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HB1004 PENSION MATTERS (CHERRY R) Provides that a state employee may affirmatively elect to enroll in the deferred compensation plan prior to the auto enroll date on day 31 of the state employee's employment. Removes a provision that sets a maximum employer surcharge for the legislators' defined benefit plan, state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan, public employees' retirement fund, and Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (fund). Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board) to develop the technological and administrative capabilities sufficient to categorize fund members into separate groups in which: (1) certain members receive a service based thirteenth check; and (2) certain members receive a cost of living adjustment. Requires the board to set the surcharge rates at a level to actuarially prefund: (1) annual indexed thirteenth checks for all current retired members and beneficiaries retired before July 1, 2025; and (2) 1% annual cost of living adjustments to future in-payment members and beneficiaries retired on or after July 1, 2025. Provides that the board shall not reduce the surcharge rates from the prior year. Allows the board to increase the surcharge rates by not more than 0.1% of payroll from the prior year. Requires certain political subdivisions to present to the interim study committee on pension management oversight regarding a delinquent employee retirement plan offered by the political subdivision. Requires, effective July 1, 2025, the trustee of the state police pension trust to maintain a supplemental allowance reserve account for the purpose of paying postretirement benefit adjustments. Increases the maximum date that a member or participant of certain retirement funds can participate in the deferred retirement option plan from 36 to 60 months. Requires the member or participant to notify their employer if the member or participant elects to enter or extend the deferred retirement option plan.

Current Status: 3/7/2024 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/6/2024 - Senate Advisors appointed Qaddoura and Mishler

3/6/2024 - Senate Conferees appointed Buchanan and
Niezgodski

State Bill Page: [HB1004](#)

HB1021 GREEN ALERT FOR MISSING AT RISK VETERANS (GORE M) Defines "veteran at risk". Creates the green alert program to provide for public notification regarding missing veterans at risk. Changes the name of the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing endangered adults to the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children, missing veterans at risk, and missing endangered adults (clearinghouse). Makes conforming changes to the duties of the clearinghouse. Creates certain duties and reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies concerning missing veterans at risk. Provides immunity for a broadcaster who broadcasts, or an electronic billboard operator who displays, a green alert notification and a person who establishes or maintains a green alert website under an agreement with the state police department. Makes technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/4/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

2/27/2024 - Returned to the House without amendments

State Bill Page: [HB1021](#)

HB1027 FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK SCHEDULE (HOSTETTLER M) Provides that a fire department may deviate from the required maximum work hours for members of the fire department only if authorized by a collective bargaining agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other similar written mutual agreement with an exclusive recognized representative of employees of the fire department.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/4/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

2/28/2024 - Returned to the House without amendments

State Bill Page: [HB1027](#)

HB1104 SCHOOL SAFETY (DAVIS M) Provides that a school safety plan developed by a school corporation or charter school must establish an armed intruder drill protocol. Requires safe school committees to develop a policy that considers the effect of armed intruder drills on the safety and mental health of students, faculty, and staff. Prohibits an armed intruder drill that includes sensory components or activities from: (1) requiring student participation; or (2) taking place during regular school hours if a majority of the student body is present on school property. Allows a school corporation or charter school that: (1) employs a school resource officer; or (2) enters into a contract or a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency, private entity, or nonprofit corporation to employ a school resource officer; to participate in the 1977 fund. Provides that a school resource officer hired or rehired after June 30, 2024, who is a member of the 1977 fund shall remain in the 1977 fund. Provides that a school resource officer may become a

member of the 1977 fund by meeting certain age and training requirements. Makes corresponding changes.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 275: yeas 93, nays 0

Recent Status: 3/5/2024 - Concurrences Eligible for Action
3/5/2024 - Motion to concur filed

State Bill Page: [HB1104](#)

HB1121 LOCAL INCOME TAXES (THOMPSON J) Extends the expiration of provisions concerning a county with a single voting bloc and the allocation of votes for a local income tax council. Specifies the amount of revenue from a local income tax rate imposed for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in a county that may be used for operating expenses of those facilities. Allows a county fiscal body to adopt a local income tax rate for an acute care hospital located in the county to be used only for the operating expenses of the acute care hospital. Provides that, for the purpose of distributing the local income tax (LIT), if two or more school corporations or civil taxing units merge or consolidate to form a single school corporation or civil taxing unit, the school corporation or civil taxing unit is entitled to the combined pro rata distribution of the LIT revenue allocated to each applicable school corporation or civil taxing unit in existence on January 1 of the immediately preceding calendar year prior to the merger or consolidation. Provides that the department of local government finance shall make certain adjustments pertaining to the distribution of LIT for Floyd County in 2025, which provide that the Highlander Fire Protection District (district) shall receive an amount equal to the combined distribution that would have been distributed to the Greenville Fire Protection District (FPD) and the Lafayette Fire Protection District (FPD) in 2024, but for their elimination resulting from the merger to establish the district. Requires corresponding adjustments in 2025 to reduce the distribution for each applicable civil taxing unit and school corporation in Floyd County, excluding the district, by an amount that equals the proportionate share of the amount of LIT received in 2024 of the combined distribution that would have been distributed to the Greenville FPD and the Lafayette FPD in 2024, but for their elimination. Provides that funds accumulated from a Perry County special purpose tax rate to construct or improve the county jail after the redemption of bonds issued or final payment of lease rentals due under a lease shall be transferred to a county capital project fund to be used to finance capital projects within Perry County. (Current law specifies that such remaining funds are to be transferred to the county jail operations fund to be used for financing the maintenance and operations of the Perry County detention center.) Allows Grant County, under specified circumstances, to adopt an ordinance to impose a special purpose local income tax rate to fund and finance the construction of a county jail. Provides, for purposes of calculating distributions of the financial institutions tax to local taxing units, how to calculate distributions for a taxing unit that did not receive distributions in 2012 because the unit was subsequently established from the merger or consolidation of two or more taxing units that received distributions from the financial institutions tax fund in 2012. Provides, for purposes of calculating qualified distributions of the commercial

motor vehicle excise tax to local taxing units, how to calculate base revenue distributions for a taxing unit that did not receive a base revenue distribution in 2001 because the taxing unit was subsequently established from the merger or consolidation of two or more taxing units that received base revenue distributions in 2001. Provides that, for purposes of determining the apportionment or distribution of the motor vehicle excise tax, that the county auditor may make adjustments to reflect the merger or consolidation of two or more taxing units. Authorizes Knox County to impose its innkeeper's tax at a rate of 8% (instead of 6% under current law). Provides that, if the tax rate is increased to more than 6%, the portion of the tax rate that exceeds 6% expires on December 31, 2045. Authorizes the city of Hammond to impose a food and beverage tax. Authorizes the town of Cicero to impose a food and beverage tax.

Current Status: 3/6/2024 - Advisor Added Senator Mishler

Recent Status: 3/6/2024 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

3/5/2024 - Senate Advisors appointed Hunley and Baldwin

State Bill Page: [HB1121](#)

HB1142 HOOSIER FIRST RESPONDER MEDAL OF HONOR (LUCAS J) Establishes the Hoosier first responder medal of honor (medal). Provides that the department of homeland security (department) may determine an Indiana first responder is eligible for the Hoosier first responder medal of honor if the Indiana first responder distinguishes themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of the Indiana first responder's life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an act of public service. Provides that, upon approval of a nomination by the department, the department shall notify the entity employing the Indiana first responder or for which the Indiana first responder volunteers of the nomination. Provides that the entity shall notify a member of the general assembly who represents the district in which the entity is located of the Indiana first responder's nomination. Provides that the member of the general assembly shall recommend the Indiana first responder for the medal to the governor. Provides that, if the department determines that an Indiana first responder nominated to the department does not meet the eligibility requirements to receive the medal, the department may make recommendations to the entity that employs the Indiana first responder or for which the Indiana first responder volunteers of other forms of recognition for the Indiana first responder. Provides that the governor may award the medal to the Indiana first responder or the Indiana first responder's next of kin at a public ceremony.

Current Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House without amendments

3/4/2024 - added as cosponsor Senator Randolph

State Bill Page: [HB1142](#)

HB1143 DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS VIA TRADE FOR NEW EQUIPMENT (LUCAS J) Permits a law enforcement agency to dispose of certain confiscated firearms by trade with a licensed firearms dealer, a licensed firearm manufacturer, or another

law enforcement agency in exchange for new firearms and other law enforcement equipment. Sets forth the recording and reporting requirements for the trade of firearms by a law enforcement agency.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/4/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

2/27/2024 - Returned to the House without amendments

State Bill Page: [HB1143](#)

HB1158 COUNTY CONTRACTS (LEHMAN M) Provides that for counties other than Marion County, contracts entered into by the county (including contracts executed by county elected officers) must meet certain requirements. Allows the county executive to adopt an ordinance that delegates authority to other county elected officers and employees to approve contracts. Requires county elected officers to have certain contracts: (1) executed by the county executive; or (2) submitted for review by the county attorney and county executive. Provides that if the county attorney advises the county executive that a contract of a county elected officer does not comply with state law or the public purchasing or bidding laws, the county executive may disapprove the contract. Allows the county executive to void a contract if a county officer fails to comply with the review process.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 278: yeas 91, nays 0

Recent Status: 3/5/2024 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

3/5/2024 - Motion to concur filed

State Bill Page: [HB1158](#)

HCR2 URGING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME THE MILE STRETCH OF I-74 SOUTHEAST OF THE ACTON ROAD EXIT THE "DEPUTY JOHN DURM MEMORIAL MILE" (SPEEDY M) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the mile stretch of I-74 southeast of the Acton Road exit the "Deputy John Durm Memorial Mile".

Current Status: 2/27/2024 - Returned to the House

Recent Status: 2/26/2024 - Second reading adopted voice vote

2/26/2024 - House Resolutions Eligible for Adoption

State Bill Page: [HCR2](#)

HCR4 URGING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 52 BETWEEN DAVIS ROAD AND GERMAN CHURCH ROAD THE "OFFICER BREANN LEATH MEMORIAL MILE" (GORE M) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that portion of U.S. Highway 52 between Davis Road and German Church Road the "Officer Breann Leath Memorial Mile".

Current Status: 2/27/2024 - Returned to the House

Recent Status: 2/26/2024 - Second reading adopted voice vote
2/26/2024 - House Resolutions Eligible for Adoption
State Bill Page: [HCR4](#)

HCR5 **URGING INDOT TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF I-69 BETWEEN THE COUNTY ROAD 11A EXIT AND STATE ROAD 8, NEAR MILE MARKER 326, THE "MASTER TROOPER JAMES R. BAILEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (SMALTZ B) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that portion of I-69 between the County Road 11A Exit and State Road 8, near mile marker 326, the "Master Trooper James R. Bailey Memorial Highway".

Current Status: 3/4/2024 - added as coauthor Representative Lehman
Recent Status: 2/29/2024 - Second reading adopted voice vote
2/29/2024 - House Resolutions Eligible for Adoption
State Bill Page: [HCR5](#)

SB33 **DISTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INCOME TAX REVENUE (NIEMEYER R)** Defines "courtroom costs". Provides that a county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax rate for: (1) in the case of a tax rate adopted before January 1, 2024, county staff expenses of the state judicial system in the county; or (2) in the case of a tax rate adopted after December 31, 2023, courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county. Provides that the revenue shall be used by the county: (1) in the case of the tax rate adopted before January 1, 2024, only for paying for county staff expenses of the state judicial system in the county; and (2) in the case of a tax rate adopted after December 31, 2023, only for paying the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county. Provides that the local income tax revenue spent by each county may not comprise more than 50% of the county's total operational staffing expenses related to the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in any given year. Provides that a township fire department, volunteer fire department, fire protection territory, or fire protection district may apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of local income tax revenue that is allocated to public safety purposes. Requires the county adopting body to review certain submitted applications at a public hearing.

Current Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
Recent Status: 3/4/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 266: yeas 48, nays 0
3/4/2024 - Concurrences Eligible for Action
State Bill Page: [SB33](#)

SB256 **FISCAL MATTERS (MISHLER R)** Provides that money in the attorney general contingency fee fund is continuously appropriated and is not subject to allotment. Reinstates provisions concerning meetings of the budget committee. Provides that a state employee may affirmatively elect to enroll in the deferred compensation plan prior to the auto enroll date on day 31 of the state employee's employment. Requires, effective July 1, 2025, the trustee of the state police pension trust to

maintain a supplemental allowance reserve account for the purpose of paying postretirement benefit adjustments. Requires certain political subdivisions to present to the interim study committee on pension management oversight concerning a delinquent employee retirement plan offered by the political subdivision. Increases the maximum date that a member or participant of certain retirement funds can participate in the deferred retirement option plan from 36 to 60 months. Reestablishes, and enumerates requirements and procedures for, a petition and remonstrance window for controlled projects funded by debt service if the project scope changes from the purpose initially advertised to taxpayers. Provides that for purposes of annually adjusting the assessed value of real property to account for changes in value since a reassessment, the department of local government finance shall use certain capitalization rates. Provides that sales of feminine hygiene products are exempt from the state gross retail tax. Increases the amount of federal civil service annuity benefits that an individual or the individual's surviving spouse may deduct from adjusted gross income tax. Increases the countable asset limitation for SNAP purposes from \$5,000 (current law) to \$10,000. Adds nonvoting, advisory members to the Medicaid oversight committee. Streamlines the Medicaid oversight committee duties. Authorizes the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) to implement a risk based managed care program for certain Medicaid recipients. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to convene a workgroup and, with managed care organizations, to conduct a claims submission testing period before the risk based managed care program is established. Provides that an individual who provides services under the risk based managed care program may not be required to reside in Indiana. Establishes the community cares initiative grant pilot program for the purpose of assisting in the costs of starting or expanding mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams in Indiana. Establishes the community cares initiative fund. Requires documentation and verification of the provision of attendant care services before Medicaid reimbursement. Requires a structured family caregiving services provider to pay a principal caregiver of these services at least 80% of the Medicaid per diem reimbursement. Requires the office of the secretary to present specified information concerning structured family caregiving services to the budget committee. Requires the Indiana department of health to provide information concerning the Handle with Care notification system to each county, city, or town that operates a mobile crisis team or mobile integrated healthcare program. Authorizes the establishment of home health agency cooperative agreements. (A similar law enacted in 2022 expired on July 1, 2023.) Specifies that a home health agency may contract directly or indirectly through a network of home health agencies. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for an amendment to certain Medicaid waivers concerning attendant care services. Removes a reference in current law to outstanding bonds for which a fee replacement appropriation was made in a provision prohibiting a state educational institution from issuing bonds for refunding or advance refunding of outstanding bonds without: (1) approval of the budget agency; and (2) the board of trustees of the issuing state educational institution making certain findings. Provides that money in the high tech crimes unit fund is continuously appropriated

for purposes of the fund. Prohibits a unit from entering into a sister city or cooperative agreement with a city, town, province, county, school, college, or university located in a foreign adversary. Provides parameters for the northwestern Indiana regional planning commission, beginning with calendar year 2025 and for each year thereafter through calendar year 2029, to annually adjust each participating county's portion of the budget. Extends the funding Indiana's roads for a stronger, safer tomorrow task force for one additional year. Requires budget committee review before territory may be designated as an innovation development district. Allows the Indiana economic development corporation to designate territory located in an existing allocation area as an innovation development district if certain conditions are met. Provides that if an existing allocation area is located in territory subsequently designated as an innovation development district, property tax increment revenue continues to be allocated to the existing allocation area. Provides that a fiscal body, commission, or authority may not remove a parcel of real property from various types of existing economic development districts or an existing tax increment financing district and subsequently add the parcel back into the same district. Provides that a fiscal body, commission, or authority may remove a parcel of real property from various types of existing economic development districts or an existing tax increment financing district and subsequently add the parcel into a different district. Provides that grant awards authorized in the 2023 budget bill for regional mental health facility grants to counties for use in constructing new facilities or renovating existing facilities to provide mental health services for certain incarcerated individuals may not exceed \$5,000,000 per county (instead of \$2,500,000 per county). Requires the office of the secretary to present a report including a forecast of enrollment and program costs of the Medicaid program to the budget committee at certain budget committee meetings. Requires the office of the secretary to present to the budget committee a detailed plan for monitoring expenses of the complete Medicaid program. Requires the office of the secretary to present to the budget committee a feasibility study concerning the creation of a Medicaid data dashboard. Requires the office of the secretary to prepare and submit a report to specified entities concerning data on the provision of applied behavior analysis services in the Medicaid program. Requires the office of the secretary to provide a report to the Medicaid oversight committee, the budget committee, and the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the general assembly concerning the role of intermediaries in delivery of Medicaid services. Requires the office of the secretary to provide a report to the Medicaid oversight committee, the budget committee, and the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the general assembly providing: (1) an explanation concerning the miscalculation in the Medicaid program forecast in 2023; and (2) strategies for preventing miscalculations in future forecasts. Requires: (1) the legislative services agency; and (2)

Current Status: 3/6/2024 - added as third author Senator Charbonneau

Recent Status: 3/6/2024 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

3/5/2024 - House Advisors appointed Jordan, Clere, Judy, DeLaney, Fleming and Pryor

State Bill Page: [SB256](#)

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