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Dear ISBA Members:

The third reading deadline of bills in the house of origin in the Indiana General Assembly has now passed. As a result, the ISBA Bill Tracking List has been reduced from 190 bills down to 77 bills [CLICK HERE](#). Bills still active now move to the second chamber for further consideration. As a matter of information, Senate bills will need to clear third reading in the House of Representatives by April 15. House bills will need to clear third reading in the Senate by April 16. I anticipate that the list of 77 bills will be reduced by 50 percent by the end of the session. Still, 35-40 news laws will be significant!

I will be providing a comprehensive session mid-term report to you in the next few days that will spotlight the bills still moving aligned to the ISBA agenda as well as the bills ISBA opposes. In the meantime, thank you for the high level of advocacy engagement so far this session. The collective efforts from the K-12 public education community across the state has led to the defeat or modification of three bills we adamantly opposed:

1. [SB 128](#) **School Calendar** (Author: Senator J. Leising) that would have prohibited school corporations from beginning the school year before the last Monday in August, beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Because of active grassroots lobbying early in the 2019 session, this bill was assigned to the Senate Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee and never received a hearing in that committee;
2. [SB 342](#) **Employment of Minors** (Author: Senator C. Perfect) that would have repealed Indiana's child labor laws and work permit process. This bill was amended in the Senate to become a study committee issue;
3. [SB 246](#) **Local Public Questions** (Author: Senator B. Doriot) that would have restricted local public questions/school corporations to appear only on general election or municipal general election ballots in November. This bill did not have enough votes to pass on third reading the past two days and has died as a result.

Again, fantastic job by the K-12 education community in engaging in critical grassroots advocacy on these and other bills during the first half of the bill process! Now, stay tuned for the mid-term report on bills still moving and ISBA's positions on those bills.