



## **2019 Session IN General Assembly** January 18, 2019 Bill Tracker

### **Welcome to the First Session of the 121<sup>th</sup> Indiana General Assembly**

The 2019 Indiana General Assembly Biennium Session convened on Thursday, January 3 to craft a new two-year \$34 billion-dollar budget. The House Ways and Means Committee started hearings last week on HB 1001, the budget bill and many other committees fired up hearing schedules as well. Bills are still being “dropped” and over 1200 bills total are expected.

Governor Eric Holcomb presented his “Next Level” policy goals when he gave his “State of the State” address last Tuesday evening. They focus on issues including teacher raises, work force development and passing a hate crimes bill. His biennial budget proposal reflects no new spending for agriculture and natural resources and cuts funding for the commuter train to Chicago. He does increase the budget of the Dept. of Child Services and allocates new money for State Fair building improvements.

Committee work has voted out a few bills and they are moving to the floors for next action. Please find bills marked in **red** that are of main interest to us.

#### 2019 Session Deadlines

- 2/25 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of House Bills
- 2/26 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Senate Bills
- 4/15 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of House Bills in Senate
- 4/16 last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Senate Bills in House
- 4/26 last day for adjournment of both houses

Bill filing lists are near complete but I will continue to review House and Senate bills that may have impact on us. Below are bills of importance to IASWCD. *Please contact me at (317.753.9627) or [chizer@inag.biz](mailto:chizer@inag.biz) with any concerns or needs. Thank you, Cress*

#### **Useful Links**

**House Committee Schedules** <http://iga.in.gov/documents/d818d017>

**Senate Committee Schedules** <http://iga.in.gov/documents/85381d73>

**Find your Legislator: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>**

## **TRACKING LIST**

The State of Indiana has made changes to its website, including the website for the Indiana General Assembly. To view any bill in its entirety, click here: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/bills/> Once there, scroll through the list of Senate and House bills filed and click on the bill you want to view. Once you are on the main page for a particular bill, you will need to click on the following options in the upper left side, which are self-explanatory:

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## **House**

- **HB 1001:** [Biennial budget.](#)
- **HB 1045:** [Regulation of mining.](#)
- **HB 1265:** [Study of low head dams and riparian rights.](#)
- **HB 1266:** [Sediment and erosion control in construction.](#)
- **HB 1270:** [Kankakee River basin development.](#)
- **HB 1278:** [Various environmental matters.](#)
- **HB 1279:** [Conservancy district petition.](#)
- **HB 1376:** [Conservation funding.](#)
- **HB 1406:** [Water infrastructure assistance fund and program.](#)
- **HB 1438:** [Water and wastewater infrastructure.](#)
- **HB 1491:** [Clean water Indiana program.](#)
- **HB 1492:** [Noxious weed control.](#)
- **HB 1513:** [Department of natural resources.](#)
- **HB 1514:** [Department of environmental management fees.](#)
- **HB 1531:** [Local regulation of natural resource development.](#)
- **HB 1551:** [Tobacco issues.](#)
- **HB 1565:** [Cigarette taxes.](#)

## **Senate**

- **SB 4:** [Water and wastewater utilities and runoff.](#)
- **SB 305:** [Timber management.](#)
- **SB 610:** [State forest commission and management plan.](#)

## Other Issues Watch

Resolutions are still being filed and as ones of interest are researched, they will be listed here.

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