

2011 Legislative Session  
Priority Bills



#	Issue	Summary	Position	Outcome
HB1001	State Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tax increases</li> <li>Structurally balanced in both years of biennium</li> <li>Combined balances of \$1B at the end of FY13</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
HB1002	Charter Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes Charter School Board</li> <li>Adds private non-profit universities as sponsors</li> <li>Adds accountability additional accountability standards for Charter Schools</li> <li>Increases transparency mechanisms for Charter schools: public meetings disclosure for information</li> <li>Allows a school to convert to a charter if 51% of parents sign a petition, the school is in the lowest 2 designations for at least 2 years, the governing body votes to convert the school</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
HB1004	State & Local Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces IN corporate income tax from 8.5% to 6.5% over 4 years beginning FY13</li> <li>[SB339] Reduces threshold to participate in Northeast Indiana RDA</li> <li>[HB1008] Venture Capital Investment Tax credit: increases the maximum venture capital investment tax credit for a business from \$500K to \$1M</li> <li>[SB440] Public Safety LOIT</li> <li>Provides a price preference to local Indiana businesses bidding on purchasing and public works contracts awarded by political subdivisions</li> <li>Increases public works threshold for state educational institutions and airport boards</li> <li>Several other tax provisions</li> <li>Trailer provisions for HB1001 and 1003</li> </ul>	<p>Did not take a position on HB1004</p> <p>Supported SB589, HB 1008, SB 339</p>	Passed
HB1005	Dino Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces requirements for qualifying for industrial recovery tax credit</li> <li>Reduces from 250,000 sq. ft. to 50,000 sq. ft. , 100,000 sq ft in 2015</li> <li>Reduces the number of years that a building must have</li> </ul>	Support	Passed

		<p>been in service from 20 to 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduces the number of years a building must be vacant from 2 to 1</li> </ul>		
<b>HB1007</b>	State & Local Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extends the authority for a county or municipality to provide a tax exemption for enterprise information technology equipment</li> <li>▪ Authorizes local entities to develop alternative methods for determining the duration and amount of property tax abatements</li> <li>▪ Permits a city, town, or county to enhance property tax abatement schedules to allow up to three years of 100% abatement (if business meets certain criteria)</li> <li>▪ Authorizes cities and counties to pay hiring incentives for new employment in their jurisdictions, cannot exceed LOIT</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
<b>HB1008</b>	VCI Expansion	See HB1004	Support	Passed in HB1004
<b>HB1203</b>	Employee Representation Campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides that an individual's right to vote by secret ballot in, and an employers right to engage in a campaign in connection with an election that is required or permitted by Indiana or federal law for the designation, authorization, or retention of employee representation is guaranteed, unless there is a conflict with the National Labor Relations Act or another regulation concerning labor relations or labor organizations.</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
<b>HB1216</b>	Public Works Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raises the threshold for the application of the common construction wage statute from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for contracts awarded after December 31, 2011, and before January 1, 2013, and to \$350,000 for contracts awarded after December 31, 2012.</li> <li>• A committee must consider any written reports on wage scale submitted by ISBCTC and ABC when making a determination of the common construction wage for a public works project.</li> <li>• A public works project may not be artificially divided to avoid application of common wage.</li> <li>• Summer Study: use of an agreement with a labor</li> </ul>	Support	Passed

		organization on public works projects covered by a public works statute; job classifications used in a common construction wage determination		
<b>HB1450</b>	Unemployment Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces the impact of HB1379 (2009) premium increases</li> <li>• Moves to schedule E premium rates through 2020</li> <li>• Provides for an annual employer surcharge of 13% (for 2011) of an employer's UI state premium to pay the interest on the loan from the federal government</li> <li>• Annualization of wages</li> <li>• Caps maximum weekly benefit at current \$390/week</li> <li>• Closes loopholes: severance, buy-out packages, on-call, planned shutdowns, Head Start</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
<b>HB1468</b>	Right to Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for an employer to require an individual to become or remain a member of a labor organization; pay dues, fees, or other charges to a labor organization; or pay to a charity or another third party an amount that represents dues, fees, or other charges required of members of a labor organization; as a condition of employment or continuation of employment.</li> <li>• Establishes private right of action for violations or threatened violations</li> <li>• Exempts individuals employed in construction industry or subject to the federal Railway Labor Act</li> </ul>	Support	Failed
<b>HB1585</b>	Collective Bargaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Codified Daniels' executive order</li> <li>• Merit principles for state employees</li> <li>• Prohibits collective bargaining between the state and state employees</li> <li>• Prohibits public employee unions from collecting dues through payroll withholdings</li> </ul>	Support	Main provisions passed in HB1001
<b>SB1</b>	Teacher Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes an annual staff performance evaluation that categorizes teachers as highly effective, effective, improvement necessary, or ineffective (a teacher cannot get a raise or increment if improvement necessary or ineffective)</li> <li>• A teacher who receives an unfavorable rating is entitled to develop a remediation plan</li> <li>• Allows a school to adopt an existing evaluation tool such</li> </ul>	Support	Passed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>as Teacher and Student Advancement (TAP)</li> <li>• Merit Pay (a teacher cannot get less)</li> <li>• Contract cancelations based on performance, not seniority</li> </ul>		
<b>SB222</b>	Transportation & Logistics Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% Credit on transportation or logistics infrastructure</li> </ul>	Support	Failed
<b>SB251</b>	Clean Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes a voluntary portfolio standard</li> <li>• Amends the definition of renewable energy resources for purposes of statute providing financial incentives for clean energy projects to consist of certain clean energy resources</li> <li>• Allows a nuclear facility to seek to recover federally mandated costs incurred in connection with a compliance project</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
<b>SB339</b>	RDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowers threshold to participate in NE RDA from 0.05% to 0.25% for 2 years</li> </ul>	Support	Passed (in HB1004)
<b>SB460</b>	Quality Assessment Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created a moratorium on the certification of new or converted comprehensive care beds for participation in the state Medicaid program until 2014</li> <li>• Created a moratorium on the construction of health facilities until 2014</li> <li>• Put Northeast Indiana projects in Steuben &amp; Wabash in jeopardy</li> </ul>	Opposed	Failed
<b>SB473</b>	Public Private Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides that General Assembly authorization is not required for P3 agreements for 10 years, unless there is tolling of existing roadways</li> </ul>	Support	Passed
<b>SB541</b>	Economic Development Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes a regional economic development target area to be established in certain counties</li> <li>• Provides that a target area income tax of no more than 1% in a designated area can be collected for a specific project (example: tech park)</li> </ul>		
<b>SB550</b>	Redevelopment Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided that the legislative body of a unit must approve a redevelopment commission's purchase of property if payments are required to be made over more than 3 years; or the property price exceeds \$5M</li> <li>• Provided that a legislative body of unit shall review obligations and allocations/assessments of the</li> </ul>	Opposed	Failed

		redevelopment commission.		
<b>SB589</b>	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate Income Tax Reduction</li> </ul>	Support	Passed (in HB1004)
<b>SB590</b>	Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits sanctuary cities</li> <li>• Disallows certain state income tax credits and deductions for individuals who are prohibited from being hired as employees, unless an employer has used E-verify</li> <li>• Requires an agency or political subdivision to verify the eligibility of an individual who applies for federal, state, or local public benefits</li> <li>• Requires DWD to verify individuals through SAVE program to determine eligibility of unemployment benefits</li> <li>• Requires state and political subdivisions and contractors to use E-verify</li> <li>• Allows a state agency or political subdivision to terminate a public contract for services if the contractor knowingly employs an unauthorized alien.</li> </ul>		
<b>Issue</b>	PDIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raiding PDIF Fund</li> </ul>	Opposed	Failed
<b>Issue</b>	21 Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuts in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Funding</li> </ul>	Opposed	Failed
<b>SB340</b>	Charity Gaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached</li> </ul>	Support	Passed