

County Administration

HB1074 **PENSION THIRTEENTH CHECKS** (BURTON W) Provides for a thirteenth check for certain members of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement fund; (4) state police 1987 benefits system; and (5) certain members of the pre-1987 state police benefit system.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 3/5/2014 - Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments: prevailed;
Roll Call 413: yeas 78 and nays 0

3/5/2014 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

State Bill Page: [HB1074](#)

HB1075 **PUBLIC PENSIONS** (BURTON W) Provides that the board of trustees (board) of the Indiana public retirement system may not, before January 1, 2017, enter into an agreement with a third party provider to provide annuities to retiring and retired members of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) and the teachers' retirement fund (TRF). Specifies the interest rate used to determine the annuity amount is: (1) 5.75%, after September 30, 2014, and before October 1, 2015 and (2) the greater of: (A) the interest rate for similar annuities being purchased in the private market as determined by the board; or (B) 4.5%; after September 30, 2015, and before January 1, 2017. Provides that, after December 31, 2016, whenever the board enters into an agreement with a third party provider, the interest rate used to determine the annuity amount is equal to the rate for similar annuities being purchased in the private market as recommended by the third party provider. Removes language terminating an annual pension paid to the surviving spouse of a governor if the surviving spouse remarries. Increases from 3% to 5% the maximum percentage of a state employee's base salary that may be deducted as an automatic contribution to the state's deferred compensation plan.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 525: yeas 89 and nays 0

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 452: yeas 42 and nays 5

3/13/2014 - Senator Kenley added as conferee

State Bill Page: [HB1075](#)

HB1141 **METHAMPHETAMINE LAB DISCLOSURE IN PROPERTY SALES** (MCNAMARA W) Provides that the state police department (and not the Indiana criminal justice institute) maintains the methamphetamine laboratory web site (web site). Provides that a property used for the manufacture of methamphetamine may not be placed on the web site until 180 days after the methamphetamine laboratory is reported to the state police department, and specifies that the state police department may not place a property on the web site if it was decontaminated before being placed on the web site. Provides that a property must be removed from the web site in accordance with the statute that requires the web site to be established. Specifies that if methamphetamine is manufactured in an apartment of a multi-unit complex, only the specific unit in which the methamphetamine was manufactured may be included on the web site. Requires a person who manufactures methamphetamine on property owned by another person to pay restitution to the owner for the owner's actual damages, including lost rents and the costs of decontamination.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker
3/12/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call
398: yeas 45 and nays 0
State Bill Page: [HB1141](#)

HB1171 **RECORDER'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND** (HEUER K) Provides that a county recorder may use the county recorder's records perpetuation fund for all or a portion of the expenses of the recorder's office under specified conditions, including approval by the county fiscal body.

Current Status: 3/12/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
Recent Status: 3/4/2014 - Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments: prevailed,
Roll Call 393: yeas 83 and nays 8
3/4/2014 - Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments: prevailed
State Bill Page: [HB1171](#)

HB1178 **RESTRICTED ADDRESSES OF JUDGES** (NEGELE S) Adds an individual who is employed or was formerly employed as a judge of a federal court to the definition of "judge" for purposes of restricted access to certain addresses.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Governor
Recent Status: 3/6/2014 - Received by Governor
3/4/2014 - Signed by the President of the Senate
State Bill Page: [HB1178](#)

HB1196 **CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS AS CONSTRUCTORS** (TRUITT R) Authorizes public agencies to employ construction managers as constructors for certain construction projects. Provides that state educational institutions may use the process for public works projects that begin after June 30, 2014. Provides that public agencies other than a state educational institution may use the process for public works projects that begin after June 30, 2017. Provides that the statute expires July 1, 2020.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker
Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call
423: yeas 44 and nays 1
3/12/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1
adopted; Roll Call 482: yeas 92 and nays 5
State Bill Page: [HB1196](#)

HB1234 **PROPERTY TAX MATTERS** (THOMPSON J) Requires county treasurers to mail property tax statements at least 15 business days, instead of 15 calendar days, before the first payment is due. Provides that an employee of an assessor's office or an appraiser may not serve as a voting member of the property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) in the county where the individual is employed. Allows a county fiscal body to waive certification requirements for certain members of the PTABOA appointed by the fiscal body. Provides that a school corporation with a majority of its property tax levies imposed in LaPorte County may, before September 1, 2014, transfer from the school corporation's debt service fund to the school corporation's rainy day fund a total amount equal to not more than 20% of the school corporation's 2014 certified debt service fund budget. Establishes assessor, appraiser, and tax representative standards of conduct. Establishes a

certification appeal board to conduct appeals brought by assessors and employees of assessors whose certifications are revoked by the department of local government finance.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 466: yeas 48 and nays 0

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 514: yeas 97 and nays 1
3/11/2014 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: [HB1234](#)

HB1266 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ISSUES (LEONARD D) Provides that public utility property tax returns shall be filed in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance (DLGF). Allows a railroad car company to file its return by July 1 (rather than May 1). Authorizes a public utility company to file an amended return. Provides that the penalty assessed on a public utility company for filing a late return may not exceed \$1,000. Deletes from current law the authority of the DLGF to extend the due date for a public utility company to file a return with the DLGF. Provides that if the DLGF assesses the property of a public utility company because the public utility company does not file a return, the public utility company may file a return with the DLGF and the DLGF may amend its assessment. Provides that if, after an assessment date, an exempt property is transferred or its use is changed resulting in its ineligibility for an exemption, the county assessor shall terminate the exemption for that assessment date. Specifies that if the property remains eligible for an exemption following the transfer or change in use, the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. Provides that for the following assessment date, the person that obtained the exemption or the current owner of the property shall file an application with the county assessor. Requires applications for certain property tax deductions to be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the taxpayer wishes to obtain the deduction and to be filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year. Provides that a petition to correct an error must be filed within three years after the taxes were first due. Requires a political subdivision to submit to the DLGF information concerning the adoption of budgets and tax levies using the DLGF's computer gateway. Provides that publication requirements in current law continue in 2014 for 2015 budgets (along with the new requirements added in the bill concerning submission of budget and levy information to the DLGF's computer gateway). Requires the DLGF to make this information available to taxpayers through its computer gateway and provide a telephone number through which taxpayers may request copies of a political subdivision's information. Specifies that for taxes due and payable in 2015 and 2016, each county shall publish a notice stating the Internet address at which the budget information is available and the telephone number through which taxpayers may request copies of a political subdivision's budget information. Allows counties to seek reimbursement from the political subdivisions in the county for the cost of the notice. Provides that if a political subdivision timely submits the budget information to the DLGF's computer gateway but subsequently discovers the information contains a typographical error, the political subdivision may request permission from the DLGF to submit amended information. Specifies the conditions under which the DLGF shall increase a political subdivision's tax levy to an amount that exceeds the amount originally advertised or adopted by the political subdivision. Provides that if the DLGF increases a tax levy under this provision, the DLGF shall (unless the department finds extenuating circumstances) reduce the levy below the maximum allowable levy by the lesser of: (1) 5% of the difference between the advertised or adopted levy and the increased levy; or (2) \$100,000. Allows DeKalb County and the towns of Middlebury, Lewisville, and Mooreland to borrow

money to offset levy reductions made by the DLGF because budget and property tax levy information were not properly advertised. Eliminates the provision added in 2013 that specifies that the exemption from the property tax levy limits for property taxes to pay debt does not apply to property taxes imposed by a township to repay money borrowed under the emergency loan provisions. Specifies that the balance maintained by the provider unit of a fire protection territory may not exceed 120% of the budgeted expenses of the territory. Deletes current law requiring certain specified reporting of other post employment benefits (OPEB) information, and adds a provision requiring a political subdivision to annually report information and data on its retiree benefits and expenditures.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 429: yeas 45 and nays 1

Recent Status: 3/12/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 467: yeas 97 and nays 0
3/10/2014 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: [HB1266](#)

HB1268

PROBATION AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TREATMENT

(STEUERWALD G) Requires community corrections programs to use evidence based services, programs, and practices that reduce the risk for recidivism. Permits the community corrections board to coordinate or operate certain programs. Establishes standards for the award of certain grants by the department of correction, and requires the department of correction to consult with the judicial conference and the division of mental health and addiction before awarding grants. Defines "mental health and addiction forensic treatment services", establishes eligibility and treatment criteria, and creates the mental health and addiction forensic treatment services account to fund mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Requires the judicial conference to consult with the department of correction and the division of mental health and addiction before awarding financial assistance, and requires any person providing mental health and substance use treatment services be certified by the division of mental health and addiction. Provides that the department of correction may provide financial assistance to community corrections programs from the mental health and addiction forensic treatment services account. Makes certain individuals participating in evidence-based mental health and addiction treatment programs eligible for TANF and SNAP benefits). (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the criminal law and sentencing policy study committee.)

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 3/4/2014 - Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments: prevailed,
Roll Call 397: yeas 91 and nays 0
3/4/2014 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

State Bill Page: [HB1268](#)

HB1347

COURT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (MAYFIELD P) Requires that the clerk of the circuit court (clerk) or the county recorder (recorder) must be the secretary of the county commission of public records, as determined by: (1) mutual agreement of the clerk and the recorder; or (2) if a mutual agreement cannot be reached, an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the commission. Allows the clerk to keep the lis pendens record, the execution docket, and the register of witness fees and court fees in electronic form if all information is available to the public to inspect or copy in the electronic form. Eliminates: (1) the requirement that the clerk attend court proceedings; and (2) the per diem paid the clerk or a deputy for attending court. Allows the clerk to retain an administrative fee of up

to \$3 from any excess amount of fine, penalty, fee, or bail collected and refunded by the clerk. Requires the cost of: (1) an initial mailing of a document by certified or registered mail to be paid out of court costs and fees; and (2) any additional certified or registered mailings to be paid by the person requesting the additional mailings. Provides that a circuit court judgment docket must contain: (1) all civil judgments in which one party owes money to another party; and (2) any entry that is required by a statute. Provides that a judgment docket may not include: (1) judgments in which money is owed by a person to a state, a county, or another governmental entity as a result of a criminal conviction or a violation of an infraction or ordinance; or (2) except for cases in which the state obtains a judgment for unpaid taxes, judgments in which a governmental entity is the sole creditor. Allows a clerk of a circuit court to keep a judgment docket in: (1) an electronic format; (2) a paper format; or (3) both an electronic and a paper format. Provides that the judgment docket shall be made available for public inspection at the office of the clerk during regular office hours. Provides that, if the wages of a judgment debtor are being garnished: (1) a clerk is not required to notify the employer of the judgment debtor to suspend the garnishment after the judgment is satisfied; and (2) a request to suspend the garnishment must be submitted by the judgment debtor to the court that rendered the judgment. Makes changes to the maximum part of the aggregate disposable earnings of an individual for any workweek that is subjected to garnishment to enforce the payment of any judgments against the individual. If a judgment debtor has failed to comply with an agreed order in the action, requires a court to order: (1) any property, income, or profits of a judgment debtor not exempt from execution or process or any debt due to the judgment debtor to be applied to the satisfaction of the judgment and forbid transfers of property and choses in action; and (2) that the judgment or execution is a continuing lien upon the income or profits of the judgment debtor in the hands either of the judgment debtor or any other person from the date the order is served upon the person indebted to the judgment debtor to the extent that the lien, together with all similar liens, is allowed by law. Provides that: (1) if a court has issued a garnishment order to a third party (such as an employer) that provides income to a judgment debtor; (2) the garnishment order no longer applies to the third party due to a change in circumstances, including a change in employment; and (3) the judgment creditor files a petition describing the changed circumstances and providing contact information for a new third party who employs or otherwise provides income for a judgment debtor; the court may, without holding a hearing, cancel the first garnishment order and issue a new garnishment order to the new third party. Urges the legislative council to assign the topic of small claims court administration to an interim study committee.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 458: yeas 48 and nays 0

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 499: yeas 99 and nays 0
3/12/2014 - Representative VanDenburgh removed as coauthor

State Bill Page: [HB1347](#)

HB1361

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (MORRISON A) Amends the public works statute applicable to state universities so that contracts for small projects of a state university can be performed under a quotation procedure rather than a bid procedure. Increases dollar thresholds for state educational institution capital projects. Provides that the commission for higher education may authorize Ball State University to pay project costs for the construction and renovation of health and basic sciences facilities, including Cooper Science, and that these costs may be reimbursed by the state, if the project is recommended by the commission for higher education to the general assembly. Modifies the per campus

limits on the amount of outstanding bonds that a state educational institution may issue for qualified energy savings contracts. Provides that a project that causes a state educational institution, other than Ivy Tech Community College, to have outstanding debt for projects of more than \$15 million must produce operating savings in the first ten years that are at least equal to the initial debt for the project. Removes the separate limit on the amount of outstanding bonds that Ivy Tech Community College may issue for qualified energy savings contracts. Specifies that refunding bonds supported by fee replacement appropriations must be approved by the budget agency and must result in a savings as set forth in a finding by the board of trustees of the state educational institution. Specifies that refunding bonds may not have a longer term than the outstanding bonds to be refunded.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

3/12/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call
405: yeas 48 and nays 0

State Bill Page: [HB1361](#)

HB1380

STATE AND LOCAL TAX MATTERS (TURNER P) Provides that certain calculations concerning the capture of state revenue in a motorsports investment district are based on calendar years rather than state fiscal years. Requires the Indiana motorsports commission to establish a motorsports facility fund if a motorsports investment district is established. Provides that during the term of the written agreement the commission shall each state fiscal year deposit in the motorsports facility fund at least \$2,000,000 solely from payments by the motorsports facility owners. Provides that the motorsports facility fund reverts to the state general fund on June 30 of each year. Requires the commission to request an appropriation in each state fiscal year that the written agreement is in effect equal to the amount deposited into the motorsports facility fund. Provides that the amount of the appropriation must be deposited into the motorsports investment district fund. Requires the department of state revenue to annually notify entities of the incremental tax amounts and the reversion amount from the motorsports facility fund. Provides that an entity is not considered to have Indiana income for purposes of the state income tax merely because of certain logistics activities concerning the distribution of legend drugs, medical devices, or medical supplies that are conducted in Indiana by a third-party logistics provider. Repeals the following income tax credits: (1) Prison investment credit. (2) Riverboat building credit. (3) Blended biodiesel credit. (4) Ethanol production credit. (5) Voluntary remediation tax credit. (6) Energy savings tax credit. (7) New employer tax credit. Allows a taxpayer whose qualified investment to build or refurbish a riverboat is certified by the Indiana economic development corporation before January 1, 2015, to claim a tax credit in the year that the qualified investment is made as if the riverboat building tax credit had not been repealed. Provides a credit against county economic development income taxes for taxes paid to local governments outside Indiana. Removes a reference to propane and butane in the special fuel tax law in conformance with HEA 1180-2014. Allows the department of state revenue to deny or suspend certain oversize and overweight vehicle permits if the applicant or permit holder is delinquent in paying escort fees to the state police department. Provides that all Indiana adjusted gross income tax return and financial institutions tax return due date extensions are treated the same as an extension granted because of a federal income tax due date extension. Requires the annual budget of the Lake County convention and visitor bureau to be published on the department of local government finance's gateway Internet web site. Extends the current Vanderburgh County innkeeper's tax revenue distributions through December 31, 2019. Specifies that aviation manufacturing, aviation assembly, and aviation research and development facilities are aviation related property or facilities for

purposes of the airport law. Specifies the amount that shall be collected by the department of state revenue for registrations of vehicles in a commercial fleet, if the department adopts rules to implement staggered registration. Increases the maximum property tax levy for Washington Township in Hamilton County in 2015. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to study and report on the benefits provided to individuals whose income does not exceed 200% of the federal income poverty level. Urges the legislative council to study issues related to holding the proceeds of the sale of a major county asset in trust.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 468: yeas 40 and nays 8

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 522: yeas 67 and nays 30

3/13/2014 - Representative Thompson added as conferee

State Bill Page: [HB1380](#)

HB1403

REGULATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY (MCMILLIN J) Provides that the owner of a rental unit assessed any fee by a political subdivision pertaining to the rental unit may: (1) notify the tenants of the rental unit of the assessment of the fee; and (2) require the tenants of the rental unit to reimburse the owner for the payment of the fee. (Current law refers to "inspection, registration, or other fee".) Requires fees regarding rental units and rental communities to be deposited in a dedicated fund to for reimbursement of costs actually incurred by the political subdivision relating to the imposition and amount of the fee. Restricts the circumstances and conditions in which a political subdivision may require a rental unit's owner or landlord to obtain a permit. Allows an owner of a rental unit to obtain an exemption from a political subdivision's inspection and inspection fee requirements if the rental unit satisfies certain requirements. Allows a political subdivision to impose a penalty for an act constituting a nuisance or ordinance violation. Allows a successful county, city, or town or a successful defendant to recover attorney's fees incurred in a nuisance action. Provides that a political subdivision may assess an annual registration fee. Repeals superseded statutes relating to local regulation of residential landlord and tenant relations.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

Recent Status: 3/11/2014 - House reconsidered and concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 440: yeas 67 and nays 24

3/11/2014 - House reconsidered and concurred in Senate amendments; Roll Call 440: yeas 67 and nays 24

State Bill Page: [HB1403](#)

SB1

STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION (HERSHMAN B) Specifies that the county income tax council of a county may adopt an ordinance providing that if for a particular assessment date the acquisition cost of a taxpayer's business personal property in a county is less than \$20,000: (1) the taxpayer is not required to file a personal property return for the taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that assessment date; and (2) the taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that assessment date is exempt from taxation. Specifies that such an exemption ordinance may apply to assessment dates after December 31, 2015. Specifies that this exemption does not apply to mobile homes assessed as personal property, personal property held as an investment, or personal property that is owned by certain utilities subject to regulation by the utility regulatory commission and is assessed as utility property. Requires the taxpayer to file a certification with the county

assessor before May 15 of the year in which the assessment date occurs, and imposes a penalty if the annual certification is not timely filed. Provides that the tax rate for certain tax increment financing areas shall be calculated as if this exemption were not in effect. Provides that a county income tax council may adopt an ordinance to exempt from property taxation any new business personal property that is located in the county. Specifies that this exemption does not apply to mobile homes assessed as personal property, personal property held as an investment, or personal property that is owned by certain utilities subject to regulation by the utility regulatory commission and is assessed as utility property. Provides that a designating body may establish an enhanced abatement schedule for personal property that may not exceed 20 years. Provides that if a county or municipality receives a reimbursement, repayment, or penalty from a taxpayer on account of the taxpayer's failure to comply with the statement of benefits provided by the taxpayer as part of a property tax abatement or on account of the taxpayer's failure to comply with any other requirement to receive a property tax abatement, the county or municipal fiscal officer shall distribute the amount of the reimbursement, repayment, or penalty on a pro rata basis to each taxing unit that contains the property that was subject to the abatement deduction. Phases down the corporate income tax rate from 6.5% in 2015 to 4.9% after June 30, 2021. Phases down the financial institutions tax rate to 4.9% in calendar year 2023. Provides that a retail merchant engaged in selling bulk propane at retail in Indiana shall claim a credit before June 30, 2014, equal to the sales tax paid by the retail merchant's customers after December 31, 2013, and before April 1, 2014, on that part of the price of bulk propane that exceeded \$2.50 per gallon. Requires such a retail merchant to provide a credit to customers of the retail merchant on their next purchase of bulk propane occurring after the retail merchant claims the credit. Specifies that retail merchants are entitled to a collection allowance for administering the credits provided to customers. Establishes the commission on business personal property and business taxation to study certain issues during 2014.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 510: yeas 63 and nays 37

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 431: yeas 36 and nays 12
3/13/2014 - Senator Kenley added as conferee

State Bill Page: [SB1](#)

SB32 PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDING (TOMES J) Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of the bonding of elected public officials.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 489: yeas 86 and nays 0

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 408: yeas 46 and nays 0
3/11/2014 - , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: [SB32](#)

SB61 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER DISABILITY BENEFITS (BOOTS P) Authorizes a municipal corporation to provide programs of disability insurance (programs) to its emergency medical services providers who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness: (1) that is not covered by worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation; or (2) for which worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation has been exhausted. Provides that the elimination or waiting period before a benefit begins may not be greater than: (1) 30 days, for a short term disability program; or

(2) 120 days, for a long term disability program. Allows a municipal corporation to provide the programs by purchasing policies of group insurance or establishing a self-insurance program. Requires the fiscal body of a municipal corporation to approve the establishment of a self-insurance program. Allows the programs to exclude part-time employees and individuals who provide services to the municipal corporation under a contract. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the pension management oversight commission.)

Current Status: 3/14/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Recent Status: 3/5/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
3/5/2014 - Signed by the Speaker

State Bill Page: [SB61](#)

SB118

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES (MILLER P) Provides that a redevelopment commission may not enter into any obligation payable from public funds without first obtaining the approval of the legislative or fiscal body of the unit that established the commission. Provides an exception if the obligation is for the acquisition of real property and the payments are for three years or less or the purchase price is less than \$5,000,000. Specifies that the approving ordinance or resolution must include certain items. Provides that a redevelopment commission and a department of redevelopment are subject to oversight by the legislative body of the unit, including review by the legislative body of annual budgets. Specifies that a redevelopment commission and a department of redevelopment are subject to the same laws, rules, and ordinances of a general nature that apply to all other commissions or departments of the unit. Specifies that a redevelopment commission, a department of redevelopment, and a redevelopment authority are subject to audit by the state board of accounts and covered by the public meetings and public records laws. Requires a redevelopment commission to provide to the legislative body of the unit at a public meeting all the information supporting the action the redevelopment commission proposes to take regarding the sale, transfer, or other disposition of property. Provides that if the amount of excess assessed value determined by the commission is expected to generate more than 200% of the amount of allocated tax proceeds necessary to carry out the commission's plan, a determination of the amount of the excess available to other taxing units by the commission must be approved by the legislative body of the unit. Permits the legislative body of the unit to modify the commission's determination with respect to the amount of excess assessed value. Requires the treasurer of a redevelopment commission outside Indianapolis and the secretary-treasurer of a redevelopment authority outside Indianapolis to report annually to the fiscal body of the unit that established the commission or authority. Provides that the Indianapolis controller is the fiscal officer of the redevelopment commission and redevelopment authority in Indianapolis. Authorizes the Indianapolis controller to obtain financial services on a contractual basis. Prohibits redevelopment commissions and certain other redevelopment entities from owning, leasing, or holding a single family dwelling or condominium unit that is leased for purposes of leasing for the use by individuals as a dwelling. Requires the department of local government finance, with the assistance of the state board of accounts, to prepare a report on redevelopment by redevelopment commissions, authorities, and departments and to submit and present the report to the commission on state tax and financing policy during the 2014 legislative interim. Provides that the power of eminent domain for redevelopment purposes belongs to the legislative body in counties other than Marion County. Requires legislative body approval of any amendment of a plan or of a resolution establishing an allocation area. Requires a declaratory resolution or amendment that establishes an allocation provision to include a specific finding of fact that the adoption of the allocation

provision will result in new property taxes in the area that would not have been generated but for the adoption of the allocation provision. Provides, in the case of an allocation area that was initially established before July 1, 1995, that the expiration date of any allocation provisions for the allocation area is June 30, 2025, or the last date of any obligations outstanding on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Provides that the consolidated allocation area in downtown Indianapolis is exempt from the expiration date.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Motion to Concur in House Amendments: prevailed;
Roll Call 434: yeas 28 and nays 20

Recent Status: 3/12/2014 - Motion to Withdraw Dissent: prevailed
3/12/2014 - Motion to Rescind Dissent: prevailed

State Bill Page: [SB118](#)

SB338

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS (HERSHMAN B) Establishes an audit committee in the legislative department of state government to assure the independence of the state board of accounts. Specifies that the audit committee is comprised of five voting members and one advisory member. Provides that the director of the office of management and budget, or the director's designee, is the advisory member. Requires the report of each examination to be distributed to the audit committee. Requires that the appointment of and any removal of the state examiner must be approved by the legislative council. Eliminates the requirement that a state examiner and each deputy examiner have three consecutive years of active experience as a field examiner with the state board of accounts. Requires the state examiner to have at least five years of accounting experience, including at least three years of single audit experience in the public or private sector. Replaces the requirement that the deputy state examiners be of different political parties with a requirement that not more than two of the three members of the state board of accounts be members of the same political party. Provides for staggered four year terms for members of the state board of accounts.

Current Status: 3/14/2014 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/12/2014 - Motion to Concur in House Amendments: prevailed;
Roll Call 384: yeas 45 and nays 0

3/12/2014 - Senate Concurred with House Amendments
Concurred (Y: 45, N: 0)

State Bill Page: [SB338](#)

SB367

VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (HERSHMAN B) Specifies that the county auditor (rather than the county treasurer, under current law) makes certain requested advances to political subdivisions within the county. Specifies that an active duty military member who maintains ownership of a home in Indiana and is ordered to deploy outside of Indiana may maintain eligibility for a homestead deduction. Provides that for purposes of the circuit breaker credit, residential property: (1) includes a single family dwelling that is under construction and the land, not exceeding one acre, on which the dwelling will be located; and (2) excludes real property that consists of a commercial hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or tourist cabin. Requires the state board of finance to make a loan to a school corporation from the rainy day fund, if the school corporation's petition for a loan from the fund was denied in October 2013 and a general fund referendum was not passed in 2014 by the voters in the school corporation. Specifies that delinquent penalties, fees, and interest are included in the amounts due for determining whether a parcel is included on the delinquency list for purposes of the tax sale law. Makes the 2012 maximum property tax levy adjustment for Fairfield Township in Tippecanoe County permanent. Restores the requirement deleted by SEA 207-2014 that the department of local government finance (DLGF) must approve the

ballot language proposed by a school corporation for a school general fund referendum and restores the related certification procedures. Removes the requirement added by SEA 207-2014 that the county election board of the county or counties in which the school corporation is located must either approve or revise the proposed ballot language and removes related changes. Provides that the sales tax rate on a motor vehicle that a purchaser intends to transport outside Indiana within 30 days and title or register for use in another state or country is the rate of that state or country. Extends the sales and use tax exemption for aircraft repair and maintenance. Authorizes a shareholder, partner, or member of a pass through entity to claim the industrial recovery tax credit. Specifies that contributions to organizations that provide services to individuals who are ex-offenders are eligible for the neighborhood assistance credit. Provides that beginning in 2015, the office of community and rural affairs administers the historic rehabilitation income tax credits. Changes the schedule of maximum property tax rates that may be imposed by an airport authority. Includes a maximum tax rate calculation that provides that the tax rate is not decreased to a level where the airport authority would initially lose tax revenue as the assessed value increases. Provides that if a taxpayer fails to make a payment under a property tax payment arrangement, the county treasurer and the taxpayer may enter into a subsequent arrangement and avoid the penalties otherwise due. Makes changes to the income tax credit for property taxes paid on homesteads in Lake County. Provides that if the cost of the credit is less than \$8,500,000, riverboat admissions tax revenue equal to the difference between \$8,500,000 and the cost of the credits shall be paid to the northwest Indiana regional development authority and used for public mass rail transportation in Lake County. Requires electronic filings for cigarette and alcoholic beverage taxes. Makes changes to the membership requirements for the Madison County visitor and convention commission. Requires township trustees to publish the annual abstract of receipts and expenditures within four weeks after the third Tuesday following the first Monday in February. Requires redevelopment commissions, authorities, and departments to submit certain information to the DLGF before July 1, 2014. Provides that the DLGF shall deliver the report required by SEA 118-2014 by October 1, 2014 (rather than August 1, 2014). Requires the office of management and budget to prepare certain studies.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - Rules Suspended. Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 524: yeas 73 and nays 24

Recent Status: 3/13/2014 - Conference Committee Report 1 adopted; Roll Call 464: yeas 47 and nays 1
3/13/2014 - Representative T. Brown added as conferee

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SB422

ABANDONED HOUSING (MERRITT J) Requires the attorney general to establish and maintain a tax sale blight registry of all persons ineligible to participate in the tax sale. Provides that properties certified as vacant or abandoned may be sold outright at the tax sale. Reduces the interest rate for payments in excess of a minimum bid from 10% to 5%. Lowers the interest rate for refunds on certain tax sales from 6% to 5%. Provides that the notice to a record owner of property must occur six months, instead of nine months, after the date of the tax sale. Requires the executive of a county, city, or town to obtain a judgment that a parcel of real property is vacant or abandoned before a certification can be made to the county auditor for tax sales purposes. Reduces the period from six to three months when a tax sale purchaser may petition the court for a judgment directing the county auditor to issue a tax deed if the real property is not redeemed from the sale. Specifies that a property tax penalty for property sold by a county executive through a certificate of sale procedure is to be removed from the tax duplicate if the penalty is associated with a

delinquency that was not due until after the date of the original tax sale but is due before the issuance of the certificate of sale by the county executive. Requires, for tax deeds executed for real property sold at a tax sale, that the county auditor submit the tax deed directly to the county recorder for recording and charge the tax sale purchaser the appropriate recording fee. Permits the county auditor to be the only signer of a sales disclosure form. Adds the term "blighted" in determining whether a building is an unsafe building. Requires a business entity that seeks to register to bid at a tax sale to provide a certificate from the secretary of state to the county treasurer. Prohibits foreign business associations that have not registered with the secretary of state from participating in the tax sale. Requires persons who purchase a property or certificate at a tax sale to reimburse the county for the costs of a title search. Permits a county to establish a paddle fee for persons who attend the tax sale. Requires the sheriff to notify the owner of a foreclosed property being sold at auction if the sale is canceled.

Current Status: 3/12/2014 - Motion to Concur in House Amendments: prevailed;
Roll Call 390: yeas 45 and nays 0

Recent Status: 3/12/2014 - Senate Concurred with House Amendments
Concurred (Y: 45, N: 0)
3/3/2014 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

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SJR9

RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE (STEELE B) Provides that the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife is a valued part of Indiana's heritage and shall be forever preserved for the public good. Provides that the people have a right, which includes the right to use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject only to the laws prescribed by the general assembly and rules prescribed by virtue of the authority of the general assembly to: (1) promote wildlife conservation and management; and (2) preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Provides that hunting and fishing are the preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. Provides that this constitutional amendment does not limit the application of any laws relating to trespass or property rights. This proposed amendment has not been agreed to by the previous general assembly.

Current Status: 3/3/2014 - Returned to the Senate without amendments

Recent Status: 3/3/2014 - Third reading Passed: Roll Call 382: yeas 79 and nays
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3/3/2014 - Senate Resolutions on Third Reading

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