



Dear ISBA Members:

We are now on an official 30-day countdown to adjournment of the 2023 budget session of the Indiana General Assembly. Let me start this update with a glance at the remaining calendar for the session.

- Bills must be out of committees in the second chamber on Tuesday, April 11, in the House of Representatives, and on Thursday, April 13, in the Senate.
- Look for the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote on the Senate Republican version of HB 1001, the state biennial budget, on Thursday, April 13. This will be the third version of the state budget for the session, following the introduction of HB 1001 (the Governor's budget) and then the House Republicans' version was next in the bill process. The fourth version of the budget bill will be the last.
- Before the final 2-year budget emerges, there will be issuance of an updated state revenue forecast by a committee of economists along with the fiscal analysts of each caucus. We are hopeful that this forecast will have an improved outlook for Indiana's economy and revenue stream, especially in Fiscal Year 2025, of which the tuition support funding formula presently includes just a 2% increase presently.

- The third reading deadline for bills in the second chamber will be Monday, April 17, in the House, and Tuesday, April 18 in the Senate.
- The conference committee process follows the third reading deadline. A conference committee is made up of two members of each the House and Senate, typically the bill authors and sponsors, that convene to negotiate differences between bills that passed in both chambers but were substantially amended in the second chamber. If the conference committee can agree on language compromise for the bill they discuss, a conference committee report is adopted, and it becomes the final version of the bill.
- As I've mentioned many times before, April 29 is the last statutory day for the session, a Saturday. We will see if they can finish a few days early.

Key Bill Activity for Week #12

Bills continue to move out of committee. The following is a summary of bills that were discussed yesterday in the House and Senate education committees.

House Education Committee:

SB 35 Financial Literacy (Author: Senator Gaskill) was **amended** and voted out of the House Education Committee by a 13-0 vote. The bill will require school corporations to provide financial literacy instruction to high school students. The instruction may be provided as a separate subject or in multiple units within existing subjects. Financial literacy instruction must include such topics as the basic principles of money management, personal insurance policies, loan applications, and simple contracts. For students expected to graduate in 2027 and thereafter, they must take financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

SB 369 Automated External Defibrillator Requirement (Author: Senator Rogers) was amended in the House Education Committee to require drama or musical leaders, in addition to coaches of athletic events and leaders of extracurricular activities in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest, to be trained in the use of an automated external defibrillator. These individuals must ensure that an AED is on-site during events where students have an

increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest with the goal of responding to a sudden cardiac arrest incident within three minutes. The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 12-1 and is now eligible for second reading on the floor of the House.

SB 391 Closure of School Buildings (Author: Senator Rogers) was **amended** in the House Education Committee. The amended bill removed the language on underutilized buildings and now requires school corporations to make available to charter schools and post-secondary educational institutions a building that is vacant or is not used in whole or in part for classroom instruction. The amended bill states that the law requiring school corporations to make these buildings available to charter school and post-secondary educational institutions will expire on July 1, 2025. However, the amended bill requires school corporations in Lake, Marion, St. Joseph, and Vanderburgh counties to share operating and/or school safety referendum dollars with charter schools attended by students who have legal settlement in the school corporations in these four counties. The amended bill allows charter schools to receive monies from the annual grant program using a formula calculation as opposed to the current flat amount of \$1250. The bill provides charter schools access to loans from the Indiana bond bank and received advances from the common school fund for school building construction programs and educational technology programs. The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 8-4.

Senate Education & Career Development Committee:

HB 1002 Education and Workforce Matters (Author: Representative Goodrich) is the House Republican bill to create Career Scholarship Accounts (CSAs) with \$5,000/student to use to enroll in work-based learning (WBL) or modern youth apprenticeship programs. This bill also establishes an Intermediary Capacity Building Grant program to help produce more HR career placement professionals to work to connect students with employers for WBL opportunities. ISBA testified yesterday in committee to express many questions and concerns about the bill. See ISBA's testimony [HERE](#). This is a work in progress and we hope our input will be considered for amendments that this committee will bring forth next week on Wednesday when the committee will amend and vote the bill out of committee. If you have concerns with the bill NOW is the time to

email, call, or text your state senator to convey your concerns!

Bill Tracking List

Check out the always new ISBA Bill Tracking List [HERE](#). As action happens on any bill on the Tracking List, it is updated in real-time.

Thank you for reading the ISBA Weekly Legislative Update and your efforts and contributions to engage in the ISBA Legislative Action Network!

Sincerely,



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