

- HB1021 FIREARM STORAGE (GORE M) Provides that a person having the care of a dependent who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally fails to secure a loaded firearm in the person's residence or vehicle commits neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony, if the dependent uses the firearm to cause bodily injury or death to any person. Enhances the offense to a Level 5 felony in particular instances. Specifies exceptions and defenses. Specifies sign requirements for retail dealers. Defines terms and makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 12/1/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
All Bill Status: 12/1/2025 - First Reading
12/1/2025 - Authored By Mitch Gore
- HB1022 SELECTION OF CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (LOPEZ D) Requires a candidate for governor who has been nominated at a primary election or state convention to certify the name of the candidate for lieutenant governor who will run jointly with the candidate for governor at the general election. Requires the candidate for lieutenant governor to file a declaration of candidacy not later than noon July 15 before the general election. Makes conforming changes.
Current Status: 12/4/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Smaltz
All Bill Status: 12/1/2025 - Referred to House Elections and Apportionment
12/1/2025 - First Reading
12/1/2025 - Authored By Danny Lopez
- HB1025 RESIDENCY OF PROSECUTORS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS (ZIMMERMAN A) Provides that a deputy prosecuting attorney and a public defender may not be subject to a county residency requirement, unless the residency requirement includes all counties contiguous to the county in which the individual serves.
Current Status: 12/1/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
All Bill Status: 12/1/2025 - First Reading
12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representative McNamara
12/1/2025 - Authored By Alex Zimmerman
- HB1031 COUNTY CORONERS (ENGLEMAN K) Removes minimum hour of instruction requirements for certain training courses provided by the coroners training board, and provides that a coroner or deputy coroner who has not successfully completed that training may not conduct a death investigation or sign a death certificate. Provides that a coroner or deputy coroner who conducts a death investigation or signs a death certificate without completing certain training commits a Class B misdemeanor. Provides that, if a coroner or deputy coroner fails to complete the required training course within the time required, the county shall reimburse the coroners training board for the cost of the training. Provides that the county may recover from an individual the amount the county reimbursed the coroners training board.
Current Status: 12/1/2025 - Referred to House Local Government
All Bill Status: 12/1/2025 - First Reading
12/1/2025 - Authored By Karen Engleman
- HB1032 REDISTRICTING (SMALTZ B) Allows the general assembly to amend congressional districts at a time other than the first regular session of the general assembly convening immediately following the United States decennial census. Specifies requirements that apply to any action challenging the apportionment of congressional districts or general assembly districts. Establishes new Indiana congressional districts. Provides for expiration of the current congressional districts on the date of the 2026 general election. Specifies that for purposes of the 2026 primary and general election, a precinct may cross the boundary of a congressional district. Requires the election division to assist each county voter registration office with the implementation of this act. Makes technical and necessary changes in related statutes.
Current Status: 12/11/2025 - Third reading defeated; Roll Call 8: yeas 19, nays 31
All Bill Status: 12/11/2025 - House Bills on Third Reading
12/10/2025 - Amendment #3 (Randolph Lonnie M) failed; voice vote
12/10/2025 - Amendment #1 (Qaddoura) failed; voice vote
12/10/2025 - added as cosponsor Senator Young M
12/10/2025 - added as cosponsor Senator Byrne
12/10/2025 - Second reading ordered engrossed
12/10/2025 - Amendment #2 (Ford J.D.) failed; voice vote
12/10/2025 - House Bills on Second Reading
12/9/2025 - Committee Report do pass, adopted
12/8/2025 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 6; Nays: 3

12/8/2025 - added as third sponsor Senator Brown L
 12/8/2025 - added as second sponsor Senator Garten
 12/8/2025 - added as cosponsor Senator Johnson T
 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Elections
 12/8/2025 - First Reading
 12/8/2025 - Senate Elections, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
 12/5/2025 - Referred to Senate
 12/5/2025 - Senate sponsor: Senator Gaskill
 12/5/2025 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 28: yeas 57, nays 41
 12/5/2025 - Motion to postpone indefinitely, failed Roll Call 27: yeas 28, nays 65
 12/5/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Zimmerman
 12/5/2025 - House Bills on Third Reading
 12/4/2025 - Second reading ordered engrossed
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #9 (Smith V) ruled out of order
 12/4/2025 - Appeal the ruling of the chair (Bartlett); ruling of the chair sustained
 Roll Call 23: yeas 65, nays 27
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #7 (Harris) failed; Roll Call 24: yeas 28, nays 65
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #2 (Bartlett) ruled out of order
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #21 (Porter) failed; Roll Call 22: yeas 29, nays 63
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #8 (Porter) failed; Roll Call 20: yeas 29, nays 64
 12/4/2025 - Appeal the ruling of the chair (Smith V); ruling of the chair sustained
 Roll Call 17: yeas 63, nays 29
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #16 (Porter) failed; Roll Call 21: yeas 28, nays 65
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #17 (DeLaney) failed; Roll Call 18: yeas 29, nays 65
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #18 (DeLaney) failed; Roll Call 19: yeas 29, nays 65
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #9 (Smith V) ruled out of order voice vote
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #13 (Gore) failed; Roll Call 16: yeas 28, nays 66
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #10 (Shackleford) failed; Roll Call 15: yeas 27, nays 67
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #12 (Gore) failed; Roll Call 13: yeas 29, nays 66
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #15 (Shackleford) failed; Roll Call 14: yeas 29, nays 66
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #3 (Jackson C) failed; Roll Call 12: yeas 30, nays 64
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #1 (Errington) failed; Roll Call 11: yeas 27, nays 67
 12/4/2025 - Amendment #5 (Pierce M) failed; Roll Call 10: yeas 27, nays 66
 12/4/2025 - House Bills on Second Reading
 12/2/2025 - Appeal the ruling of the chair (C Jackson); ruling of the chair sustained
 Roll Call 7: yeas 64, nays 24
 12/2/2025 - Minority report (C Jackson) ruled out of order
 12/2/2025 - Minority report (C Jackson) not substituted for majority report
 12/2/2025 - Committee Report do pass, adopted Roll Call 8: yeas 63, nays 23
 12/2/2025 - House Elections and Apportionment, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
 12/2/2025 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 8; Nays: 5
 12/1/2025 - Referred to House Elections and Apportionment
 12/1/2025 - First Reading
 12/1/2025 - Authored By Ben Smaltz

HB1033

VARIOUS JUDICIAL MATTERS (LOPEZ D) Requires that, in a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge must: (1) be appointed to the community corrections advisory board; and (2) appoint the second judge and a mental health representative. Defines "full court" as the total of all Marion County superior court judges who are appointed and serving as judges. Specifies that if a newly appointed judge is filling a vacancy of a judge whose term ends the same year as the appointment, the newly appointed judge shall serve a term that expires on December 31 of the sixth full year following the appointment. Requires the Marion County judicial selection committee (judicial selection committee) to nominate a minimum of three candidates to the governor when a judicial vacancy exists and allows the governor to appoint any of the nominated candidates when filling more than one vacancy. Replaces the term "presiding judge" with "chief judge" within the Marion County superior court. Requires the judicial selection committee to determine that a judge is suitable to retain judicial office before a judge's request for retention may be placed on the ballot. Establishes a procedure with specific deadlines for a judge who wishes to stand for retention in 2026. Repeals and replaces a provision concerning the procedure to select the Marion County judicial executive committee (executive committee) and certain court provisions. Provides that, for an executive committee starting a term on January 1, 2027, and for the selection of each committee thereafter, the full court shall meet not later than November 15 in the final year of the executive committee's term to select the next executive committee. Requires a two-thirds vote of the sitting judges who will hold office on January 1 of the next year to select members of the executive committee. Requires the judicial selection committee to appoint the chief judge. Increases the term of an executive committee member of the Marion County judiciary from two years to three years. Specifies which duties are the responsibility of

the full court and which are to be determined by a trial judge. Describes the duties and authority of the executive committee. Provides that any action taken by the executive committee may only be overruled by a majority vote of 85% of the full court sitting at the time the vote is taken. Provides that a majority vote of 85% of the full court, serving at the time the vote is taken, is required to remove a member of the executive committee. Removes a requirement that the executive committee requires the approval of two-thirds of the judges to determine the number of judicial officers and personnel required to serve the court. Provides that the judge of the circuit court has exclusive authority to appoint commissioners or magistrates allocated to the circuit court. Provides that the executive committee has exclusive authority to appoint commissioners or magistrates allocated to the superior court, and the commissioners and magistrates appointed serve at the pleasure of the executive committee. Specifies that the executive committee has final authority for all employment decisions regarding commissioners and magistrates. Repeals a provision that allows the presiding judge to appoint a magistrate and allows the executive committee to appoint 28 magistrates. Repeals a provision that allows a party to a superior court proceeding to request an elected judge to preside over the proceeding instead of the magistrate. Requires a voting member of the justice reinvestment advisory council to cast a vote in person. Requires that, in a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge or a judge appointed by the chief judge be the chair of the local justice reinvestment advisory council. Provides that a local or regional advisory council may only take action upon the affirmative vote of the members and a member must cast a vote in person. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 12/2/2025 - Reassigned to Committee on Judiciary

All Bill Status: 12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Jeter, Steuerwald

12/1/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

12/1/2025 - First Reading

12/1/2025 - Authored By Danny Lopez

HB1038

RIVERBOAT GAMING LICENSE (SNOW C) Requires the Indiana gaming commission to accept applications and proposals to award an owner's license to operate a casino in Allen County if certain conditions are met. Requires a license fee for the owner's license to operate in Allen County in the amount of at least \$50,000,000. Requires the fee for the Allen County casino license to be deposited in the state general fund.

Current Status: 12/4/2025 - House Public Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

All Bill Status: 12/1/2025 - Referred to House Public Policy

12/1/2025 - First Reading

12/1/2025 - Authored By Craig Snow

HB1039

VARIOUS IMMIGRATION MATTERS (PRESCOTT J) Provides that if a law enforcement officer, governmental body, or postsecondary educational institution is made a party to a civil suit and the attorney general determines that the suit has arisen out of certain acts, the attorney general shall defend the law enforcement officer, governmental body, or postsecondary educational institution throughout the action. Clarifies that the enforcement of federal immigration laws may be carried out by federal, state, or local law enforcement. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental bodies or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. Provides that a governmental body that has the custody of an individual who is the subject of an immigration detainer request shall: (1) provide the judge authorized to grant or deny the individual's release on bail notice that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (2) record in the individual's case file that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (3) comply with the immigration detainer request; and (4) inform the individual that the individual is being held pursuant to an immigration detainer request. Provides immunity to a governmental body or an employee of a governmental body for any action taken concerning an immigration detainer request. Prohibits a political subdivision from taking certain actions to aid, assist, incentivize, or facilitate the migration of any alien or class of aliens into Indiana. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that a governmental entity has not complied with an immigration detention request, the attorney general may bring a court action to: (1) enjoin an act or practice constituting a violation of an immigration detention request; and (2) impose a civil penalty for noncompliance with an immigration detention request. Requires a judge who receives notice that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer request to ensure that the notice of the immigration detainer request is recorded in the court's record. Prohibits an employer from knowingly or intentionally recruiting, hiring, or employing an unauthorized alien. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that an employer has recruited, hired, or employed an unauthorized alien, the attorney general may enjoin the action and seek the suspension of the employer's operating authorizations. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting official is entitled to investigative costs and costs in an indecent nuisance action.

Current Status: 12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Bartels, Jeter, Davis

All Bill Status: 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Judiciary

12/2/2025 - First Reading

12/2/2025 - Authored By J.D. Prescott

HB1041

LINE MAINTENANCE IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (DAVIS M) Sets forth minimum standards and requirements for

the installation and maintenance of communications service or utility service facilities (facilities) in a public right-of-way. Defines a "permittee" as: (1) a person to whom an initial permit or authorization for the installation of a facility in a public right-of-way is granted by a unit; or (2) a service provider responsible for maintaining a facility that has been installed in a public right-of-way. Defines a "line pollution violation" as a violation attributable to a permittee and involving: (1) noncompliance with any standard or requirement set forth in the bill; or (2) the presence of any damaged, abandoned, loose, or improperly secured facilities within a public right-of-way. Provides that a permittee responsible for a line pollution violation is liable to the unit owning the public right-of-way for a fine in an amount determined by the unit, but not to exceed: (1) \$500 per violation for each day the violation remains uncured; or (2) a total fine of \$2,500. Requires a permittee to ensure that any person responsible for installing, replacing, relocating, or repairing any underground facility that is owned or operated by the permittee and located within a public right-of-way complies with the requirements set forth in: (1) Indiana's statute concerning underground utility facilities; and (2) any applicable local ordinance or regulation; with respect to any work involving drilling, trenching, boring, hand digging, or plowing.

Current Status: 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

All Bill Status: 12/2/2025 - First Reading

12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Greene, Bartels, Shonkwiler

12/2/2025 - Authored By Michelle Davis

HB1042

REGULATION AND INVESTMENT OF CRYPTOCURRENCY (PIERCE K) Provides that the administrator or manager of the following shall offer a cryptocurrency exchange traded fund as a regular investment program: (1) The legislators' defined contribution plan. (2) The Hoosier START plan. (3) The public employees' retirement fund hybrid plan. (4) The public employees' retirement fund My Choice plan. (5) The teachers' retirement fund hybrid plan (including the teachers' pre-1996 account). (6) The teachers' retirement fund My Choice plan. (7) The 529 education savings plan. Provides that the assets of the following may be invested in cryptocurrency exchange traded funds: (1) The legislators' defined benefit plan. (2) The state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan. (3) The special death benefit fund. (4) The public employees' retirement fund hybrid plan. (5) The pension relief fund. (6) The teachers' retirement fund hybrid plan (including the teachers' pre-1996 account). (7) The judges' retirement system. (8) The prosecuting attorneys retirement fund. (9) The 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. Provides that the treasurer of state may invest the assets of the following in stablecoin cryptocurrency exchange traded funds: (1) The trust Indiana investment pool. (2) The next generation trust fund. (3) The state police benefit system. Establishes the blockchain and digital assets task force and provides that the task force shall: (1) evaluate governmental use cases, consumer protection, tax administration, and investment governance for digital assets; and (2) develop, and submit to the governor and the legislative council, recommended legislation for introduction in the 2027 legislation session establishing not more than two state or local blockchain pilot projects for the purpose of testing blockchain implementation in Indiana. Prohibits a public agency, county, municipality, or township from adopting or enforcing a rule, ordinance, or other regulation that does any of the following: (1) Prohibits, restricts, or impairs an individual's ability to: (A) accept digital assets as a method of payment for legal goods and services; or (B) take custody of digital assets using specified technologies. (2) Prohibits, restricts, or impairs the ability of an individual or business to engage in specified activities pertaining to blockchains. (3) Imposes taxes or fees on: (A) use or acceptance of digital assets as a method of payment for legal goods and services; or (B) taking or maintaining custody of digital assets using a self-hosted wallet or hardware wallet; that are not applicable to comparable financial transactions that do not involve digital assets. (4) Prohibits a digital asset mining business from operating in an area zoned for industrial use, or subjects a digital asset mining business located in an area zoned for industrial use to noise restrictions that are not applicable to other businesses operating in an area zoned for industrial use. (5) Prohibits private digital asset mining in a private residence located in an area that is zoned for residential use, or subjects private digital asset mining in a residence located in an area zoned for residential use to noise restrictions that do not apply to other residences in an area zoned for residential use. Provides that development or use of software for noncustodial transfer of digital assets does not constitute money transmission for purposes of statutes regarding licensure of money transmitters. Provides that a court may compel a person to disclose a digital asset private key only if no other admissible information is sufficient to provide access to the digital asset.

Current Status: 12/4/2025 - House Financial Institutions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

All Bill Status: 12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Teshka, Judy, VanNatter

12/2/2025 - Referred to House Financial Institutions

12/2/2025 - First Reading

12/2/2025 - Authored By Kyle Pierce

HB1043

DATA CENTER WATER REGULATION (BURTON A) Defines "data center". Prohibits a person from operating a data center in Indiana without obtaining a consumption permit from the department of natural resources (department). Sets forth information that must be included in a consumption permit application. Establishes procedures for the department to approve or deny a consumption permit application. Provides that a consumption permit may be transferred under certain circumstances. Provides that a person may consult with the department to assess the viability of a proposed data center with respect to water consumption. Allows the natural resources commission to

adopt rules to implement this bill.

Current Status: 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Natural Resources

All Bill Status: 12/2/2025 - First Reading

12/2/2025 - Authored By Alex Burton

- HB1044 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (PRESSEL J) Provides that a public safety employee who: (1) becomes disabled on or after January 1, 2020; (2) receives a Class 1 or a Class 2 impairment benefit; and (3) is eligible for group health insurance coverage for the public safety employee and the public safety employee's spouse or dependents; must pay the same amount that the public safety employee would have been required to pay if still serving as a current active public safety employee employed by the local unit public employer. Specifies that the public safety employee must file a written request for insurance coverage with the employer before June 1, 2026, or within 90 days after the public safety employee begins receiving disability benefits, whichever is later. Provides that a surviving spouse or dependent of a public safety employee who dies in the line of duty must pay the same amount that the public safety employee would have been required to pay if still serving as a current active public safety employee employed by the local unit public employer for coverage selected by the surviving spouse or dependent under the group health insurance program.
- Current Status:* 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Insurance
- All Bill Status:* 12/2/2025 - First Reading
- 12/2/2025 - Authored By Jim Pressel
- HB1045 RESTRICTED ACCESS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS TO PARKS (PRESCOTT J) Provides that the offense of unlawful entry by a serious sex offender includes a serious sex offender knowingly or intentionally entering a public park.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - added as coauthors Representatives Rowray, Olthoff
- All Bill Status:* 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
- 12/2/2025 - First Reading
- 12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Zimmerman
- 12/2/2025 - Authored By J.D. Prescott
- HB1052 VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW MATTERS (MANNING E) Adds conditions for which the horse racing commission (HRC) may revoke or suspend a license or deny a license application. Provides that appeals of certain decisions of the HRC may be appealed to the office of administrative law proceedings. Adds sports wagering certificate holders to the voluntary exclusion program. Defines and establishes civil and criminal penalties for conducting a "sweepstakes game". Establishes requirements for the wholesale sale and distribution of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. Adds additional information an applicant must provide to the alcohol and tobacco commission when applying for a tobacco sales certificate. Provides for the suspension of a certificate if the certificate holder's employees violate employee identification requirements three or more times in one year. Provides that a person who refuses to provide identifying information to a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances commits a Class C misdemeanor.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Public Policy
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Mayfield, Moed
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Ethan Manning
- HB1053 REMEDIATION OF TAX SALE PARCELS (MOED J) Permits a county treasurer to require purchasers of designated parcels of real property that are: (1) located in a consolidated city; and (2) subject to tax sale, and purchased at or as a separate part of a tax sale; to submit remediation plans describing how the purchasers will bring the parcels of real property into compliance with a building code or ordinance of a consolidated city after the redemption period ends.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Local Government
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Justin Moed
- HB1055 OPTION TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN EVEN YEARS (MELTZER J) Allows any city or town to adopt an ordinance providing that each elected office of the municipality is elected in an even-numbered year. (Under current law, certain municipalities may adopt an ordinance providing that each elected office of the municipality is elected in an even-numbered year.)
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Lawson
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Zimmerman
- 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Elections and Apportionment
- 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Jennifer Meltzer
- HB1056 RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION (MELTZER J) Resolves a conflict between HEA 1014-2025

and HEA 1637-2025.

Current Status: 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

All Bill Status: 12/5/2025 - First Reading

12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Zimmerman, Shonkwiler

12/5/2025 - Authored By Jennifer Meltzer

- HB1057 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (WESCO T) Provides that a contractor that employs 10 or more employees on a design-build public works project must provide its employees access to a training program applicable to the tasks to be performed in the normal course of the employee's employment with the contractor on the public project. Provides that a tier 1 or tier 2 contractor that employs 50 or more journeymen must participate in an apprenticeship or training program that meets certain standards. Requires design-builders and any member of a team working on a design-build public works project to comply with certain statutes. Provides that a public agency awarding a contract for a construction manager as constructor project may not take certain actions based on a bidder's, offeror's, or contractor's entering into, refusing to enter into, adhering to, or refusing to adhere to an agreement with a labor organization.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Timothy Wesco
- HB1058 ANNEXATION (STEUERWALD G) Provides that annexation territory that is divided by railroad tracks satisfies contiguity requirements, if the territory on at least one side of the railroad tracks is contiguous to the municipality.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Local Government
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Gregory Steuerwald
- HB1063 DECEPTIVE CONSUMER SALES (ANDRADE M) Amends the definition of "consumer transaction" for purposes of the deceptive consumer sales act to include the provision of a product or service to a state agency or a local agency in Indiana. Amends the definition of "supplier" for purposes of the deceptive consumer sales act to include an entity that provides a product or service to a state agency or a local agency in Indiana. Provides that an action that arises from a consumer transaction involving the provision of a product or service by a supplier to a state agency may be brought and enforced only by the attorney general. Provides that an action that arises from a consumer transaction involving the provision of a product or service by a supplier to a local agency may be brought and enforced only by an attorney acting on behalf of the local agency, unless the local unit of government served by the local agency requests the attorney general to bring and enforce an action on behalf of the local unit. Provides that in an action that arises from a consumer transaction involving the provision of a product or service by a supplier to a state agency or a local agency, a court may take certain actions.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Teshka, Pierce K, Slager
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Mike Andrade
- HB1064 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (CULP K) Makes repeated operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) over private real property a nuisance, with both civil and criminal penalties, including an increased penalty for nuisances involving agricultural property. Provides that operating a UAV not more than 100 feet above private real property or landing the UAV on private real property is a civil trespass, with civil penalties, including an increased penalty for trespasses involving agricultural property. Creates various crimes for operating a UAV over certain places, people, or animals such as livestock. Provides that operating a UAV to collect certain data, recordings, or photographs of an individual or area of real property is a Class A misdemeanor. Provides, however, that the violation is a Level 6 felony if the subject of the data, recordings, or photographs involves certain critical infrastructure. Requires a person who operates a UAV that is at least 55 pounds to carry liability insurance, and requires the department of homeland security to develop and administer a program to verify UAV insurance compliance. Makes conforming changes.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Kendell Culp
- HB1065 BAN ON GRATUITIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS (SLAGER H) Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for: (1) a person to offer a payment to a public servant as a reward for an official act taken by the public servant; or (2) a public servant to solicit or accept a payment as a reward for an official act performed by the public servant. Increases the penalty to a Level 6 felony if the fair market value of the reward is at least \$750. Exempts: (1) a good or service that is subject to a reporting requirement or otherwise authorized by an applicable rule or code of ethics; (2) a good or service with a

value of less than \$100; (3) commemorative or ceremonial items, such as plaques, trophies, or framed photos; (4) lawful political contributions; or (5) wages and other forms of work related compensation from the governmental entity employing the public servant that the public servant is legally permitted to receive.

Current Status: 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

All Bill Status: 12/5/2025 - First Reading

12/5/2025 - Authored By Harold Slager

- HB1066 PURCHASE AND LEASE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES (GORE M) Removes an exemption for the governor and the state police department from the requirement of procuring a government, base, or standard model vehicle that is not from a luxury or semi-luxury brand (base model vehicle). With certain exceptions, requires a political subdivision to procure only base model vehicles. Removes a provision allowing the Indiana department of administration to give an exception to a state entity from the requirement of procuring a base model vehicle. Requires state entities and political subdivisions to dispose of vehicles not later than January 1, 2028, that are not base model vehicles.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Mitch Gore
- HB1070 INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (MOSELEY C) Provides that an individual who is a volunteer firefighter is entitled to a credit of \$200 against the individual's adjusted gross income tax liability each taxable year.
- Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- All Bill Status:* 12/5/2025 - First Reading
- 12/5/2025 - Authored By Chuck Moseley
- SB6 EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICES (NIEMEYER R) Provides that a public utility must conduct an outreach program before it condemns land for the purpose of extending a water or wastewater main. Establishes certain meeting and notice requirements for the outreach program.
- Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Local Government
- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading
- 12/8/2025 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer
- SB7 CARBON SEQUESTRATION (NIEMEYER R) Provides that a storage operator may not operate a carbon sequestration project that transports or stores carbon dioxide outside the county where the carbon dioxide is generated unless the project is approved by the appropriate county legislative body or plan commission. Makes conforming changes.
- Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading
- 12/8/2025 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer
- SB8 LIBRARY BUDGETS (BYRNE G) Requires the county, city, or town fiscal body (as applicable) to review the proposed budget and property tax levy of a public library that is not comprised of a majority of officials who are elected to serve on the public library's governing body and adopt a final budget and property tax levy for the public library. Repeals separate provisions that apply if particular conditions are satisfied as each pertains to county, city, or town fiscal body review and adoption of the final budget and property tax levy of a public library that is not comprised of a majority of officials who are elected to serve on the public library's governing body. Makes corresponding changes and technical corrections.
- Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy
- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading
- 12/8/2025 - Authored By Gary Byrne
- SB9 VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS AT SENTENCING (BROWN L) Requires a defendant to be present in the courtroom while a victim makes a statement concerning the crime and the sentence unless the defendant presents a safety risk or causes a significant disruption.
- Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading
- 12/8/2025 - Authored By Liz Brown
- SB10 STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS (ROGERS L) Requires the state to make contributions after December 31, 2026, that match, dollar for dollar, each state employee's deferred compensation contributions, not to exceed \$28 per paycheck. Specifies limitations on state contributions, including the availability of biennial appropriations and other amounts transferred. Allows in certain circumstances the budget agency to suspend contributions, resume contributions, and make contributions that were missed due to suspension. Requires the interim study committee on

pension management oversight (PMOC) to study in each odd-numbered year whether the maximum state contribution should be increased and make a recommendation to the budget agency if it determines that the maximum contribution should be increased. Allows the budget agency to increase the maximum state contribution following a recommendation from PMOC. Specifies a process by which portions of the funding sources for the retirement medical benefits account must be transferred to the state comptroller for the purpose of making matching contributions. Provides as a default rule that after December 31, 2026, each participant's membership in the retirement medical benefits account is terminated, participant subaccounts are forfeited, and subaccount amounts must be transferred to the state general fund. Specifies exceptions. Requires the state comptroller to transfer certain amounts from the state general fund to each participant's defined contribution plan. Specifies a time frame within which a participant in the retirement medical benefits account may elect to remain a participant. Establishes the 2027 retiree health benefit trust. Provides that the retiree health benefit trust fund will be terminated when certain conditions are met. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

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12/8/2025 - Authored By Linda Rogers

SB11

FIRING SQUAD (YOUNG M) Authorizes the death penalty to be carried out by firing squad: (1) if execution by lethal injection cannot be carried out due to the unavailability of a required drug; or (2) upon request by the condemned person. Establishes a procedure for execution by firing squad. Makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

Current Status: 12/8/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Byrne

All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - added as third author Senator Tomes

12/8/2025 - added as second author Senator Garten

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SB12

PROHIBITION OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING (DORIOT B) Prohibits the use of ranked choice voting.

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All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - Coauthored by Senators Rogers, Byrne

12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Elections

12/8/2025 - First Reading

12/8/2025 - Authored By Blake Doriot

SB14

PENSION MATTERS (ROGERS L) Modifies the definition of "average of the annual compensation" for a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) who retires after December 31, 2027. Specifies that compensation received in contemplation of retirement is excluded from the average of the annual compensation for particular members of PERF and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF). Repeals a provision requiring the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board) to maintain separate accounts for each unit of local government. Provides that amounts forfeited under the public employees defined contribution plan must be used as determined by the board. (Current law requires these amounts to be used to reduce the unfunded accrued liability of PERF.) Specifies a process by which a fully vested member of the public employees' defined contribution plan or the teachers' defined contribution plan may irrevocably elect to participate in PERF or TRF, as applicable. Modifies the information that must be included in a delinquency notice to a delinquent political subdivision. Modifies the requirements that apply to certain PERF members purchasing and claiming years of service credit in PERF. Allows, subject to particular requirements, certain TRF members to purchase and claim years of service credit in TRF. Allows a PERF or TRF member's employer to pay all or part of the member's contributions required for purchase of service credit. Allows a wage assignment under certain provisions to be made for the purpose of paying amounts as part of an approved compensation or benefit plan: (1) adopted by a political subdivision; and (2) for employees of the political subdivision. Provides that a municipality, a unit, an airport authority, a school corporation, or a charter school may require certain members of PERF to continue as members of that fund instead of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. Makes conforming amendments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

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- SB16 PRIVATELY MADE FIREARMS (RANDOLPH L) Defines a "privately made firearm" and other related terms. Makes it a Level 5 felony to possess a privately made firearm. Makes it a Level 5 felony to alter, obliterate, or remove certain marks of firearm identification or to possess a firearm on which those marks of identification have been altered, obliterated, or removed.
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All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph
- SB17 AIR QUALITY (RANDOLPH L) Authorizes a town, city, or county to establish or designate an agency to act for the town, city, or county as a local air pollution control agency (agency). Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental management (department) to enter into a contract with the agency of a town, city, or county if the agency is willing to enter into the contract. Provides that a contract between the department and the agency of a town, city, or county must: (1) require the department to advise, consult, cooperate with, and provide technical assistance to the agency; (2) authorize the agency to undertake air pollution control activities on behalf of the department or initiate enforcement of ordinances of the town, city, or county; and (3) provide for the payment of fair monetary compensation for the air pollution control activities performed by the agency. Provides that: (1) the compensation paid to an agency under a contract must be at least sufficient to cover the agency's staffing and operating costs; and (2) the rate of compensation must be adjusted each year according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.
Current Status: 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph
- SB19 ELECTION OF LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES (RANDOLPH L) Provides that the superior court judges of Lake County are elected in the same manner as other superior court judges. Provides that the change to the election of a judge does not occur until the general election that occurs immediately before the expiration of the term of a judge sitting on the court under current law. Repeals superseded provisions.
Current Status: 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph
- SB20 VOLUNTARY FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM (RANDOLPH L) Requires the department of insurance (department) to establish, not later than January 1, 2027, a voluntary family leave insurance program (program) for the purpose of providing benefits to employees who elect to participate in the program. Sets forth requirements for the program. Allows the department to contract with an outside vendor to administer the program. Requires the department, not later than November 1, 2026, to submit a report to the legislative council and the budget committee concerning the proposed program. Establishes the voluntary family leave insurance program trust fund (trust fund) for the purpose of paying program benefits. Provides that the trust fund consists of employer or employee contributions, appropriations from the general assembly, and money received from any other source. Provides that certain employers are entitled to an adjusted gross income tax deduction equal to the total amount of contributions made by the employer to the trust fund during the taxable year multiplied by 200%.
Current Status: 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions
All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph
- SB54 ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICTS FOR SOLAR PROJECTS (BROWN L) Provides that after December 31, 2025, a permit authority may not establish in a unit a zoning overlay district in which one or more commercial solar energy projects (CSE projects) will be located unless each underlying zoning district across which the proposed overlay district will extend is zoned for a use that, under the unit's existing zoning ordinance at the time the overlay district is proposed, permits the location of a CSE project within that underlying district. Provides that if one or more underlying zoning districts across which the proposed overlay district will extend is not zoned for a use that permits the location of a CSE project within that underlying district, each such underlying zoning district, or part of the zoning district, must be rezoned for a use that permits the location of a CSE project within all or part of the underlying zoning district.
Current Status: 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Utilities
All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Liz Brown

- SB59 NOTICE OF ANNEXATION OUTREACH MEETINGS (NIEMEYER R) Requires a municipality to mail notice of the date, time, and location of annexation outreach meetings to: (1) the county executive of each county; and (2) any plan commission; in which the annexation territory is located.
Current Status: 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Local Government
All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer
- SB69 1977 PENSION AND DISABILITY FUND (ROGERS L) Increases the basic monthly pension benefit payable to a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund) who retires after June 30, 2026, with 20 years of service. Increases the contribution rate of 1977 fund members. Increases the lump sum death benefit payable to the heirs or estate of a 1977 fund member. Provides that a 1977 fund member may extend their deferred retirement option plan (DROP) retirement date up to 60 months after the member entered the DROP. Makes conforming changes.
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12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Linda Rogers
- SB70 RIVERBOAT RELOCATION (BUSCH J) Provides that the licensed owner of the riverboat located in the city of Rising Sun (licensed owner) may relocate gaming operations to a casino in Allen County or Fort Wayne if certain conditions are met. Requires the licensed owner to pay a fee of \$50,000,000 if the licensed owner sells or transfers the licensed owner's interest in the licensed owner's license within 10 years of the approval of relocation. Provides for the distribution of wagering tax revenue and supplemental wagering tax revenue from a casino in Allen County or Fort Wayne. Provides that a board is established for the purpose of making collaborative decisions for tax revenue.
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12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Public Policy
12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Justin Busch
- SB73 MASKS AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES (BYRNE G) Makes wearing a mask at a public assembly a Class C misdemeanor, and increases the penalty to a Class A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense. Provides a defense under certain circumstances. Increases the penalty for rioting and disorderly conduct to a Level 6 felony if the offense is committed while wearing a mask.
Current Status: 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading
12/8/2025 - Authored By Gary Byrne
- SB76 IMMIGRATION MATTERS (BROWN L) Provides that if a law enforcement officer, governmental body, or a postsecondary educational institution is made a party to a civil suit and the attorney general determines that the suit has arisen out of certain acts, the attorney general shall defend the law enforcement officer, the governmental body, or the postsecondary educational institution throughout the action. Clarifies that the enforcement of federal immigration laws may be carried out by federal, state, or local law enforcement. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental entities or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. Provides that a governmental body that has the custody of an individual who is the subject of an immigration detainer request shall: (1) provide the judge authorized to grant or deny the individual's release on bail notice that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (2) record in the individual's case file that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (3) comply with the immigration detainer request; and (4) inform the individual that the individual is being held pursuant to an immigration detainer request. Requires a judge who receives notice that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer request to ensure that the notice of the immigration detainer request is recorded in the court's record. Prohibits an employer from recklessly or intentionally hiring or employing an unauthorized alien. Requires the office of the secretary to submit a report to the legislative council concerning certain information. Provides that if the attorney general, an agency, or a law enforcement agency determines that probable cause exists that an employer has hired or employed an unauthorized alien the agency, attorney general, or law enforcement agency shall provide notice to the United States Department of Homeland Security. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting

official is entitled to investigative costs and costs in an indecent nuisance action. Requires the department of correction to provide training to all sheriffs-elect concerning cooperation with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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12/8/2025 - First Reading

12/8/2025 - Authored By Liz Brown

SB79

DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT (FORD J) Requires the Indiana utility regulatory commission (commission) to establish a working group to: (1) determine an estimate of the future electricity demands of the data center industry in Indiana; and (2) report to the general assembly regarding the working group's findings and recommendations not later than October 31, 2026. Requires: (1) a person that operates a data center in Indiana to submit to the commission a quarterly report of the amount of electricity used by the data center in the immediately preceding quarter; and (2) the commission to publish a summary of the reported information on the commission's website. Provides that a county, municipality, or township shall, before issuing a permit to a person for construction of a data center: (1) require the person to disclose the projected power and water usage of the facility; and (2) perform a site assessment to determine the possible effects of the data center.

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All Bill Status: 12/8/2025 - First Reading

12/8/2025 - Authored By J.D. Ford

SB81

VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (QADDOURA F) Increases the overall local income tax (LIT) rate as enacted in SEA 1 in the 2025 session from 2.9% to 3.75%. Repeals provisions that require counties and municipalities to readopt their LIT rate each year beginning in 2031. Requires LIT revenue from a fire protection and emergency medical services rate adopted by a consolidated county to be distributed to the fire special service district established under the UNIGOV statute. Specifies that an included town that is part of the consolidated city under the UNIGOV statute is not a separate municipality for purposes of the LIT provisions enacted in SEA 1 in the 2025 session. Decouples the special purpose LIT rate for central Indiana public transportation projects from the LIT expenditure rate. (Under current law, the special rate for transportation projects is included in a county's total expenditure rate.) Repeals a provision regarding Marion County's allocation of LIT revenue. Expands the population threshold parameters under which a municipality may elect to be treated as if it were not eligible to adopt a municipal LIT (and instead potentially receive a LIT distribution under a county adopted LIT rate). Requires the population count for purposes of the LIT to include any federal special census count requested by a city or town. Makes changes to LIT distribution provisions. Restores the standard deduction for homestead property in the case of a homestead with an assessed value of \$125,000 or less, and retains the supplemental homestead deduction as enacted in SEA 1 in the 2025 session. Amends the calculation of the maximum levy growth quotient (MLGQ) to provide an increased MLGQ for those taxing units with assessed value growth over a three year average that exceeds 20%. Caps the total operating referendum tax that may be levied by a school corporation for referendums approved by the voters after December 31, 2025, to not more than the school corporation's maximum operating referendum tax levy in the immediately preceding year, multiplied by the maximum levy growth quotient. Removes project costs as a determination threshold under the controlled projects statute. Provides for an increase in the tax rate thresholds under the controlled projects statute based on any increase in a political subdivision's tax rate that results solely from the statutory changes to property tax deductions and exemptions enacted in SEA 1 in the 2025 session. Provides a property tax liability credit to freeze the homestead property tax liability for low income seniors. Repeals provisions enacted in SEA 1 in the 2025 session that require a political subdivision to hold a separate public hearing before increasing its tax levy from the preceding year. Reinstates provisions regarding excess tax levies that were repealed in SEA 1 in the 2025 session. Repeals the debt limitation for political subdivisions. Amends revenue distribution provisions for certain debt service levies to include the supplemental homestead credit and the local property tax credits for disabled individuals and seniors added in SEA 1 in the 2025 session for purposes of the distribution determination. Amends provisions added in SEA 1 in the 2025 session that require the department of local government finance to neutralize the effect of certain property tax provisions enacted in that bill. Clarifies provisions added in SEA 1 in the 2025 session that place restrictions on the issuance of certain general obligation bonds. Provides a property tax deduction for permanently disabled veterans based on the percentage of the permanently disabled veteran's service connected disability. Increases the maximum renter's deduction for income tax purposes from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per taxable year. Provides an income tax credit for first time home buyers with a mortgage applicable for the first taxable year in which the home buyer first takes

ownership of a homestead with respect to which a first time home buyer mortgage is granted. Provides that the tax credit is equal to \$3,000 for that taxable year and may not be carried forward to a succeeding taxable year, carried back to a preceding taxable year, or refunded. Provides an income tax credit for households whose income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines for a household of its size. Provides that the tax credit is equal to \$3,000 for the taxable year and may not be carried forward to a succeeding taxable year, carried back to a preceding taxable year, or refunded. Provides an income tax credit for small businesses that make contributions to a qualified employee for use toward a qualified employee's cost for child care. Provides that the tax credit may not be carried forward to a succeeding taxable year, carried back to a preceding taxable year, or refunded. Provides an income tax deduction for theft losses that result from certain financial transactions induced by third parties and that cause the individual to incur federal gross income as a result of the theft. Requires the department of state revenue to first certify the theft loss deduction before a taxpayer may claim the deduction in a taxable year.

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SB82

LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS IN MARION COUNTY (QADDOURA F) Provides that certain restrictions on the local regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories may not be construed to prevent a county containing a consolidated city from regulating firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories in a manner more restrictive than Indiana law if the regulation is recommended by a law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the county. Specifies regulations that meet these parameters. Requires compliance with the federal and state constitutions.

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SB83

VARIOUS UTILITY MATTERS (QADDOURA F) Provides that a transaction involving the sale of utility service, as reflected in the total amount billed by a utility in a customer bill that is issued after December 31, 2026, is exempt from the state gross retail tax. Provides that this exemption applies to: (1) the sale of electric, natural gas, water, or wastewater service; and (2) a customer bill issued by a utility after December 31, 2026, regardless of whether the bill includes any fees or charges for utility service provided to the customer before January 1, 2027. Repeals the sales and use tax exemption for certain data centers enacted in the 2025 session in HEA 1601. Provides that after March 14, 2026, the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) may not issue a final order in a base rate case filed by an electricity supplier if the final order, once fully implemented, would result in an average increase of 3% or greater in the total monthly bill of a residential customer of the electricity supplier. Specifies that a municipality includes a consolidated city for purposes of the existing statute authorizing a municipality to purchase, condemn, and operate a utility in the municipality for the purpose of providing utility service to the municipality or the public: (1) without the consent of the IURC; and (2) even if a public utility is engaged in a similar service in the municipality. Provides that the existing statute prohibiting a municipality, public utility, or rural electric membership corporation from bringing an action against a public utility for the condemnation of the public utility's electric utility property does not apply to a municipality that seeks to purchase the electric utility property of a public utility for use of the property in providing electric utility service if: (1) the municipality and the public utility are unable to agree upon a price to be paid for the electric utility property; and (2) the municipality by ordinance declares that a public necessity exists for the condemnation of the electric utility property. Provides that a municipality that adopts such an ordinance may: (1) bring an action in the circuit or superior court of the county where the municipality is located against the public utility for the condemnation of the electric utility property; and (2) exercise the power of eminent domain in accordance with the existing eminent domain statute. Prohibits the IURC from issuing before July 1, 2028, a final order in a base rate case filed by an electricity supplier with the IURC, regardless of the date of filing of the electricity supplier's base rate case with the IURC. Provides that this provision expires July 1, 2028. Provides that existing law providing that the rates and charges of a municipally owned utility may include a reasonable return on the utility plant of the municipality if the legislative body of the municipality so elects does not apply to rates and charges established or amended by a municipal legislative body after March 14, 2026.

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SB87

E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (GOODE G) Requires a public contract for services for a public works project to include provisions: (1) requiring contractors and subcontractors of any tier to verify the work eligibility of all employees through the E-Verify program; and (2) requiring contractors and subcontractors of any tier to provide the public agency and the general contractor, construction manager, or CMc with the E-Verify case verification number for an individual before the individual begins working on a public works project.

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