

Daily Legislative Update

Thursday, April 18, 2019

As expected, it was another busy day at the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday and now legislators will look to put a bow on week 16 of the legislative session. Members from both houses have worked around the clock this week and have consequently sent a number of bills to Governor Holcomb's desk. It's now a race to the finish line, so expect this trend to continue until Sine Die.

As previously mentioned, the State Budget Agency released its revenue and Medicaid forecasts on Wednesday. The immediate response wasn't entirely negative as some had predicted. There was a slight decrease from December's report to the tune of about \$34 million, but given the state's roughly \$35 billion budget the effects will have little impact. The forecast will however require lawmakers to be creative in crafting the biennial budget, so keep an eye on which programs will see an increase or decrease given this new information. Below you will find a link titled April Revenue Forecast where you may view the report in full.

There are again 13 more bills set for conference committee today, with HB1001 (budget) headlining the day's activities. A conference committee report will not be immediately available, but members will be taking public testimony from what is expected to be a lengthy list of individuals. We expect conferees to shed some light on what amendments will be coming, but don't predict members from either house to show their cards entirely. The majority of the heavy lifting will occur in House and Senate chambers, so expect a few surprises once the final product is released!

Both houses will also meet for session today prior to adjourning for the weekend. The House will lead off at 10AM and the Senate will gather in the afternoon at 1:30PM.

Below are articles you may find of interest:

[Indiana Budget Increases Could Be Pinched By Slower Tax Growth](#)

[Vaping Bill Passes Senate Without Tax](#)

[Armed Teacher Bill OK'd](#)

[Cursive Writing Language Finds New Home In Another Bill](#)

April Revenue Forecast:

https://www.in.gov/sba/files/20190417_2.%20General%20Fund%20Revenue%20Forecast%20Presentati%20on-April%202019.pdf

Conference Committee Schedule:

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/committees/conference>

Senate and House Committee Schedule:

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

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

Senate and House Floor and Committee Webcast:

Senate: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/senate>

House: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/house>

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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