



Dear ISBA Members,

Here is your Week #9 ISBA Legislative Update...The final countdown has started and we stand at five days left of the 2020 short session. The session is in recess until Monday, so there will only be 2-3 session days next week before the Indiana General Assembly adjourns sine die.

Session Status

The Week #8 ISBA Legislative Update was quite thorough with the details of the status of key legislation we've been tracking all session. Please check the latest ISBA Tracking List [HERE](#) for updates on any of those bills.

This update will be otherwise limited to an update on HB 1065, a bill that has become even more controversial this week because of the second reading amendment (#6) that hadn't been discussed all session, particularly in a committee hearing allowing for public input.

Key Bill Update

[HB 1065](#), **Various Tax Matters** (Rep. Thompson). This bill had not been a high-priority bill on the ISBA Bill Tracking List until last week due to an

amendment to the bill adopted by the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee. If you will recall, that amendment modifies Public Law 235-2019 to expand the type of housing that qualifies for the residential housing development TIF program beyond single-family homes with the inclusion of condominiums and townhomes. The bill also includes these types of housing in an economic development target area (defined by IC 6-1.1-12.1-7). Both provisions will greatly expand the incremental AV captured by TIFs and erode the AV available to school corporations for levy dollars.

If that were not bad enough the second reading amendment on Monday includes more bad public policy to enable the diversion of referendum funds to charter schools and away from school corporations, and in turn diminishing your ability to serve the unique needs of students, pay your teachers, and upgrade school facilities to serve the more than 1 million students in our K-12 traditional public school system.

ISBA has joined with IAPSS, IASBO, IUSA, IRSRA, and ISTA to oppose this legislation. **We need your help!** Please review the HB 1065 Talking Points [HERE](#) and then call your senator and representative to ask that they “***please oppose SECTIONS 31-39 of HB 1065 and wait until the budget session next year to address these significant taxation matters.***”

We need everyone to call or email this weekend. Legislators need to hear loud and clear that this is bad public policy! [HERE](#) is the page of the ISBA Legislative Services page to find contact information for legislators.

THANK YOU!