

#GovAgenda

2016

A compilation of the Governor's agenda bills for the 2016 legislative session.

JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

21ST CENTURY CROSSROADS

Makes \$1 billion in new state road funding available over the next four years without raising taxes.

LOCAL ROAD FUNDING

Makes immediately available \$418 million in Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) reserves to local governments to help improve local roads and bridges across the state.

REGIONAL CITIES FUNDING

Amends Indiana law to authorize an additional \$42 million in tax amnesty collections to provide funding for three Regional Cities proposals instead of two.

STATE CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Provides the Indiana Department of Administration with the authority to certify a business as a veteran-owned small business.

PROMOTE USE OF ETHANOL FUEL BLENDS

Promotes the use of ethanol-blended fuels by expanding the misfueling immunity statute.

EDUCATION

A-F SCHOOL GRADES

Holds schools harmless for their A-F accountability grade for the 2014-2015 year to accommodate the transition to more rigorous academic standards.

TEACHER BONUSES AND EVALUATIONS

Ensures that teacher bonuses and evaluations are not negatively impacted by the transition to a new test during this year.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

INCREASE PENALTIES ON DRUG DEALERS

Increases penalties for drug dealers convicted of serious and aggravated offenses.

INDIANA COMMISSION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE

Establishes the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse to comprehensively address drug abuse issues at the state and local level.

EXPANSION OF THE LIFELINE LAW

Expands the lifeline law to allow immunity for certain individuals who call emergency personnel when an individual is at risk of a drug overdose.

STANDING ORDER FOR NALOXONE

Ensures that lifesaving overdose intervention drugs are available statewide by requiring a licensed prescriber at the Indiana State Department of Health to issue a statewide standing order (prescription).

CODIFY HEALTHY INDIANA PLAN (HIP 2.0)

Codifies the basic structure and overall policy objectives of the HIP 2.0 program.

ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT (ABLE ACT)

Creates a savings program for Hoosiers to better provide for their loved ones with special needs by allowing them to save money for disability-related costs without placing other benefits at risk.

ADD HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO THE DCS STATUTE

Ensures that children who are victims of human trafficking are able to be served by the Department of Child Services (DCS) by adding human trafficking to the Child In Need of Services (CHINS) statute.