

AIC JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM PROMPTS FILING OF TWO BILLS



The Association of Indiana Counties' (AIC) *State and Counties Partnering for Progress* - a.k.a. AIC legislator job shadowing program - has led to the filing of two pieces of legislation just six months after the program was first launched. So far 10 legislators have participated in the program (click here for more information on the program). Sen. Luke Kenley is among the first to job shadow his county officials; he served as a county commissioner for the day, participating in a drainage board meeting and actually sitting on the bench during a regularly scheduled meeting (click here to read full story about job shadowing in Hamilton County.)

The opening this week of the 2012 Indiana General Assembly revealed the filing of two bills that are directly connected to the interaction Sen. Kenley had with county officials while job shadowing

in Hamilton County October 24.

<u>Senate Bill 0098 - County highway maintenance funding</u>: Provides that a county may use property taxes and miscellaneous revenue deposited in the county general fund for the maintenance of county highways. (Current law permits property taxes to be used for highway maintenance only in an emergency and by unanimous vote of the county fiscal body, and the county general fund to be used only for county highway department employees' personal services.)

Senate Bill 0139 - Public contract for services: Requires that a public contract for services between a state agency or political subdivision and a contractor must contain certain requirements concerning the use of the federal electronic employment eligibility verification system (E-Verify) and knowing employment of unauthorized aliens only if one of the following applies: (1) The estimated amount to be paid in a calendar year to the contractor under the contract is more than \$50,000. (2) The estimated amount to be paid in a calendar year to the contractor under the contract is \$50,000 or less, but the contract in combination with other public contracts for services entered into by the contractor with the same state agency or political subdivision results in an estimated total payment in a calendar year by the state agency or political subdivision to the contractor of more than \$50,000. (Current law requires that all public contracts for services between a state agency or political subdivision and a contractor contain certain requirements concerning the use of E-Verify and knowing employment of unauthorized aliens.)

It is important to note that interpersonal communications tactics such as job shadowing are proven to help organizations accomplish the more difficult to achieve objectives, and it looks like you are proving this to be true with your participation in the AIC job shadowing program. We are scheduling more dates for 2012. For more information contact Karen Avery, AIC Director of Public Relations at (317) 829-3656 or kavery @indianacounties.org.