

Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association Bill Track

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HB1003

HEALTH MATTERS (BARRETT B) Specifies that the Medicaid fraud control unit's (MFCU) investigation of Medicaid fraud may include the investigation of provider fraud, insurer fraud, duplicate billing, and other instances of fraud. Permits the attorney general to enter into a data sharing agreement with specified state agencies and authorizes the MFCU to analyze this data to carry out its investigative duties. Provides that the attorney general may execute a data sharing agreement with the bureau of motor vehicles and the department of workforce development. Provides that all complaints made to the state Medicaid fraud control unit are confidential until an action is filed concerning the complaint. Specifies that the term "340B covered entity" does not include an entity that is a recipient of a grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. Provides that the attorney general may designate investigators employed within the MFCU to be law enforcement officers of the state. Requires a state employee health plan, the office of the secretary of family and social services (office), an insurer, and a health maintenance organization to provide reimbursement for a health care service that is provided in an outpatient setting at the same reimbursement rate that is provided at a physician's office. Requires the office to establish: (1) metrics to assess the quality of care and patient outcomes; and (2) transparency and accountability safeguards; for a long term care risk based managed care program. Allows the Indiana department of health (state department) to enter into partnerships and joint ventures to encourage best practices in the appropriate and effective use of prior authorization in health care. Requires the state department, in consultation with the office of technology, to: (1) develop certain standards regarding medical records and data; and (2) mandate compliance with the standards by any medical provider that contracts with the state. Requires, not later than December 31, 2025, a clinical laboratory and diagnostic imaging facility to post pricing information. Allows the state department to receive information regarding prior authorization disputes and requires the state department to prepare a report with findings and recommendations related to the information. Requires providers to submit a claim for health care services with the appropriate place of service code for the setting. Allows: (1) a manufacturer to provide; and (2) a patient to receive; individualized investigational treatment if certain conditions are met. Prohibits a 340B covered entity from charging an individual for a prescription drug under the program at a greater price than the prescription drug was obtained for under the program. Allows the state department to enforce the 340B drug requirements and assess a civil penalty. Provides exemptions from provisions regarding health care billing. Sets forth requirements regarding the submission of a bill for health care services. Requires an Indiana nonprofit hospital system to report a list of facilities that may submit a bill on an institutional provider form. Prohibits an out-of-network practitioner providing nonemergency health care services at an in network facility from being reimbursed more for the health care services than the 2019 median in network rate with the specified adjustment. Requires a provider to provide the patient with a written list of services that the: (1) patient received; and (2) provider intends to bill the patient; upon a patient's discharge from receiving certain services. Requires good faith estimates for health care services, issued before July 1, 2026, to be provided at least two business days (rather than five business days) before the health care services are scheduled to be provided. Requires good faith estimates, issued after June 30, 2026, to be provided immediately. Removes language concerning the disclosure of a trade secret from provisions that allow for a health plan sponsor to access and audit claims data. Provides that when a health carrier is in the process of negotiating a health provider contract with a health provider facility or provider, the health carrier must provide certain information to the health provider facility or provider. Specifies certain provisions that may not be included in a health provider contract. Prohibits a health plan from rescinding a prior authorization that the health plan has previously approved within 1 year after the prior authorization is approved. Provides that a health plan shall ensure that any adverse determination on a request for prior authorization is made by a clinical peer of the provider who requested the prior authorization. Requires, not later than September 1, 2025, the department of insurance to issue a request for information concerning ways to better enable medical consumers to compare and shop for medical and health care services. Adds the secretary of health and human services as a nonvoting advisory member of the all payer claims data base advisory board. Provides that an insurer or a health maintenance organization may not deny a claim for reimbursement on the basis that the referring provider is an out of network direct primary care provider or independent physician. Requires, if a fully credentialed physician becomes employed with another employer or establishes or relocates a medical practice in Indiana, an insurer and health maintenance organization to provisionally credential the physician for 90 days or until the physician is fully credentialed, whichever is earlier.

Current Status: 2/17/2025 - House Bills on Second Reading

Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

2/12/2025 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 1:30 PM, Rm. 404

State Bill Page: [HB1003](#)

HB1045

TEACHER COMPENSATION (BARTELS S) Includes school social workers and school psychologists in the definition of "teacher" for purposes of the requirement for school corporations to expend a certain percentage amount of state tuition support on teacher compensation. Provides that the amount a school corporation expends on costs associated with a memorandum of understanding or any other agreement entered into with a community mental health center or

certified or licensed provider to provide mental or behavioral health services to students of the school corporation is included in determining the percentage amount a school corporation is expending.

Current Status: 1/27/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Commons M

Recent Status: 1/8/2025 - Referred to House Education

1/8/2025 - First Reading

State Bill Page: [HB1045](#)

HB1068 REPAYMENT OF MEDICAL SCHOOL LOANS (HARRIS E) Requires the Indiana department of health (department) to establish and administer a medical school loan forgiveness pilot program (program) for the purpose of attracting physicians to practice medicine in Indiana. Establishes the medical school loan forgiveness fund (fund). Sets forth criteria for the program. Requires the department to, not later than November 1, 2026, and each November 1 thereafter, prepare and submit a report to the general assembly regarding the program. Makes an appropriation to the fund.

Current Status: 1/13/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Shackelford

Recent Status: 1/8/2025 - Referred to House Ways and Means

1/8/2025 - First Reading

State Bill Page: [HB1068](#)

HB1136 SCHOOL CORPORATION REORGANIZATION (TESHKA J) Provides that, if more than 50% of students who have legal settlement in a school corporation were enrolled in a school that is not operated by the school corporation on the 2024 fall average daily membership count date, the school corporation must be dissolved and all public schools of the school corporation must be transitioned to operating as charter schools. Establishes a new governing board, requirements, and procedures regarding the dissolution and reorganization of the applicable school corporations.

Current Status: 1/8/2025 - Referred to House Education

Recent Status: 1/8/2025 - First Reading

1/8/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Thompson and O'Brien

State Bill Page: [HB1136](#)

HB1261 BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (GREENE R) Reenacts, and extends the expiration date of, the term "practitioner". Establishes a temporary license for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. Establishes a temporary certification for behavior technicians. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 1/9/2025 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Recent Status: 1/9/2025 - First Reading

1/9/2025 - Authored By Robb Greene

State Bill Page: [HB1261](#)

HB1274 HEALTH FINANCE MATTERS (MANNING E) Adds capital projects, technology upgrades, and operational expenses for certain county hospitals to the definition of "public safety" for purposes of local income tax revenue use. Increases the maximum local income tax that may be imposed in certain counties if a tax rate is adopted for purposes related to certain hospitals located in the county. Establishes the rural hospital clinically integrated network grant program to provide grants to rural hospital clinically integrated networks. Establishes the Indiana rural hospital and critical health care services fund (rural health care services fund) for the purpose of awarding grants to certain rural hospitals. Provides that the Indiana department of health (state department) administers the rural health care services fund. Establishes the following: (1) The health workforce student loan repayment program (program). (2) The health workforce advisory board (advisory board). (3) The health workforce student loan repayment program fund (repayment program fund) for the purpose of providing funds to repay outstanding student loans of certain health providers who meet the program requirements. Provides that the state department shall administer the program and repayment program fund. Establishes: (1) the imposition of fees at the time a license is issued or renewed for certain health profession licenses; and (2) qualifications to receive a student loan repayment award under the program. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, the state department and each board included in the program may award a student loan repayment to an eligible applicant who is a provider licensed by the board. Provides that money in the repayment program fund is continuously appropriated. Repeals provisions concerning the following: (1) The primary care physician loan forgiveness program. (2) The mental health services development programs. (3) The dental underserved area and minority recruitment program. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of studying topics related to the rural health care services fund. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee the task of studying certain topics related to health care services.

Current Status: 1/13/2025 - Reassigned to Committee on Public Health

Recent Status: 1/13/2025 - Referred to House Ways and Means

1/13/2025 - First Reading

State Bill Page: [HB1274](#)

- HB1285 EDUCATION MATTERS (CASH B) Prohibits a school corporation from doing the following: (1) Removing a student's property without providing the student's parent with the opportunity to collect the student's property if the student has died, transferred, dropped out, or otherwise withdrawn from enrollment in the school corporation for any reason. (2) Adopting a policy or otherwise preventing a parent of a student from recording a meeting concerning the student's individualized education program. Requires each school corporation to ensure at least one employee in each school building that is used for classroom instruction: (1) has obtained nonviolent crisis intervention training; and (2) is present in the school building during the school year while school is in session. Establishes requirements regarding the employee. Requires the department of education to review nonviolent crisis intervention training programs and make recommendations to school corporations regarding the training of employees.
- Current Status:* 2/17/2025 - House Bills on Second Reading
Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
2/12/2025 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13; Nays: 0
- State Bill Page:* [HB1285](#)
- HB1307 SENSORY KIT GRANT PROGRAM (ANDRADE M) Establishes the sensory kit grant program to provide grants to public safety agencies for the purpose of purchasing sensory kits to be used during an emergency to help individuals with autism spectrum disorder or a cognitive disorder. Requires the department of homeland security to administer the grant program. Makes an appropriation.
- Current Status:* 1/13/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Haggard, Garcia Wilburn, Cash
Recent Status: 1/13/2025 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
1/13/2025 - First Reading
- State Bill Page:* [HB1307](#)
- HB1400 TAX CREDIT FOR PRECEPTORS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION (MANNING E) Provides a credit against the state tax liability of a qualified clinician (preceptor) in medical education who provides to a student in a particular taxable year, in return for no compensation as a preceptor, at least 140 hours of personalized instruction or training related to the student's clinical rotations required to obtain a professional degree. Provides that the amount of the credit allowable is equal to the lesser of: (1) \$1,000 for each clinical rotation for which the qualified taxpayer provided the required instruction or training during the taxable year; or (2) \$12,000 per taxable year.
- Current Status:* 1/13/2025 - Referred to House Ways and Means
Recent Status: 1/13/2025 - First Reading
1/13/2025 - Authored By Ethan Manning
- State Bill Page:* [HB1400](#)
- HB1428 FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE (MILLER D) Provides that a health care provider, health care entity, and a health carrier may not be required to provide or refer an individual for a health care service that violates the conscience of the health care provider, health care entity, or health carrier. Establishes an exception for a health carrier. Specifies that a health care provider, health care entity, or a health carrier may not be subject to discrimination and certain other acts and liability for declining to provide the health care service. Establishes a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Provides that a person who prevails in a civil action is entitled to certain relief.
- Current Status:* 1/27/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Cash
Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - Referred to House Public Health
1/21/2025 - First Reading
- State Bill Page:* [HB1428](#)
- HB1438 MEDICAL RECORD FEES (CAMPBELL C) Requires a provider to provide a patient's medical record in the form and format requested by the patient or the patient's legal representative, if readily producible. Provides that a third party may not charge more than \$2.50 for producing a patient's medical record. Prohibits a provider from charging more than \$6.50 for producing a patient's medical record in electronic form. Specifies that certain provisions in current law governing medical record fees apply to a medical record in paper form. Amends the factors the department of insurance may consider in adopting rules governing medical record fees. Limits supply costs for paper copies to \$.05 per page. Prohibits the department from adopting a rule permitting a retrieval fee. Requires a provider to provide one free copy of a patient's medical record to the patient or the patient's legal representative if requesting the medical record to apply for or appeal a denial of Social Security insurance disability benefits or Supplemental Security Insurance. Provides that a certification fee may not exceed \$5. Prohibits a provider from charging a fee for a billing statement.
- Current Status:* 1/21/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Harris
Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - Referred to House Public Health
1/21/2025 - First Reading

- HB1444 GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS (CAMPBELL C) Removes the following from the statute prohibiting a physician or other practitioner from knowingly providing gender transition procedures to a minor: (1) Provisions prohibiting a physician or practitioner from aiding or abetting in the provision of gender transition procedures to a minor. (2) An expired provision relating to the continuation of an individual's gender transition hormone therapy until December 31, 2023.
Current Status: 1/30/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Pierce M
Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Errington
1/21/2025 - Referred to House Public Health
State Bill Page: [HB1444](#)
- HB1499 EDUCATION MATTERS (BEHNING R) Requires the state board of education to incorporate oral language development as a core component of certain literacy endorsements. Provides that certain students have the opportunity to retake the determinant evaluation of reading skills at least twice in the summer before grade 3 retention requirements apply. Requires the department of education to establish a registration process for schools to exempt certain English language learners from compliance with grade 3 retention requirements until the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year. Allows required career fairs to be held off of school property if the school provides transportation. Amends agreement requirements with regard to the employment aid readiness network (EARN) Indiana program. Makes a technical correction.
Current Status: 2/17/2025 - House Bills on Second Reading
Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Klinker
2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
State Bill Page: [HB1499](#)
- HB1500 TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANTS (BEHNING R) Establishes a new teacher appreciation grant program. Removes and repeals certain requirements concerning staff performance evaluations. Repeals the current teacher appreciation grant provisions. Makes conforming changes.
Current Status: 2/17/2025 - House Bills on Second Reading
Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
2/13/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Klinker
State Bill Page: [HB1500](#)
- HB1520 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING (PIERCE K) Removes the following licensing provisions: (1) hearing aid dealers; (2) auctioneers and auction companies; and (3) electrologists. Removes specific courses required for certain behavioral health licensure. Replaces specific courses required for certain behavioral health licensure with a requirement that the program be nationally accredited. Makes conforming changes.
Current Status: 2/5/2025 - House Employment, Labor and Pensions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);
Time & Location: 1:30 PM, Rm. 156-C
Recent Status: 1/27/2025 - added as coauthor Representative Wesco
1/21/2025 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
State Bill Page: [HB1520](#)
- HB1572 HEARING AIDS AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (GOSS-REAVES L) Adds speech-language pathology assistant to the definition of "practitioner" for purposes of the provision of telehealth. Specifies services included in the definition of "audiology". Allows for the sale, use, provision of customer service, or distribution of an over-the-counter hearing aid without the fitting of the hearing aid by a hearing aid dealer who has been issued a certificate of registration or a licensed audiologist. (Current law does not differentiate between a prescription hearing aid and an over-the-counter hearing aid concerning the fitting of the hearing aid.)
Current Status: 1/30/2025 - Senate sponsor: Senator Becker
Recent Status: 1/30/2025 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 56: yeas 91, nays 0
1/30/2025 - House Bills on Third Reading
State Bill Page: [HB1572](#)
- HB1580 PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY (HAMILTON C) Requires the Indiana University School of Medicine to collect data on the incidence of Parkinson's disease and establish a Parkinson's disease registry. Requires health care providers to report a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease and a related condition to the registry, and, if a patient agrees to the reporting, additional information concerning the medical treatment. Requires the health care provider to provide certain information to a patient diagnosed with Parkinson's disease or a related condition and to receive either permission or a denial to provide other information concerning the diagnosis and treatment. Requires that the

information be confidential. Provides immunity to a person that provides information for the registry. Specifies persons that can obtain information from the registry.

Current Status: 1/21/2025 - Referred to House Public Health

Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - First Reading

1/21/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Errington

State Bill Page: [HB1580](#)

HB1620 DISCLOSURE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE IN HEALTH CARE (KING J) Requires a health care provider to disclose to a patient the provider's use of artificial intelligence technology to: (1) make or inform any decision involved in the provision of health care to the patient; or (2) generate any part of a communication to the patient regarding the patient's health care. Requires an insurer that provides accident and sickness coverage to disclose to an insured the insurer's use of artificial intelligence technology to: (1) make or inform any decision involved in the provision of the coverage to the insured; or (2) generate any part of a communication to the insured regarding the coverage.

Current Status: 1/21/2025 - Referred to House Public Health

Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - First Reading

1/21/2025 - Authored By Joanna King

State Bill Page: [HB1620](#)

HB1638 GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY MATTERS (BARTELS S) Makes changes to requirements for the re adoption of administrative rules. Repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, and funds. Removes certain appointed members from various boards, commissions, and districts. Modifies the appointing authority for particular funds, boards, and councils. Provides that the professional licensing agency may adopt and enforce procedural rules for the administration of a board if the rule: (1) will affect multiple boards; and (2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected board.

Current Status: 1/27/2025 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:30 AM, 156-C

Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

1/21/2025 - First Reading

State Bill Page: [HB1638](#)

HB1685 TAX CREDIT FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (O'BRIEN T) Provides a tax credit against the state adjusted gross income tax liability of a teacher for amounts expended for professional development.

Current Status: 1/21/2025 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - First Reading

1/21/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Miller D

State Bill Page: [HB1685](#)

SB34 LITERACY ENDORSEMENT (LEISING J) Provides that the department of education may not renew a practitioner license or an accomplished practitioner license issued to an individual unless the individual receives a literacy endorsement by completing 40 (instead of 80) hours of evidence based professional development. Removes written examination requirements to receive a literacy endorsement for individuals renewing a practitioner license or an accomplished practitioner license. Provides that the state board of education may not require certain individuals to take or pass a written examination to be eligible to receive a literacy endorsement.

Current Status: 1/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

Recent Status: 1/8/2025 - First Reading

1/8/2025 - Authored By Jean Leising

State Bill Page: [SB34](#)

SB163 SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT (CRIDER M) Establishes the social work licensure compact.

Current Status: 1/21/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Yoder

Recent Status: 1/21/2025 - added as second author Senator Charbonneau

1/16/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Jackson L

State Bill Page: [SB163](#)

SB164 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL MUSIC THERAPISTS (BECKER V) Provides for the licensure of professional music therapists by the medical licensing board. Establishes a music therapy advisory council to advise the medical licensing board. Establishes requirements and procedures for an individual to be licensed as a professional music therapist. Prohibits a person who is not licensed as a music therapist from using certain titles or certain words in a title.

Current Status: 2/4/2025 - added as coauthors Senators Alting and Bohacek

Recent Status: 2/4/2025 - added as second author Senator Walker K

State Bill Page: [SB164](#)

- SB235 LIMITATIONS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (JOHNSON T) Establishes prohibitions and requirements on state agencies, recipients of state contracts or grants, state educational institutions, and health profession licensing boards regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Allows the attorney general to bring an action concerning noncompliance against a state educational institution. Establishes: (1) requirements regarding a standardized admissions test; and (2) requirements regarding altering academic standards; for postsecondary educational institutions that offer certain health education programs.
- Current Status:* 2/10/2025 - Withdrawn
 Recent Status: 2/10/2025 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
 2/6/2025 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- State Bill Page: [SB235](#)
- SB249 TEACHER COMPENSATION (DEERY S) Amends provisions that allow school corporations to provide a supplemental payment to teachers in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan. Makes corresponding changes.
- Current Status:* 2/11/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Maxwell
 Recent Status: 2/11/2025 - House sponsor: Representative Teshka
 2/11/2025 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 101: yeas 39, nays 10
- State Bill Page: [SB249](#)
- SB279 EDUCATOR TRAINING AND LICENSURE (YODER S) Establishes the paraprofessional to teacher licensure pipeline program (program) to provide grants to eligible schools for allowable expenses and to support teacher candidates interested in obtaining an initial practitioners license. Establishes the paraprofessional to teacher licensure pipeline fund (fund). Provides that the department of education (department) shall develop criteria to award grants to eligible schools. Requires the department to assist schools in obtaining additional state, federal, or private funding.
- Current Status:* 1/13/2025 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development
 Recent Status: 1/13/2025 - First Reading
 1/13/2025 - Authored By Shelli Yoder
- State Bill Page: [SB279](#)
- SB289 NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION (BYRNE G) Establishes prohibitions and requirements on state agencies, state educational institutions, and health profession licensing boards regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Provides that certain civil actions for noncompliance may be filed against a state educational institution. Establishes requirements regarding a standardized admissions test for state educational institutions that offer certain health education programs. Requires a school corporation, charter school, state agency, and political subdivision to post on its website certain training and curricular materials concerning nondiscrimination, diversity, equity, inclusion, race, ethnicity, sex, and bias. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, state agency, or political subdivision may not: (1) require or otherwise compel a student of the school corporation or charter school or an employee to affirm, adopt, or adhere to certain beliefs or concepts; or (2) use public funds to contract with, hire, or otherwise engage consultants, trainers, or other persons to take certain actions to promote the beliefs or concepts. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, state agency, political subdivision, or an employee of a school corporation, charter school, state agency, or political subdivision may not, in the course or scope of public service or employment, promote, embrace, or endorse stereotypes. Establishes a process for an employee, a parent, or an emancipated student to file a complaint of a violation. Allows the attorney general to file an action for mandate to compel a school corporation, charter school, state agency, or political subdivision to comply with certain requirements.
- Current Status:* 2/6/2025 - Cosponsor: Representative McNamara
 Recent Status: 2/6/2025 - House sponsor: Representative Jeter
 2/6/2025 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 80: yeas 34, nays 13
- State Bill Page: [SB289](#)
- SB335 TEACHER RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM (SPENCER M) Creates the teacher retention grant (grant). Provides that certain schools qualify for a grant if one or more licensed teachers employed by the school or directly providing virtual education were rated as effective or highly effective. Requires certain schools to create and submit policies to the department of education (department) in order to receive a grant. Provides that the amount of a grant is equal to \$37.50 multiplied by a school's current ADM. Provides that the department shall distribute the grant in accordance with the following priorities: (1) to the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and rural schools; and (2) to address a documented need for teacher retention grants based on a low teacher retention rate as determined by the department. Makes conforming changes treating teacher retention grants in the same manner as teacher appreciation grants.

Current Status: 1/13/2025 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

Recent Status: 1/13/2025 - First Reading

1/13/2025 - Authored By Mark Spencer

State Bill Page: [SB335](#)

SB419

CRIMES AGAINST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (CARRASCO C) Defines "health care provider". Provides that the offense of battery is a Level 6 felony if it is committed against a health care provider while the health care provider is acting within the scope of the health care provider's duties. Provides that the offense of battery is a Level 5 felony if it is committed against a health care provider while the health care provider is acting within the scope of the health care provider's duties and: (1) it results in bodily injury to the health care provider; or (2) the person places bodily fluids or waste on the health care provider. Provides that the offense of intimidation is a Level 5 felony if the subject of the threat or the person to whom the threat is communicated is a health care provider and the threat relates to the person's status as a health care provider. Provides, for purposes of criminal statutes regarding offenses involving critical infrastructure, that a communications services facility includes wires and equipment used to provide communications service to a customer. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 2/17/2025 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

2/11/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Bohacek

State Bill Page: [SB419](#)

SB462

BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (CHARBONNEAU E) Reenacts an expired provision in the definition of "practitioner" as it relates to behavior analysts.

Current Status: 1/29/2025 - Referred to House

Recent Status: 1/28/2025 - House sponsor: Representative Greene

1/28/2025 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 35: yeas 49, nays 0

State Bill Page: [SB462](#)

SB473

VARIOUS HEALTH CARE MATTERS (BROWN L) Specifies the process for a managed care organization to follow concerning home modification services. Requires a patient of an opioid treatment program (program) who has tested positive on a drug test to be given a random drug test monthly until the patient passes the test. (Current law requires the patient to be tested weekly.) Allows a program to close on Sundays and federal holidays. Prohibits the division of mental health and addiction from requiring a program's medical director to have admitting privileges at a hospital. Allows specified health care providers to perform the initial assessment, examination, and evaluation of a patient being admitted to a program. Allows the medical staff of an ambulatory outpatient surgical center to make recommendations on the granting of clinical privileges or the appointment or reappointment of an applicant to the governing board of the ambulatory outpatient surgical center for a period not to exceed 36 months. (Current law allows medical staff of hospitals to make recommendations.) Requires the Indiana department of health (state department) to establish a home health aide registry. (Current law includes home health aides on the nurse aide registry.) Transfers the authority to administer the nurse aide registry from the state department to the nursing commission. Sets forth requirements on facilities in employing nurse aides. Specifies the definition of "nurse aide" for purposes of an administrative rule. Modifies the criminal penalties that prohibit an individual from providing nurse aide services or otherwise being employed by a health care facility. Makes changes to the release of medical information statute with references to federal regulations. Modifies the duties of the center for deaf and hard of hearing education. Adds provisions regarding "parent navigators" and specifies the role of parent navigators in the provisions of the bill regarding the center for deaf and hard of hearing education. Allows a prescriber to prescribe certain agonist opioids through telehealth services for the treatment or management of opioid dependence. (Current law allows only a partial agonist to be prescribed through telehealth.) Allows certain residential care administrators an exemption from taking continuing education during the initial licensing period. Allows for the provision of certain anesthesia in a physician's office without the office being accredited. (Current law allows for this in dental offices.) Requires adverse events concerning anesthesia in an office based setting to be reported to the medical licensing board of Indiana (board). Requires the board to: (1) determine the types of adverse events to be reported; (2) establish a procedure for reporting; and (3) post the adverse events on the board's website. Requires a nursing program to offer a clinical experience for clinical hours in a hospital and a health facility setting. Establishes the nursing commission and sets forth the commission's duties, including the certification of nurse aides and qualified medication aides and the administration of the certified nurse aide registry. Repeals the state department's administration of the certified nurse aide registry.

Current Status: 2/17/2025 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph

2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

State Bill Page: [SB473](#)

- SB480 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (JOHNSON T) Sets forth requirements for a utilization review entity that requires prior authorization of a health care service. Provides that a claim for reimbursement for a covered service or item provided to a certain individual may not be denied on the sole basis that the referring provider is an out of network provider. Repeals superseded provisions regarding prior authorization. Makes corresponding changes.
- Current Status:* 2/17/2025 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
Recent Status: 2/13/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
2/13/2025 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 0
State Bill Page: [SB480](#)
- SB486 FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES MATTERS (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires a sheriff to assist an individual who: (1) has been incarcerated for at least 30 days in a: (A) county jail; (B) community based correctional facility for children; (C) juvenile detention facility; or (D) secure facility other than a child caring institution; and (2) is eligible for Medicaid; in applying for Medicaid before the individual's release from the facility. Provides that if a child loses Medicaid coverage while confined in a juvenile detention facility or secure facility, the division of family resources shall, upon receiving notice that the child will be released, take action necessary ensure that the child is eligible to receive specified federally mandated services for 30 days before and after the child's release. Requires an insurer to respond within 60 days to an inquiry from the office of Medicaid policy and planning regarding a Medicaid claim that is made within three years from the date on which the service that is the subject of the claim was provided. Provides that an insurer other than Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or Medicare Part D may not deny a Medicaid claim solely due to lack of prior authorization in accordance with federal Medicaid law. Provides that the requirement that an individual who receives payment for medical expenses from Medicaid must cede to the state the individual's rights to third party payment for the medical expenses extends to settlement amounts for both past medical expenses and rights to payment of future medical expenses. Amends the duties, membership, and terms of office of the Medicaid advisory commission. Creates the Medicaid beneficiary advisory commission. Repeals a provision requiring that employees of a child care provider be tested for tuberculosis in order for the child care provider to be eligible to receive voucher payments under the federal Child Care and Development Fund program. Provides the following with regard to a licensed child care center, licensed child care home, or registered child care ministry (child care provider): (1) Requires all employees of a child care provider to be trained in pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation applicable to all age groups of children cared for by the child care provider. (2) Requires at least one adult who is certified in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation applicable to all age groups of children cared for by the child care provider to be present at all times when a child is in the care of the child care provider. Amends the membership of the division of mental health and addiction planning and advisory council.
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- SB518 SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES (ROGERS L) Provides that all school corporations that adopt a resolution for a property tax levy for a controlled project or a school safety referendum tax levy after May 10, 2025, must share revenue received from the levy with certain charter schools. Specifies, for purposes of making distributions to charter schools from a property tax levy for a controlled project, that only charter schools located within the attendance area of the school corporation shall receive a distribution of revenue from that levy. Provides that all school corporations must share revenue received from a debt service levy with certain charter schools. Provides that all school corporations that adopt a resolution for an operating referendum tax levy after May 10, 2025, must share revenue received from the levy with certain charter schools. Provides that all school corporations must share revenue from the school corporation's operations fund levy with certain charter schools. Excludes school corporations meeting specified criteria from the sharing of property tax revenue received under the bill's provisions. Provides a calculation for determining the amount of an annual grant from the charter and innovation network school grant program based on the amount of property tax revenue received by a charter school from school corporations. Makes conforming changes.
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