

Daily Legislative Update - Organization Day Edition

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Yesterday marked the official beginning of the 2019 legislative session as lawmakers from both houses returned to the State House for Organization Day. Each chamber met to lay out their perspective agendas and addressed general housekeeping matters. We saw the changing of the guard as 21 new members were officially sworn in. A few issues that will headline the upcoming session include school safety, teacher wage increase, workforce development and, as always in an odd numbered year, crafting the state's biennial budget. Legislators also hinted at revisiting the discussion on medical marijuana and a possible hate crimes law. Look for these to be this session's most critically debated issues. House and Senate members will now recess for the holidays before returning on January 3rd when the real work begins.

As always, please stay in the information loop with our *Daily Legislative Update* and be on the lookout for articles of interest. Have an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving!

Below are articles you may find of interest:

[Teacher pay, sexual harassment policy headline start of legislative session](#)

[Medical marijuana and Indiana: What we know about effort to legalize weed](#)

[Indiana Senate Elects First New Leader In 12 Years](#)

[Legislative Council Recommends Adoption of Sexual Harassment Policy](#)

[Indiana Schools Show Improvement](#)

[Should attorney general be appointed instead of elected? Indiana Chamber says yes.](#)