



Dear ISBA Members:

Here is your Week #5 ISBA Legislative Update for the 2022 short session of the Indiana General Assembly. The first half of the bill process has been completed. Remaining bills will now have to pass out of the second chamber by February 28 in the House of Representatives and by March 1 in the Senate.

Bill Tracking List

You can view the ISBA Bill Tracking List [HERE](#). When you open the Tracking List you will notice it has been significantly reduced in content and length. Due to the third reading deadline earlier this week on bills in the chamber of origin, the number of bills included on our list has been reduced from 140 bills down to 45 bills! As you review the bills still eligible for further action you will see information added that identifies the present position ISBA has formed on these bills, if any.

Mandatory Public Comment Bills

ISBA has been speaking with the bill authors and sponsors of [HB 1130 Public Comment at Meetings](#) (Author: Representative O'Brien) and [SB 83 Meetings](#)

of School Boards and Charter Schools (Author: Senator Leising) in attempt to fine tune these bills that include provisions on mandatory public comment at school board meetings. ISBA is working to ensure that board presidents maintain the ability to lead and manage board meetings. A second reading amendment was adopted to SB 83 on Monday, making needed improvements to the bill.

Other Key Bill Information

[HB 1072](#) **School Referendum Levies** (Author: Representative Behning). This bill would require that a school corporation must distribute a portion of revenue received from a school operating referendum tax levy or school safety referendum levy to each charter school in which students who receive not more than 50% virtual instruction and who have legal settlement in the school corporation attend. Provides that if a charter school receives a distribution from a school corporation from a school corporation tax levy or a school safety referendum tax levy, the charter school must post the certain information on the charter school's Internet web site. Provides that a charter school that may receive money from a school corporation's tax levy or a school safety referendum tax levy may not promote a position on a referendum in the same manner as a school corporation is prohibited from promoting a position on a referendum. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation in which 10% or more of the school corporation's school buildings are occupied in whole or part by: (1) one or more innovation network schools; or (2) one or more participating innovation network charter schools; may sell a closed, unused, or unoccupied school building without first offering the school building to a charter school or state educational institution. HB 1072 passed on third reading in the House of Representatives last Thursday by a 52-39 vote. You can view the roll call [HERE](#) to see how your representative voted. ISBA opposes this bill. **Please contact your area state senator via email, letter, or phone call to express your concern with this legislation.**

[HB 1134](#) **Education Matters** (Author: Representative Cook). Several amendments have been made to HB 1134, but the major components of the bill continue to be: (1) a mandate to create a curricular materials advisory

committee that will review all curricular material used for student instruction and all educational activities (such as assemblies, lectures, and other presentations) that are presented to students, and make recommendations to the school board; (2) a mandate to create a curriculum portal and post curricular materials and educational activities on the portal; (3) restrictions on personal analyses, evaluations, or surveys by third party vendors and by school employees; and (4) prohibitions of specific concepts in the curriculum and instructional programs related to sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation. HB 1134 passed out of the House of Representatives on third reading last week by a 60-37 vote. You can view how your state representative voted on this bill [HERE](#). ISBA has completed an analysis of the latest version of this bill and has developed the following talking points for your use and that we will convey to the bill author and sponsor.

[HB 1134 Talking Points](#)

Thank you for your efforts and contributions to engage in the ISBA Legislative Action Network and grassroots advocacy on behalf of the more than 1 million public school students and effective school board governance.

Sincerely,



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