "Corporal Brandon Schreiber Memorial Bridge".

Current Status: 2/5/2026 - Second reading adopted voice vote

Recent Status: 2/5/2026 - House Resolutions Eligible for Adoption
2/3/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

HCR2 **URGING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 30 FROM MILE MARKER 15 TO MILE MARKER 16 THE "SERGEANT WILLIAM GILBERT PATERSON MEMORIAL MILE"** (OLTHOFF J) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that portion of U.S. Highway 30 from mile marker 15 to mile marker 16 the "Sergeant William Gilbert Paterson Memorial Mile".

Current Status: 2/10/2026 - Returned to the House

Recent Status: 2/9/2026 - Second reading adopted voice vote
2/9/2026 - House Resolutions Eligible for Adoption

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: 2/26/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Senate concurred with House amendments; Roll Call 267: yeas 38, nays 8
2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

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. 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 (1977 fund). Requires, subject to certain limitations, the state to make contributions after December 31, 2026, that match, dollar for dollar, each state employee's deferred compensation contributions, not to exceed \$28 per paycheck. Specifies a process by which portions of the funding sources for the retirement medical benefits account must be transferred to the state comptroller for the purpose of making matching contributions. Provides as a default rule that after December 31, 2026, each participant's membership in the retirement medical benefits account is terminated, participant subaccounts are forfeited, and subaccount amounts must be transferred to the state general fund. Requires the state comptroller to transfer certain amounts from the state general fund to each participant's defined contribution plan. Specifies a time frame within which a participant in the retirement medical benefits account may elect to remain a participant. Establishes the 2027 retiree health benefit trust. Provides that the retiree health benefit trust fund will be terminated when certain conditions are met. Increases the lump sum death benefit payable to the heirs or estate of a 1977 fund member. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

Current Status: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/27/2026 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 314: yeas 49, nays 0; Rules Suspended
2/27/2026 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 410: yeas 95, nays 0

Current Bill Text: [SB14](#)



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: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Senate concurred with House amendments; Roll Call 271: yeas 37, nays 11
2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

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.

Current Status: 2/27/2026 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 328: yeas 47, nays 0; Rules Suspended

Recent Status: 2/27/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Young M
2/27/2026 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 427: yeas 96, nays 0; Rules Suspended

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: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
2/24/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 342: yeas 98, nays 0

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: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Senate concurred with House amendments; Roll Call 276: yeas 46, nays 0
2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

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: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Senate concurred with House amendments; Roll Call 282: yeas 45, nays 2
2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

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: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
2/24/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 349: yeas 97, nays 0

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). Specifies rounding provisions for cash transactions with regard to the penny phaseout. 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. 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. Specifies application of the Indiana adoption tax credit. Revises provisions in the pass through entity tax regrading 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: 2/27/2026 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Senate concurred with House amendments; Roll Call 285: yeas 47, nays 0
2/25/2026 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

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: 2/25/2026 - Returned to the Senate without amendments

Recent Status: 2/24/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 358: yeas 70, nays 25
2/24/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

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. Defines "gravely disabled" for purposes of involuntary commitment. 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. Requires a law enforcement officer who discovers a person unlawfully using land owned by the state or a political subdivision for unlawful camping, sleeping, or long term shelter to determine if there are reasonable grounds for an emergency detention of the person, and, if reasonable grounds exist, to proceed under the emergency detention procedure and not the criminal law. Provides that, if there are not grounds for emergency detention and certain elements are met, 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. Creates a defense to the crime if: (1) no beds are available in a shelter or treatment facility located within five miles; or (2) less than six months have passed since the person was released from a facility to which the



person was involuntarily committed. 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. 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. Makes technical corrections.

Current Status: 2/26/2026 - Senate concurred with House amendments; Roll Call 303: yeas 28, nays 22

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Motion to concur filed
2/25/2026 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

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: 2/23/2026 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 2/18/2026 - Signed by the Speaker
2/17/2026 - Returned to the Senate without amendments