

2025 Legislative Preview

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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- ▶ The legislative session began November 19 with **Organization Day**.
- ▶ The House and Senate **reconvened** January 8.
- ▶ The **third reading deadline** is February 20 for both chambers.
- ▶ The **second half** of session begins March 3.
- ▶ The legislature must **adjourn** no later than April 29.

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- ▶ The **Indiana General Assembly** has filed over 1,200 bills.
- ▶ The Commission is **tracking 181 bills** focused on PK-12, higher education, and the workforce.

GOVERNOR'S AGENDA BILLS

- ▶ SB 146 – Teacher Compensation
- ▶ SB 373 – Department of Education
- ▶ **SB 448 – Higher Education and Workforce Development Matters**
- ▶ HB 1498 – School Accountability
- ▶ HB 1634 – Math Education
- ▶ HB 1637 – School and Public Safety Matters

SB 448 – HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

- ▶ **SB 448** is an agenda bill of Governor Braun, Office of the Secretary of Education, and the Commission.
- ▶ The bill has four components which **raise academic standards, increase education and training** beyond high school, and **address workforce challenges**.

SB 448 – HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

- ▶ **Refreshes the Degree Program Approval and Review process.**
 - ▶ There are over 3,000 academic programs at public institutions.
 - ▶ Requires the Commission to consider outcomes such as labor market alignment, job placement, and credit for prior learning.
- ▶ **Market-Driven Stackable Credentials and Qualifications Framework.**
 - ▶ Advances the work underway for youth apprenticeships.
 - ▶ Helps enable a permeable system of education and training beyond high school.

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▶ **MPH Report**

- ▶ Requires MPH to annually report the number and types of credentials needed to fill job openings compared to the number and types of credentials earned by Hoosiers.

▶ **Indiana Resident Enrollment**

- ▶ Seeks to increase the percentage of in-state students enrolled at public colleges.

HB 1049 – PUBLIC SERVICE ATTORNEY SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Establishes the **Public Service Attorney Scholarship**.
- ▶ Charges the Commission with administering the program.
- ▶ Applicants must be admitted to an **accredited Indiana law school**.
- ▶ The program has a **service requirement**.
 - ▶ Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
 - ▶ Public Defender

HB 1111 – INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD

- ▶ This is the National Guard's agency bill.
- ▶ Expands the **National Guard Supplemental Grant (NGSG)** to in-demand **apprenticeships** and other approved **credentials**.
- ▶ Allows a recipient of the NGSG to use the award for up to two years on **room and board** if the recipient is also a 21st Century Scholar.

HB 1326 – STUDENT AND TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Modifies the income guidelines of the **Transition to Teaching Scholarship**.
- ▶ Provides the Commission with **increased flexibility** for administering all **teaching-based scholarships**.

HB 1515 – EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Amends eligibility requirements for the **Workforce Ready Grant**.
- ▶ Allows for students to use the award who **previously earned** an eligible certificate.

SB 285 – COMPARATIVE COLLEGE AND CAREER INFORMATION

- ▶ Tasks the Commission with developing an interactive website called the **Student Horizon Dashboard**.
- ▶ The dashboard would provide public access to certain information about postsecondary education, career and technical education, earnings, and debt.
- ▶ Tasks the Commission with creating and distributing a **Student Graduate Horizon Scorecard**.

SB 365 – EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Requires the Commission to conduct a return on investment analysis for the **Frank O'Bannon Grant, 21st Century Scholars, and Career & Technical Education**.
- ▶ Requires the Department of Education to conduct a return on investment analysis for **adult education programs**.
- ▶ Modifies language around the **Career Coaching Grant**.

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Questions?

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