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**General Assembly approves Randolph legislation**

INDIANAPOLIS – The 2010 session of the 116<sup>th</sup> General Assembly ended March 13, with 115 bills sent to the governor. State Sen. Lonnie M. Randolph (D-East Chicago) sponsored and co-authored a number of bills that gained approval by the legislature this year. They include:

**The Courts & Law Enforcement**

Randolph co-authored **Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 36**, which provides that magistrates who meet certain criteria may be certified as special judges by the Judicial Nominating Commission. The bill was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The new law goes into effect July 1.

**House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1193**, co-sponsored by Randolph, creates the Law Enforcement, School Policing and Youth Work Group, to be staffed and administered by the Criminal Justice Institute. It requires the Work Group to study and make specific recommendations concerning law enforcement, school policing and youth. HEA 1193 requires school corporations to submit an annual report concerning student arrests and the use of school corporation police departments. The bill was approved by a final vote of 45 to 3 in the Senate, 91 to 1 in the House of Representatives and has been sent to the governor for final consideration. If enacted, the law will go into effect July 1.

**SEA 221** requires a court to impose reasonable monitoring requirements on a person who is issued a restricted driving permit if the person is a habitual traffic violator. The bill, co-authored by Randolph, was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The law goes into effect July 1.

**Individual Development Accounts**

**SEA 389** requires the caseworker of a foster child to provide information concerning individual development accounts to children in foster care and their foster parents. An individual development account is a savings program in which the State of Indiana matches the funds deposited by a participant up to a limited amount. Savings from individual development accounts can be used for post secondary education or job training, to start or expand small businesses, or for the purchase of a home. The bill was co-authored by Randolph and was approved by unanimous votes in the Senate and House of Representatives. SEA 389 was signed by the governor March 12 and will become effective July 1.

**Transportation Safety**

Randolph co-authored **SEA 186**, which adds violations concerning the transportation of radioactive waste to the list of violations for which a truck and trailer may be stopped, inspected and cited at a weigh station. These include seizing, detaining or impounding a vehicle that illegally transports radioactive waste, as well as civil penalties that deposit into the Nuclear Response Fund. Persons who transport high or low-level radioactive waste will also be required to obtain a permit from the Department of Homeland Security. The bill was approved unanimously in the Senate and approved by a vote of 93 to 1 in the House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The law goes into effect July 1.

**Tracking Ephedrine Purchases**

**HEA 1320** prohibits a retailer from selling, and a purchaser from purchasing more than 3.6 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine on one day, or 9 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in a 30-day period. These drugs are commonly found in cold medications and are used in the production of methamphetamines. The bill further requires that signs be posted informing consumers of the purchase limits. The bill, sponsored by Randolph, was approved unanimously by the Senate and House of Representatives and has been sent to the governor. Once enacted, the law will go into effect July 1.

**Teen Suicide Prevention**

**SEA 226**, co-authored by Randolph, assigns the topic of teen suicide prevention to the Health Finance Commission for study during the 2010 legislative interim. The Health Finance Commission will specifically look at the root causes of teen suicide, as well as prevention mechanisms. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24. The bill was approved by unanimous votes in the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12.

**Office of Minority Health**

**SEA 387** establishes the Office of Minority Health in state statute, and within the Indiana Department of Health. The Office of Minority Health focuses on improving the health of Indiana's minority communities through increased awareness, partnerships and the development and promotion of effective health policies and programs that serve to reduce minority health disparities. The bill was approved by a vote of 48 to 2 in the Senate, passed unanimously out of the House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The legislation goes into effect July 1.

For more information on Senator Randolph, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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