



Dear ISBA Members:

We have reached the end of week 10 of the 2023 session of the Indiana General Assembly. That leaves us six weeks to go for the conclusion of the session! Expect the pace to intensify over the next couple of weeks. The priority issue remains the 2023-2025 biennial state budget.

State Biennial Budget

As you and your fellow school officials continue to examine the impact of [HB 1001](#), the biennial state budget, ISBA has gathered various impact analyses that we are making readily accessible to you here for your review:

- [Tuition support formula simulation](#) shows what your school corporation is projected to receive under the current version of the budget developed by the House Republican Caucus
- [LSA analysis](#) shows your school corporation's estimated Operations Fund net revenue under the current version of the budget developed by the House Republican Caucus
- [Estimates](#) of the cost for school corporations to provide textbooks to students in FY 2024 under the House-passed budget
- [House Republican HB 1001 Budget Summary](#)

Senate Appropriations K-12 School Funding Subcommittee

The K-12 School Funding Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee met on Thursday to hear from the public, and ISBA was the first organization to testify. [HERE](#) is the text of the testimony that

I presented to the subcommittee outlining ISBA's K-12 school funding priorities for the next two years.

- As a part of the budget requests, ISBA announced a new proposal to create a Teacher Retention and Support Services Grant Program to help address classroom teacher shortages, but also with other license support services professionals. ISBA is joined by IASBO, IAPSS, the Indiana Association of School Psychologists, and the Indiana School Counselors Association, in announcing and supporting this grant initiative proposal. Please review the full details of the proposal [HERE](#).

Key Bill Activity for Week #10

SB 321 Student Health Matters (Author: Senator Zay) requires the State Department of Health to develop first aid guidelines for use by schools in Indiana. Provides that the guidelines must include information on administering emergency assistance before emergency medical personnel arrive, standard precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids, first aid procedures for injuries and illnesses, instructions for managing behavioral and mental health emergencies, and other information. Eliminates the requirement that a school corporation include a high school student's immunization information in the student's official high school transcript. Prohibits a school corporation from including in a student's high school transcript: (1) any information from the student's immunization record that is kept by the student's school under IC 20-34-4-1; or (2) any other health related record concerning the student. This bill was discussed in the House Education Committee on Wednesday. An amendment was discussed that would establish and regulate guidelines for school health centers. ISBA testified in opposition to this bill as it is unnecessary and simply imposes more state edicts where they are not needed. The IDOE already publishes a 356-page Nurse Guide with protocols for emergency assistance procedures. In addition, school personnel already participate in state-mandated trainings for CPR, sudden cardiac arrest, bloodborne pathogens, seizure response, concussion and heat preparedness protocols, and suicide prevention. We are also not aware of any problems with local administration and oversight of school-based health clinics.

SB 167 FAFSA (Author: Senator Leising) was amended in the House Education Committee on Wednesday to include an expiration date. The author of the amendment stated the expiration date will allow the General Assembly to consider whether the efforts of principals and school counselors to inform parents of the benefits of FAFSA will improve the completion rate. As amended, the bill requires seniors to complete the FAFSA unless the student's parent submits a form declining to complete the application. Principals and school

counselors must inform parents of senior students of the benefits of completing the FAFSA at least two times, and after April 15, may waive the requirement to complete the FAFSA for those students whose parents have failed to sign the waiver form. The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 11-1.

Bill Tracking List

Checkout the latest ISBA Bill Tracking List [HERE](#). When 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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