

Daily Legislative Update

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

The General Assembly will not be meeting for session today, but will hold committee meetings all morning and afternoon. This will be the case every Wednesday moving forward, so consider the halfway mark of every week to be “committee day” as we move through session. The House will begin with Education and Insurance committees at 8:30 AM and the Senate starts with Judiciary at the same time.

Hate crimes legislation continues to dominate talk around the Statehouse and on Tuesday Representative Greg Steuerwald’s (R - Avon) proposal appeared to have an inside track to being passed in the House of Representatives. In it, Steuerwald and co-author Rep. Ryan Hatfield (D - Evansville) state that if someone commits a crime against an individual based upon “the individual’s or the group’s real or perceived characteristic, trait, belief, practice, association, or other attribute the court chooses to consider” Indiana judges can consider it an aggravating offense. Steuerwald said that his reasoning behind such language is based on the thought that as more groups seek protections, other states will have to reopen preexisting legislation in order for them to be covered. With his bill, he says legislators will not have to revisit it every year. Opponents to the bill say they cannot back Steuerwald’s proposal until it specifically includes the groups they are advocating for.

You can stay in the loop on this issue and others via the Senate and House webcast links below.

Below are articles you may find of interest:

[House Republicans Reveal Agenda](#)

[Alliance Pushes For Cigarette Tax Hike](#)

[Teacher Pay Plan Tops GOP Priorities](#)

[Indiana Seeks More Mental Health Care For Rural Counties](#)

[Republicans Pushing For Schools to Spend More in Classrooms](#)

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/2019/senate/session_calendar/

House: http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/house/session_calendar/

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