

## **Daily Legislative Update**

Friday, January 4, 2019

Indiana lawmakers completed Day 1 of the 2019 regular session this afternoon and outside of a few boisterous protestors, business proceeded as usual. It was the first opportunity for legislation to be introduced to each house and those bills were then sent off to begin their long, or sometimes short, journey through the Statehouse. As with every Friday, there will be no committee meetings or session held today, but that doesn't mean the Legislature will stop working. Lawmakers will return to their respective districts or settle into their winter homes here in Indianapolis and prepare for what will be an action packed second week of session.

Next Thursday will be the day that Governor Eric Holcomb will present his administration's two-year budget to the House Ways and Means Committee and will give us a peak into where some of the state's new money may be headed. Workforce development has arguably been Holcomb's top priority since taking office and that trend looks to continue this year, so expect that to dominate much of the early debate this session. Holcomb's agenda will continue Indiana's turn toward education policy as an extension of workforce development and will include several policy proposals that will need legislative assistance, including a new course requirement and a career counseling program for high school students. The course would be a one-semester career exploration seminar that exposes students to "key industries and careers."

This coming week will also serve as the deadline for both the House and Senate to get all bills filed before the Thursday cutoff at 2:00PM and 4:00PM respectively.

### **Below are articles you may find of interest:**

[General Assembly Faces Tight Budget](#)

[Latest Hate Crimes Proposal](#)

[State to Sharpen Rural Broadband](#)

[Senator Proposes Later Start to School Year](#)

[Holcomb has \\$4 Million in Bank Ahead of Reelection Bid](#)

**Senate and House Committee Schedule:**

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

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

**Senate and House Floor Calendars:**

Senate: <http://iga.in.gov/documents/4c7538be>

House: <http://iga.in.gov/documents/6de33d95>

**Senate and House Session Calendars:**

Senate: [http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/senate/session\\_calendar/](http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/senate/session_calendar/)

House: [http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/house/session\\_calendar/](http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/house/session_calendar/)

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