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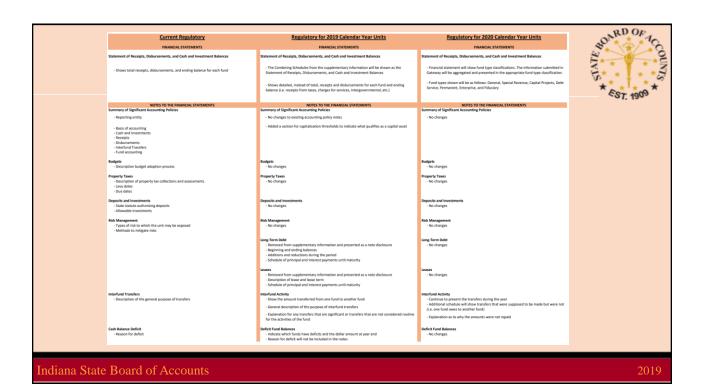


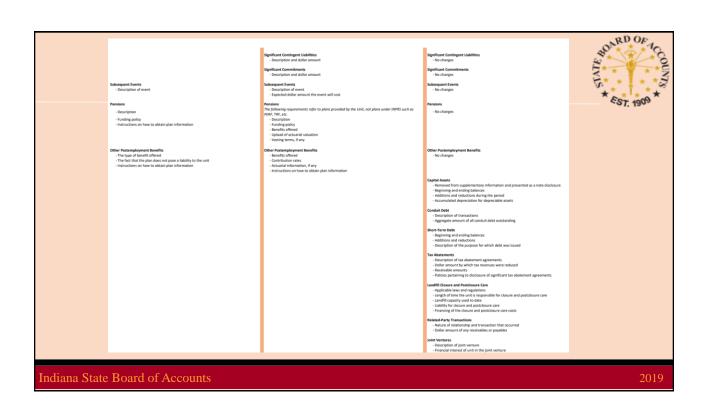
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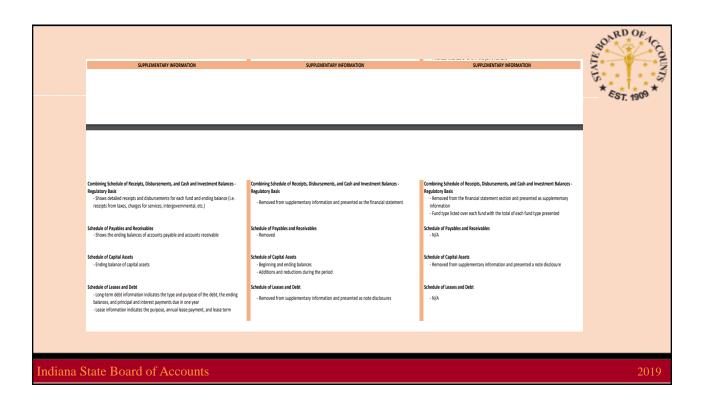
Walk – away assets

New Legislation

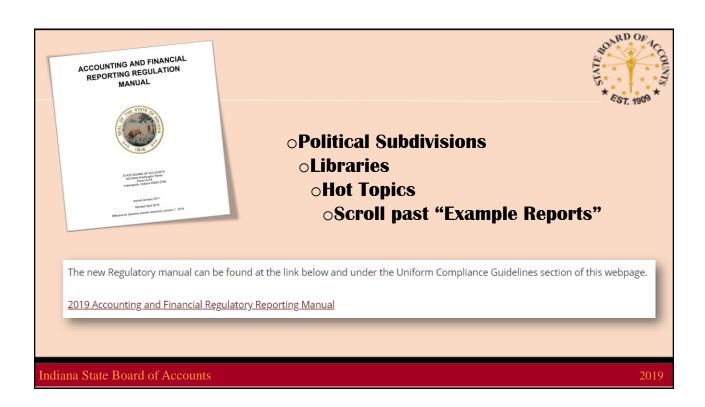
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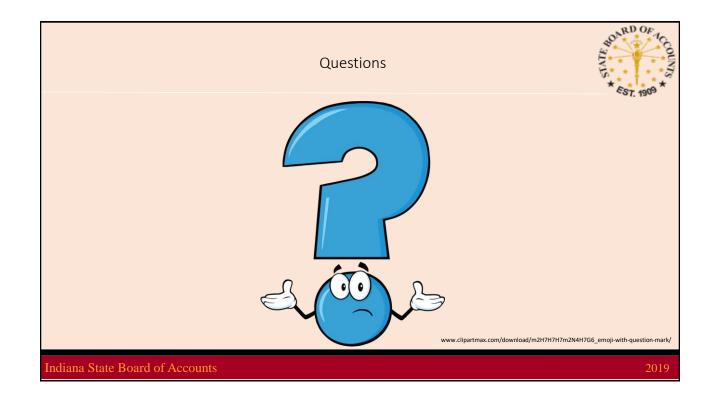












Accounting for Walk-Away Assets/Items

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Walk-away Assets



What are they?

Should they be accounted for?

Why?

How?

Best Practices

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Walk-away Assets – What Are They?



Smaller assets

- Below your capitalization threshold
- Still have value
- · Heightened risk of loss, theft, or misuse

Defined as:

"... Lasting longer than a year, are mobile and might be easily replaced through a procurement system without raising suspicion."

Best Practices for Internal Controls over Small and Attractive Assets
Office of the Washington State Auditor

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Walk-away Assets – What Are They?



Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):

"controlled capital-type items"

Control Over Items That Are Not Capitalized GFOA https://www.gfoa.org/print/399

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"Walk-away" items or assets

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Walk-away Assets – What Are They?



Computers & Other Electronic Equipment

- > Laptops
 - **≻TVs**
 - **≻**Cameras
 - **≻**Video equipment
 - **≻**Copiers

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Walk-away Assets – What Are They?



Equipment and Tools

- Lawn Mowers
- > Janitorial related

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Walk-away Assets – What Are They?



Artwork

- Paintings
- > Historical Collections

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Walk Away Assets – What Are They?



Not normally supply-type items

- Unless loss of supply-type items is an issue
- Cost Benefit

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Should They Be Accounted For?



Management Decision

- Probably "yes" at least for some items
- "You cannot control what you don't record"
 [Gauthier, Stephen, Accounting for Capital Assets, GFOA, 2013]

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How Should They Be Accounted For?



Management Decisions

- · Identify which items to track/record
- Develop internal controls
- Record similar to capital assets
- Listing of items by department or location
- Periodic inventories
- · Investigate any listed items not in inventory
- Access controls to prevent future losses

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Best Practices - GFOA



Control at the Department Level

- Departments responsible for walk-away items as part of process of their operational goals.
- Individual departments focus of control efforts

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Best Practices - GFOA



Control Assigned Within Each Department

- Departments assign responsibility to 1 or more persons/positions
- Assignment documented
 - ✓ Communicated with finance office
- Controls developed for any changes in responsibilities also communicated to finance office

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Best Practices - GFOA



Prepare & Maintain List of All Walk-aways

- Annually prepare report
- Explanations of changes
- · Approved/reviewed by another department member

Certify List to Finance Office

- Available for inspection
- Accurate & Complete

Good internal controls essential

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Best Practices - GFOA



Management Periodically Verify Lists

- GFOA suggests once every five years
- · Rotating basis
- Getting started may consider more frequently

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Best Practices - Deterrents



- > Tell employees
 - Fired/suspended/etc.
- ➤ Install gates/doors
 - · With locks
- > Put up signs
 - · "No Trespassing"

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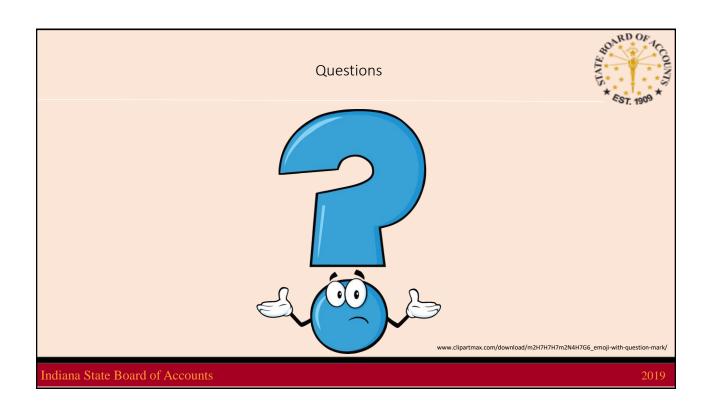


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Indiana Senate Enrolled Acts





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SEA 22 - Public Law 27-2019



Pension Matters

IC 5-10.3-7-6

Service Leave – member gets service credit when on leave for adoption, maternity, or paternity

• Library certifies leave is being granted in accordance with library's leave policy

If employee is paid during leave – contributions to PERF continue

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SEA 460 - Public Law 189-2019



Broadband Development

Establishes rural broadband fund at state level

Awarding grants for qualified projects in unserved areas

Required OCRA to establish procedures for awarding grants after July 31, 2019

Can't be awarded to areas with eligible broadband service is available

OCRA sets procedures for awarding grants

IC 4-4-38.5 – Broadband Grants for Rural Areas

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Indiana House of Representatives Enrolled Acts



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House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001 - Public Law 108-2019

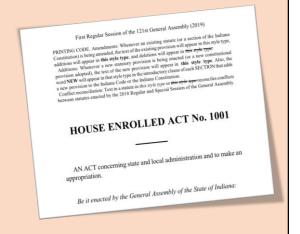


Budget Bill

Sets the State's budget for FY 2020 & 2021

Appropriated money for:

- State Revolving Loan Program
- Broadband Grant Program



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HEA 1116 - Public Law 164-2019



Various Local Matters

Executive Sessions – permits discussion on strategy regarding a real estate transaction [IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)]

Can re-appropriate funds received from:

- Private or public entity
- Individual

for repairing or replacing damaged property [IC 6-1.1-18-7]

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HEA 1116 - Public Law 164-2019



Various Local Matters (continued)

Public Works – competitive bids under IC 36-1-12:

- Can be received electronically
- If > \$150,000
- Bid solicitation states procedures & the means to protect bid contents
- Provide electronic access to notice of bid solicitation through gateway administered by IOT in addition to newspaper publication

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HEA 1116 - Public Law 164-2019



Various Local Matters (continued)

Removes requirement in IC 36-9-41-5 that borrowing for a public works project be repaid on January 1 and July 1 of each year

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HEA 1343 - Public Law 252-2019



Libraries

Effective July 1, 2019 – adds IC 6-1.1-17-20.4

Library Board

- Majority appointed
- Does not increase proposed budget more than AVGQ
- Has cash on hand (non-debt; non-gift cash) + expected revenues over 150%

May still be considered binding unit if unit that created library adopts resolution to make it binding

Has to notify library 5 days after adoption

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HFA 1375 - Public Law 209-2019



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An individual can confidentially report suspected

- Malfeasance
- Misfeasance or
- Nonfeasance

of an <u>individual with responsibility for administering public funds</u>

(used to provide only for a "public officer")

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HEA 1427 - Public Law 257-2019



Local Government Matters

Library publishes or submits notice containing errors < 0.1%

- Notice is valid
- DLGF corrects error
- IC 5-3-1-2.3

Budget adopted - filed with DLGF within 5 business days

• IC 6-1.1-17-5(d)

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HFA 1427 - Public Law 257-2019



SECTION 167. IC 36-12-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2007, SECTION 148, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) The library board shall determine the rate of taxation for the library district that is necessary for the proper operation of the library. The library board shall certify the rate to the county auditor. The county auditor shall certify the tax rate to the county tax adjustment board in the manner provided in IC 6-1.1. An additional rate may be levied under section 10(4) of this chapter.

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