From: MPENCE1314@aol.com
Sent: Sat 1/10/2015 6:28 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: <jhill@gov.in.gov>
Cc: <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Weather Events Sunday/Monday

EXCELLENT
THANKS

In a message dated 1/10/2015 6:18:49 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, jhill@gov.in.gov writes:

> Governor: Starting Sunday afternoon, there is a potential for snow in North Central Indiana (2-4 inches), a wintry mix in Central Indiana and freezing rain and sleet across Southern Indiana. We expect the system to leave Indiana Monday afternoon. INDOT is already preparing for it. With the event starting Sunday, there should be plenty of road treatment applied before rush hour on Monday morning.
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> Earlier today, IDHS has issued three press releases to alert motorists with the following topics:
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>) Prepare Now for Possible Power Outage
>
> ?) Encourage Hoosiers to Check on Neighbors
>
> 3) Take Extra Care If Travel is Necessary
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> We have notifications from the utility companies in place for any developing power outages. However, we do not expect significant ice accumulations at this point.
>
> Will keep you posted as developments occur.
>
> John

From: Atkins, Chris
Sent: Mon 1/12/2015 7:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Mike Pence" <mpence1314@aol.com>, "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: Question for atkins
Attachments: School Performance Awards by School00001.xlsm

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Timmerman, Chad"
Date:01/12/2015 7:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Atkins, Chris"
Cc: "Denault, Christina"
Subject: RE: Question for atkins

$30M in teacher bonuses sent to more than 1,300 schools (1,316 exactly).

Backup attached

From: Atkins, Chris
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 7:02 PM
To: Timmerman, Chad
Cc: Denault, Christina
Subject: Fwd: Question for atkins

Need this asap

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Mike
Date:01/12/2015 6:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Atkins, Chris" ,"Denault, Christina"
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim"
Subject: Question for atkins

Chris
I need the amount of THIS years teacher bonuses and the number of a schools that received them

It's for the speech

Sent from my iPhone

Corp ID	Corp Name	Schl ID	Schl Name	Total Award
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02505	Carmel High School	$314,694.98
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07353	Penn High School	$238,520.49
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02520	Creekside Middle School	$180,382.20
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01931	Highland Hills Middle School	$167,629.72
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03833	Lake Central High School	$157,646.15
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02499	Hamilton Southeastern HS	$152,416.11
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05193	Franklin Central High School	$150,933.86
03330	Plainfield Community Sch Corp	02750	Plainfield Com Middle Sch	$146,721.07
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02485	Fall Creek Intermediate Sch	$146,676.01
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02506	Clay Middle School	$145,549.46
03070	Noblesville Schools	02542	Noblesville West Middle School	$141,088.35
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02720	Brownsburg East Middle School	$139,240.82
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02511	Carmel Middle School	$137,663.66
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02489	Hamilton Southeastern Jr High Sch	$137,528.47
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03901	Crown Point High School	$134,453.24
03070	Noblesville Schools	02517	Noblesville High School	$131,169.97
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02737	Avon High School	$129,554.46
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00511	Zionsville Middle School	$128,200.69
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00512	Zionsville Community High Sch	$125,169.09
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02487	Fishers High School	$124,393.93
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03647	Warsaw Community HS	$120,898.77
05360	M S D Warren Township	05361	Warren Central High School	$118,288.06
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02500	Riverside Intermediate School	$115,583.40
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05213	Ben Davis High School	$114,069.51
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02709	Brownsburg High School	$113,768.94
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00047	Homestead Senior High School	$113,606.43
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02491	Westfield Middle School	$111,753.15
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07512	LaSalle Intermediate Academy	$110,085.86
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00091	Carroll High School	$109,504.85
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07372	Discovery Middle School	$109,229.69
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02490	Riverside Jr High	$106,661.17
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00067	Woodside Middle School	$105,489.56
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00510	Zionsville West Middle School	$102,290.18
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02493	Westfield High School	$101,338.13
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00090	Carroll Middle School	$100,848.20
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03915	Colonel John Wheeler Middle Schl	$100,262.40
07875	West Lafayette Com School Corp	08129	West Lafayette Jr/Sr High Sch	$90,506.05
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02713	Brownsburg West Middle School	$89,042.02
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02736	Avon Middle School South	$88,591.41
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00079	Maple Creek Middle Sch	$86,473.50
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01930	Floyd Central High School	$84,218.50
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02729	Avon Intermediate School West	$81,381.53
03330	Plainfield Community Sch Corp	02749	Plainfield High School	$78,208.03
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04795	Michigan City High Sch	$77,886.84
02285	Wa-Nee Community Schools	01669	North Wood Middle School	$77,551.28
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02730	Avon Middle School North	$77,010.54
05350	M S D Pike Township	05380	New Augusta Public Academy-North	$76,740.17
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08760	Castle South Middle School	$76,379.67
04710	School City of Hammond	04413	Donald E Gavit Mdl/High Sch	$75,896.46
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03437	Center Grove High School	$74,819.29
06550	Portage Township Schools	06859	William Fegely Middle School	$74,351.89

00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00399	Columbus East High School	$74,346.14
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03421	Whiteland Community High Sch	$72,676.94
04720	School Town of Highland	04281	Highland High School	$68,811.21
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00397	Columbus North High School	$67,783.42
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08003	McCutcheon High School	$67,773.84
01560	Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp	07213	East Central High School	$67,484.77
07875	West Lafayette Com School Corp	08135	Happy Hollow Elementary	$66,105.59
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02503	Westfield Intermediate School	$62,478.12
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02479	Sand Creek Intermediate School	$62,297.87
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05195	Franklin Township Middle Schl East	$60,292.63
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03065	Huntington North High School	$58,722.18
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03907	Jerry Ross Elementary School	$58,670.40
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08809	Castle High School	$58,289.77
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05177	Decatur Central High School	$58,254.30
06550	Portage Township Schools	06871	Willowcreek Middle School	$57,566.39
08360	Centerville-Abington Com Schs	08983	Centerville-Abington Elem School	$57,318.55
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03838	Hal E Clark Middle School	$57,138.30
03135	Mt Vernon Community Sch Corp	02569	Mt Vernon High School	$56,841.57
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08069	Jefferson High School	$56,359.79
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01925	New Albany Senior High School	$56,191.05
05370	M S D Washington Township	05451	North Central High School	$56,022.31
04710	School City of Hammond	04417	Morton Senior High School	$55,242.83
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03422	Clark Pleasant Intermediate Sch	$55,178.12
04335	Vincennes Community Sch Corp	03557	George Rogers Clark Sch	$55,020.40
03115	Southern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02565	New Palestine High School	$54,452.81
02120	Greater Jasper Con Schs	01593	Jasper High School	$54,364.13
01875	Delaware Community School Corp	01369	Delta High School	$54,211.21
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02476	Fishers Junior High School	$54,186.76
01910	Yorktown Community Schools	01393	Yorktown Elementary School	$53,893.86
03070	Noblesville Schools	02521	Noblesville East Middle School	$53,127.81
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01749	Elkhart Central High School	$52,647.47
03295	North West Hendricks Schools	02682	Tri-West Middle School	$52,632.13
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03841	Kahler Middle School	$52,609.60
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07461	Mishawaka High School	$52,545.84
01730	Greensburg Community Schools	01270	Greensburg Elementary	$52,496.94
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02595	Greenfield-Central High Sch	$52,314.78
04245	Greenwood Community Sch Corp	03473	Greenwood Community High Sch	$52,149.87
05360	M S D Warren Township	05399	Creston Intermediate Academy	$52,136.45
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05287	Amy Beverland Elementary	$52,001.26
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05291	Fall Creek Valley Middle Sch	$51,911.14
08385	Richmond Community Schools	08993	Richmond High School	$51,803.76
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03441	Center Grove Middle Schl Central	$51,775.95
06895	Batesville Community Sch Corp	07219	Batesville Middle School	$51,415.46
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07334	Schmucker Middle School	$51,167.62
03070	Noblesville Schools	02523	Hinkle Creek Elementary Sch	$51,009.90
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03831	Michael Grimmer Middle School	$50,536.76
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03427	Clark Pleasant Middle Sch	$50,176.26
06895	Batesville Community Sch Corp	07229	Batesville Intermediate School	$49,973.48
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05277	Belzer Middle School	$49,703.11
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08764	John H Castle Elementary Sch	$49,477.80
05340	M S D Perry Township	05319	Perry Meridian Middle School	$49,229.97
02865	Marion Community Schools	02350	Justice Thurgood Marshall Intrmd	$48,846.94
02155	Fairfield Community Schools	01613	Fairfield Jr-Sr High School	$48,643.68
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08073	Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School	$48,463.92
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02522	Towne Meadow Elementary Sch	$48,261.14

04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03761	Robert Taft Middle School	$47,968.24
05340	M S D Perry Township	05315	Southport Middle School	$47,765.46
05265	Alexandria Com School Corp	05041	Alexandria-Monroe High School	$47,631.23
07365	Shelbyville Central Schools	07721	Shelbyville Middle School	$47,607.74
04600	Merrillville Community School	03813	Merrillville Intermediate School	$47,540.15
06550	Portage Township Schools	06853	Portage High School	$47,500.84
04645	Tri-Creek School Corporation	03865	Lowell Senior High School	$47,411.68
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03443	Center Grove Middle School North	$47,292.31
06895	Batesville Community Sch Corp	07217	Batesville High School	$47,251.56
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05469	Arsenal Technical High School	$47,078.99
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05197	Franklin Township Middle Sch West	$46,954.35
06060	East Noble School Corp	06458	East Noble High School	$46,235.28
04245	Greenwood Community Sch Corp	03475	Greenwood Middle School	$46,030.58
05350	M S D Pike Township	05353	Pike High School	$45,982.16
04015	Jennings County Schools	03345	Jennings County High School	$45,729.05
00615	Western Boone Co Com Sch Dist	00539	Western Boone Jr-Sr High School	$45,544.01
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03138	Seymour Middle School	$45,287.06
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08775	Castle North Middle School	$44,949.10
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02526	West Clay Elementary	$44,926.57
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02955	Central Middle School	$44,791.38
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02711	Eagle Elementary Sch	$44,475.95
04730	School City of Hobart	04309	Hobart Middle School	$44,475.95
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02510	College Wood Elementary Sch	$44,115.46
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07505	Adams High School	$43,872.89
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00395	Northside Middle School	$43,822.55
03135	Mt Vernon Community Sch Corp	02559	Mt Vernon Middle School	$43,529.65
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01933	Hazelwood Middle School	$42,876.26
04325	South Knox School Corp	03489	South Knox Elementary School	$42,718.54
01620	Lawrenceburg Com School Corp	01209	Greendale Middle School	$42,583.36
03325	Danville Community School Corp	02743	Danville Middle School	$42,583.36
04645	Tri-Creek School Corporation	03851	Lowell Middle School	$42,538.29
04515	Prairie Heights Com Sch Corp	03688	Prairie Heights Middle School	$42,448.17
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08077	Lafayette Tecumseh Jr High Sch	$42,403.11
03945	Jay School Corp	03239	Jay County High School	$42,199.85
05370	M S D Washington Township	05448	Westlane Middle School	$42,132.74
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01937	Nathaniel Scribner Middle School	$42,020.08
04255	Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United	03411	Indian Creek Intermediate Sch	$41,727.18
01835	DeKalb Co Ctl United Sch Dist	01346	DeKalb Middle School	$41,479.34
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02508	Cherry Tree Elementary School	$41,456.81
04720	School Town of Highland	04283	Highland Middle School	$41,321.63
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03458	Custer Baker Intermediate School	$41,254.03
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02512	Smoky Row Elementary Sch	$41,006.20
06590	M S D Mount Vernon	06949	Mount Vernon High School	$40,855.67
03695	Brownstown Cnt Com Sch Corp	03107	Brownstown Central Middle Sch	$40,825.95
03330	Plainfield Community Sch Corp	02748	Clarks Creek Elementary	$40,645.70
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00177	Wayne High School	$40,498.05
02120	Greater Jasper Con Schs	01575	Jasper Middle School	$40,487.98
04315	North Knox School Corp	03537	North Knox Jr-Sr High School	$40,376.29
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00107	Blackhawk Middle School	$40,375.33
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03435	Center Grove Elem School	$40,330.27
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02515	Prairie Trace Elementary Sch	$40,104.96
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08445	Honey Creek Middle Sch	$39,834.59
00665	Lebanon Community School Corp	00557	Lebanon Middle School	$39,654.34
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05276	Lawrence North High School	$39,569.97
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02728	Avon Intermediate School East	$39,541.69

05370	M S D Washington Township	05442	Eastwood Middle School	$39,429.03
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05283	Mary Evelyn Castle Elem Sch	$39,338.91
04600	Merrillville Community School	03809	Merrillville High Sch	$39,232.49
05945	North Newton School Corp	06411	North Newton Jr-Sr High Sch	$39,220.98
03180	North Harrison Com School Corp	02629	North Harrison High School	$39,212.35
07365	Shelbyville Central Schools	07717	Shelbyville Sr High Sch	$39,148.12
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08485	Woodrow Wilson Middle Sch	$39,113.60
01910	Yorktown Community Schools	01389	Yorktown High School	$39,057.51
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02518	Forest Dale Elementary School	$39,023.48
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02643	Corydon Central Jr High Sch	$38,843.23
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00390	Central Middle School	$38,798.17
01125	Clay Community Schools	00933	Northview High School	$38,473.15
04315	North Knox School Corp	03545	North Knox Intermediate	$38,437.68
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08477	Otter Creek Middle Sch	$38,009.59
03815	Rensselaer Central School Corp	03221	Rensselaer Middle School	$37,896.93
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05257	McClelland Elementary School	$37,626.56
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00063	Summit Middle School	$37,311.13
03070	Noblesville Schools	02538	Hazel Dell Elementary School	$37,130.88
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07513	Riley High School	$37,123.21
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05577	Merle Sidener Gifted Academy	$36,770.39
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02579	Greenfield Central Junior High Sch	$36,725.33
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04717	Kesling Middle School	$36,702.80
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00517	Zionsville Pleasant View Elem Sch	$36,680.27
03325	Danville Community School Corp	02745	South Elementary School	$36,680.27
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02714	Reagan Elementary	$36,635.21
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05194	South Creek Elementary	$36,635.21
02270	Concord Community Schools	01713	Concord Junior High School	$36,454.96
01125	Clay Community Schools	00925	North Clay Middle School	$36,252.18
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08819	Sharon Elementary School	$36,184.59
00755	Delphi Community School Corp	00641	Delphi Community Elementary School	$36,139.53
07385	North Spencer County Sch Corp	07759	Heritage Hills High School	$36,050.36
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00045	Aboite Elementary School	$35,959.28
00665	Lebanon Community School Corp	00553	Lebanon Senior High School	$35,942.02
01560	Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp	01191	Sunman Dearborn Intermediate Sch	$35,914.22
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03457	Franklin Community Middle School	$35,869.16
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08511	Dixie Bee Elementary School	$35,733.97
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05275	Lawrence Central High School	$35,688.91
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02474	Geist Elementary School	$35,508.66
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05294	Forest Glen Elem Sch	$35,508.66
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02473	Fall Creek Elementary School	$35,463.60
04805	New Prairie United School Corp	07345	New Prairie Middle School	$35,305.88
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04745	Paul F Boston Middle School	$35,125.64
03480	Eastern Howard School Corp	02919	Eastern Jr & Sr High School	$35,064.76
02100	Southeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01583	Forest Park Jr-Sr High Sch	$35,040.31
05340	M S D Perry Township	05307	Perry Meridian High School	$35,013.94
03490	Western School Corp	02922	Western Middle School	$34,990.45
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05227	Chapel Glen Elementary School	$34,697.55
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06373	Paul Hadley Middle Sch	$34,675.02
06820	Monroe Central School Corp	07152	Monroe Central Elem School	$34,652.49
06825	Randolph Central School Corp	07129	Lee L Driver Middle School	$34,652.49
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03025	Riverview School	$34,607.43
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07390	Northpoint Elementary Sch	$34,517.30
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00781	Silver Creek Middle School	$34,111.75
07385	North Spencer County Sch Corp	07761	Heritage Hills Middle School	$33,976.56
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02466	Brooks School Elementary	$33,661.13

01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00849	Jeffersonville High School	$33,579.63
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05446	Bridgeport Elementary School	$33,390.76
07615	M S D Steuben County	07895	Angola Middle School	$33,345.70
04525	Westview School Corporation	03697	Westview Jr-Sr High School	$33,313.10
06510	East Porter County School Corp	06849	Washington Twp Middle/High School	$33,152.99
02765	South Gibson School Corp	02211	Gibson Southern High School	$33,129.98
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02516	Mohawk Trails Elementary Sch	$33,075.33
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00587	Brown County Junior High	$32,940.14
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08007	Hershey Elementary School	$32,940.14
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00154	Fred H Croninger Elem Sch	$32,895.08
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02723	White Lick Elementary School	$32,850.02
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07383	Horizon Elem Sch	$32,759.89
05635	Peru Community Schools	06093	Blair Pointe Upper Elementary	$32,737.36
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07465	John J Young Middle School	$32,737.36
04940	South Central Com School Corp	04737	South Central Jr-Sr High Sch	$32,734.01
03070	Noblesville Schools	02539	Promise Road Elementary	$32,714.83
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05267	North Wayne Elem School	$32,444.46
09705	Hammond Academy of Science & Tech	04486	Hammond Academy of Science & Tech	$32,325.58
01875	Delaware Community School Corp	01367	Delta Middle School	$32,264.22
06995	Rush County Schools	07285	Rushville Consolidated High Sch	$32,229.70
06350	Tell City-Troy Twp School Corp	06741	Tell City Jr-Sr High School	$32,071.50
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02471	Hoosier Road Elementary School	$32,038.91
09650	Herron Charter	05724	Herron High School	$32,027.40
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02507	Woodbrook Elementary School	$31,903.72
04805	New Prairie United School Corp	04689	New Prairie High School	$31,892.22
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03773	Dwight D Eisenhower Elem Sch	$31,813.60
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00219	Northrop High School	$31,807.84
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08441	Terre Haute North Vigo High Sch	$31,807.84
03295	North West Hendricks Schools	02725	Pittsboro Elementary	$31,678.41
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05205	Bunker Hill Elementary School	$31,633.35
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07336	Virgil I Grissom Middle Sch	$31,498.17
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08793	Boonville Middle School	$31,453.10
03325	Danville Community School Corp	02741	Danville Community High Sch	$31,385.99
05380	Beech Grove City Schools	05461	South Grove Intermediate School	$31,362.98
05340	M S D Perry Township	05309	Southport High School	$31,301.62
02865	Marion Community Schools	02351	Marion High School	$31,300.66
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08817	Newburgh Elementary School	$31,272.86
08385	Richmond Community Schools	08997	Test Intermediate School	$31,182.73
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00119	Jefferson Middle School	$31,137.67
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02706	Brown Elementary Sch	$31,047.55
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05223	Maplewood Elementary School	$30,957.42
05480	Bremen Public Schools	05943	Bremen Elem/Middle School	$30,822.24
01560	Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp	01190	Sunman-Dearborn Middle School	$30,777.18
09870	Discovery Charter School	06824	Discovery Charter School	$30,777.18
03490	Western School Corp	02923	Western Intermediate School	$30,732.12
03330	Plainfield Community Sch Corp	02751	Central Elementary School	$30,687.05
02120	Greater Jasper Con Schs	01569	Ireland Elementary School	$30,641.99
06820	Monroe Central School Corp	07151	Monroe Central Jr-Sr High Sch	$30,589.26
07150	John Glenn School Corporation	07453	John Glenn High School	$30,486.19
01910	Yorktown Community Schools	01387	Yorktown Middle School	$30,461.74
03945	Jay School Corp	03265	East Jay County Middle School	$30,394.15
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08049	Wea Ridge Middle School	$30,394.15
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05270	Stout Field Elementary School	$30,371.62
02815	Eastbrook Community Sch Corp	02293	Eastbrook High School	$30,298.76
01300	Crawford Co Com School Corp	01059	Crawford County Jr-Sr HS	$30,281.98

03435	Shenandoah School Corporation	02817	Shenandoah High School	$30,275.75
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05273	Westlake Elementary School	$30,236.44
02950	Linton-Stockton School Corp	02438	Linton-Stockton Jr High Sch	$29,740.76
09905	Indiana Connections Academy	07944	Indiana Connections Academy	$29,698.57
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03837	Kolling Elementary School	$29,695.70
04015	Jennings County Schools	03393	Jennings County Middle School	$29,628.10
01875	Delaware Community School Corp	01365	Royerton Elementary School	$29,560.51
06620	Eastern Pulaski Com Sch Corp	06994	Eastern Pulaski Elem Sch	$29,515.45
02765	South Gibson School Corp	02205	Haubstadt Community School	$29,425.32
04700	Griffith Public Schools	04173	Griffith Senior High School	$29,377.39
09790	Anderson Preparatory Academy	05092	Anderson Preparatory Academy	$29,152.56
06900	Jac-Cen-Del Community Sch Corp	07203	Jac-Cen-Del Elementary	$29,109.89
03115	Southern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02566	Doe Creek Middle School	$29,064.83
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05949	Lincoln Junior High School	$28,974.71
03330	Plainfield Community Sch Corp	02761	Van Buren Elementary School	$28,929.65
01655	Decatur County Com Schools	01267	North Decatur Jr-Sr High Sch	$28,894.17
03180	North Harrison Com School Corp	02621	Morgan Elementary School	$28,704.34
08115	M S D Warren County	08737	Seeger Memorial Jr-Sr HS	$28,694.75
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01895	Connersville Middle School	$28,681.81
08565	Twin Lakes School Corp	09153	Roosevelt Middle Sch	$28,636.74
09330	Irvington Community School	01537	Irvington Community School	$28,574.42
04710	School City of Hammond	04449	Thomas A Edison Elem Sch	$28,569.15
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05956	Riverside Intermediate	$28,569.15
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03653	Edgewood Middle School	$28,501.56
06065	West Noble School Corporation	06489	West Noble High School	$28,496.29
09380	Christel House Academy	05874	Christel House Academy	$28,433.97
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00102	R Nelson Snider High School	$28,433.01
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03905	Solon Robinson Elementary Sch	$28,388.90
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00127	Memorial Park Middle School	$28,366.37
01730	Greensburg Community Schools	01269	Greensburg Community Jr High	$28,298.78
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	03013	Kokomo High School	$28,264.27
05360	M S D Warren Township	05402	Raymond Park Intermediate	$28,253.72
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04753	F Willard Crichfield Elem Sch	$28,118.53
08435	Northern Wells Com Schools	09088	Norwell Middle School	$28,096.00
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02718	Delaware Trail Elementary School	$28,073.47
03305	Brownsburg Community Sch Corp	02727	Cardinal Elementary Sch	$28,073.47
06910	Milan Community Schools	07207	Milan Middle School	$28,028.41
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02509	Carmel Elementary School	$27,983.35
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02468	New Britton Elementary School	$27,938.29
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00392	Southside Elementary School	$27,915.76
03025	Hamilton Heights School Corp	02501	Hamilton Heights Middle Sch	$27,870.69
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08025	Battle Ground Middle School	$27,825.63
03470	Northwestern School Corp	02897	Northwestern Sr High Sch	$27,817.48
02815	Eastbrook Community Sch Corp	02299	Eastbrook Junior High School	$27,803.10
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04741	LaPorte High School	$27,758.04
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04905	Bedford Middle School	$27,712.98
02855	Mississinewa Community School Corp	02333	Mississinewa High School	$27,673.67
04710	School City of Hammond	04415	Hammond High School	$27,629.57
05705	Richland-Bean Blossom C S C	06147	Edgewood Junior High School	$27,622.85
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07555	Kennedy Primary Academy	$27,622.85
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02577	Maxwell Intermediate School	$27,600.32
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00101	North Side High School	$27,397.55
02285	Wa-Nee Community Schools	01735	Wakarusa Elementary School	$27,352.48
02260	Baugo Community Schools	01701	Jimtown High School	$27,346.73
05625	Oak Hill United School Corp	02305	Oak Hill Junior High School	$27,307.42

05400	School Town of Speedway	05889	Speedway Junior High School	$27,262.36
00755	Delphi Community School Corp	00637	Delphi Community High School	$27,258.53
03025	Hamilton Heights School Corp	02478	Hamilton Heights Elem School	$27,239.83
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08029	William Henry Harrison High Sch	$27,167.44
08435	Northern Wells Com Schools	09087	Norwell High School	$27,112.79
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00095	Cedar Canyon Elementary Sch	$27,037.05
03180	North Harrison Com School Corp	02625	North Harrison Middle School	$27,014.52
07645	Northeast School Corp	07917	North Central High School	$27,010.21
01405	Washington Com Schools	01125	Washington High School	$26,998.70
02980	White River Valley Sch Dist	02429	White River Valley Jr/Sr High Sch	$26,889.40
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00805	Utica Elementary School	$26,766.68
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07324	Prairie Vista	$26,721.62
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08457	Terre Haute South Vigo High Sch	$26,661.22
00015	Adams Central Community Schools	00020	Adams Central Elementary Sch	$26,631.50
05340	M S D Perry Township	05312	Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy	$26,586.43
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03445	Franklin Community High Sch	$26,576.85
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02738	Cedar Elementary School	$26,451.25
04000	Southwestern-Jefferson Co Con	03343	Southwestern Middle School	$26,361.13
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03607	Lakeview Middle School	$26,293.53
04580	Hanover Community School Corp	03784	Hanover Central Middle School	$26,248.47
06060	East Noble School Corp	06461	East Noble Middle School	$26,248.47
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00789	Silver Creek Elementary School	$26,225.94
05855	Crawfordsville Com Schools	06281	Joseph F Tuttle Middle School	$26,158.35
04245	Greenwood Community Sch Corp	03479	Westwood Elementary Sch	$26,135.82
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05659	Center for Inquiry II	$26,090.75
02285	Wa-Nee Community Schools	01737	North Wood High School	$26,068.70
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02593	Greenfield Intermediate School	$26,000.63
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00096	Eel River Elementary School	$25,955.57
05705	Richland-Bean Blossom C S C	06153	Edgewood Intermediate School	$25,955.57
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08033	East Tipp Middle School	$25,910.51
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05200	Mary Adams Elem Sch	$25,865.45
07230	Scott County School District 1	07631	Austin Middle School	$25,865.45
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00821	Charlestown Senior High Sch	$25,853.94
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05483	Northwest Community High School	$25,850.11
08215	East Washington School Corp	08905	Eastern High Sch	$25,842.44
05525	Loogootee Community Sch Corp	06003	Loogootee Jr/Sr High School	$25,784.91
02855	Mississinewa Community School Corp	02346	Northview Elementary School	$25,617.61
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04911	Bedford-North Lawrence High School	$25,564.40
03330	Plainfield Community Sch Corp	02763	Brentwood Elementary School	$25,504.95
06550	Portage Township Schools	06865	Central Elementary School	$25,504.95
01895	Liberty-Perry Com School Corp	01381	Selma Elementary School	$25,369.77
03135	Mt Vernon Community Sch Corp	02558	Fortville Elementary School	$25,279.64
01125	Clay Community Schools	00895	Clay City Elementary School	$25,234.58
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02496	Oak Trace Elementary Sch	$25,234.58
06600	M S D North Posey Co Schools	06985	North Elementary School	$25,234.58
02270	Concord Community Schools	01715	Concord Community High School	$25,226.91
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00161	Franke Park Elementary School	$25,189.52
01560	Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp	01189	North Dearborn Elementary School	$25,189.52
07255	Scott County School District 2	07645	Scottsburg Middle School	$25,189.52
09620	Burris Laboratory School	01441	Burris Laboratory School	$25,111.86
03145	Eastern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02585	Eastern Hancock High Sch	$25,101.31
04335	Vincennes Community Sch Corp	03553	Lincoln High School	$25,076.39
00370	Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp	00409	Hope Elementary School	$25,009.27
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01750	Elkhart Memorial High School	$24,973.80
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03839	George Bibich Elementary Sch	$24,964.21

07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08042	Klondike Elementary School	$24,874.09
00750	Carroll Consolidated Sch Corp	00621	Carroll Jr-Sr High Sch	$24,866.42
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03061	Crestview Middle School	$24,783.96
05845	South Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06269	New Market Elementary School	$24,783.96
05340	M S D Perry Township	05310	Southport 6th Grade Academy	$24,761.43
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05265	Robey Elementary School	$24,761.43
01180	Rossville Con School District	01033	Rossville Elementary School	$24,693.84
05370	M S D Washington Township	05403	Allisonville Elementary Sch	$24,581.19
08215	East Washington School Corp	08906	East Washington Middle Sch	$24,558.66
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00094	Oak View Elementary Sch	$24,513.59
06910	Milan Community Schools	07209	Milan Elementary School	$24,468.53
03025	Hamilton Heights School Corp	02477	Hamilton Heights High School	$24,467.57
04805	New Prairie United School Corp	04693	Rolling Prairie Elem Sch	$24,378.41
07350	Northwestern Con School Corp	07697	Triton Central Middle School	$24,310.82
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00863	Charlestown Middle School	$24,288.28
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00087	Hickory Center Elementary Sch	$24,243.22
08045	Manchester Community Schools	08625	Manchester Jr-Sr High School	$24,214.46
00035	South Adams Schools	00023	South Adams High School	$24,208.71
09555	East Chicago Urban Enterprise Acad	03935	East Chicago Urban Enterprise Acad	$24,198.16
03480	Eastern Howard School Corp	02909	Eastern Elementary School	$24,085.51
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02504	Maple Glen Elementary	$24,062.98
03335	Mill Creek Community Sch Corp	02692	Cascade Senior High School	$23,957.03
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02829	New Castle Middle School	$23,950.32
05615	Maconaquah School Corp	06035	Maconaquah Elementary School	$23,927.79
01885	Wes-Del Community Schools	01372	Wes-Del Middle/Senior High Sch	$23,890.40
09680	Paramount School Of Excellence Inc	05508	Paramount School of Excellence	$23,837.67
08445	M S D Bluffton-Harrison	09098	Bluffton-Harrison Elem Sch	$23,792.61
04760	Whiting School City	04353	Whiting High School	$23,783.02
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02969	Lafayette Park Elementary Sch	$23,612.36
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00126	Lane Middle School	$23,567.30
06350	Tell City-Troy Twp School Corp	06745	William Tell Elementary School	$23,567.30
01900	Cowan Community School Corp	01385	Cowan Elementary School	$23,522.24
09625	IN Acad for Sci Math Humanities	01443	IN Aca for Sci Math & Humanities	$23,511.69
06590	M S D Mount Vernon	06953	Mount Vernon Jr High Sch	$23,499.70
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06369	Mooresville High School	$23,455.12
01150	Clinton Central School Corp	00957	Clinton Central Junior-Senior HS	$23,391.36
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00542	Stonegate Elementary	$23,341.99
02100	Southeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01586	Cedar Crest Intermediate School	$23,341.99
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03430	Pleasant Crossing Elementary	$23,341.99
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05203	Lillie Idella Kitley Elementary	$23,274.40
01375	North Daviess Com Schools	01121	North Daviess Jr-Sr High Sch	$23,224.54
06510	East Porter County School Corp	06835	Kouts Elementary School	$23,206.80
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00046	Whispering Meadow Elem Sch	$23,161.74
06155	Paoli Community School Corp	06587	Throop Elementary School	$23,161.74
05855	Crawfordsville Com Schools	06277	Crawfordsville Sr High School	$23,117.64
05380	Beech Grove City Schools	05453	Beech Grove Middle School	$23,116.68
04255	Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United	03418	Indian Creek Middle School	$23,026.56
05615	Maconaquah School Corp	06033	Maconaquah Middle School	$22,981.49
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00809	New Washington Middle/High School	$22,977.66
00025	North Adams Community Schools	00033	Bellmont Middle School	$22,936.43
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00353	Mount Healthy Elementary Sch	$22,936.43
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03769	Douglas MacArthur Elem Sch	$22,936.43
07350	Northwestern Con School Corp	07689	Triton Central High School	$22,932.60
03115	Southern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02567	Sugar Creek Elementary Sch	$22,913.90
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02475	Lantern Road Elementary Sch	$22,846.31

00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00357	Parkside Elementary School	$22,823.78
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01693	Bristol Elementary School	$22,801.25
04730	School City of Hobart	04327	Joan Martin Elementary School	$22,801.25
02735	North Gibson School Corp	02225	Princeton Community Middle	$22,756.19
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02663	Corydon Intermediate School	$22,418.22
02650	Caston School Corporation	02157	Caston Elementary School	$22,395.69
08305	Nettle Creek School Corp	08985	Hagerstown Jr-Sr High School	$22,346.79
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03157	Seymour-Redding Elem School	$22,260.51
02735	North Gibson School Corp	02223	Brumfield Elementary	$22,170.38
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03903	Lake Street Elementary School	$22,170.38
02735	North Gibson School Corp	02249	Princeton Comm High Sch	$22,144.50
04580	Hanover Community School Corp	03785	Hanover Central High Sch	$22,105.19
09645	Challenge Foundation Academy	05716	The Challenge Foundation Academy	$22,080.26
00015	Adams Central Community Schools	00021	Adams Central High School	$22,066.84
06755	Greencastle Community Sch Corp	07093	Greencastle Middle School	$21,990.14
05835	North Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06244	Northridge Middle School	$21,900.01
05350	M S D Pike Township	05357	Central Elementary School	$21,854.95
08565	Twin Lakes School Corp	09149	Twin Lakes Senior High School	$21,728.39
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07379	Bittersweet Elementary School	$21,719.76
04015	Jennings County Schools	03397	North Vernon Elementary School	$21,697.23
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00541	Union Elementary School	$21,584.58
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08045	Southwestern Middle School	$21,584.58
00515	Blackford County Schools	00489	Blackford High School	$21,571.16
05265	Alexandria Com School Corp	05065	Alexandria-Monroe Intermediate	$21,562.05
04650	Lake Ridge Schools	03885	Longfellow Elementary School	$21,449.39
06510	East Porter County School Corp	06852	Washington Twp Elementary School	$21,449.39
01835	DeKalb Co Ctl United Sch Dist	01345	DeKalb High School	$21,430.22
06715	North Putnam Community Schools	07061	North Putnam Sr High Sch	$21,430.22
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00072	Covington Elementary School	$21,404.33
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02740	Hickory Elementary School	$21,359.27
03335	Mill Creek Community Sch Corp	02675	Mill Creek East Elementary	$21,359.27
04710	School City of Hammond	04422	Joseph Hess Elementary School	$21,314.21
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08761	Yankeetown Elementary School	$21,314.21
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07329	Mary Frank Harris Elementary Sch	$21,269.15
02940	Eastern Greene Schools	02435	Eastern Greene High School	$21,205.87
09315	Signature School Inc	08295	Signature School Inc	$21,194.36
01160	Clinton Prairie School Corp	00977	Clinton Prairie Jr-Sr HS	$21,164.16
06510	East Porter County School Corp	06825	Morgan Township Middle/High School	$21,098.49
01600	South Dearborn Com School Corp	01172	South Dearborn Middle Sch	$21,066.37
01620	Lawrenceburg Com School Corp	01217	Central Elementary School	$21,066.37
04525	Westview School Corporation	03702	Westview Elementary School	$21,043.84
08205	Salem Community Schools	08859	Bradie M Shrum Upper Elem	$20,998.78
06510	East Porter County School Corp	06833	Kouts Middle/High School	$20,990.63
07605	Fremont Community Schools	07877	Fremont High School	$20,990.15
09595	East Chicago Lighthouse Charter	03971	East Chicago Lighthouse	$20,953.72
06530	Union Township School Corp	06843	Union Township Middle Sch	$20,931.18
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08041	Klondike Middle School	$20,931.18
07945	Tipton Community School Corp	08167	Tipton Middle School	$20,931.18
06600	M S D North Posey Co Schools	06975	North Posey Sr High Sch	$20,923.99
01315	Barr-Reeve Com Schools Inc	01069	Barr Reeve Middle/High School	$20,883.73
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08777	Loge Elementary School	$20,863.59
04730	School City of Hobart	04305	Hobart High School	$20,839.62
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00573	Brown County High School	$20,827.16
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00273	Waynedale Elementary School	$20,683.34
02110	Southwest Dubois Co Sch Corp	01587	Southridge Middle School	$20,615.75

06145	Orleans Community Schools	06573	Orleans Jr-Sr High Sch	$20,475.29
06195	Spencer-Owen Community Schools	06597	Owen Valley Middle School	$20,435.50
00395	Benton Community School Corp	00445	Benton Central Jr-Sr High Sch	$20,417.77
04255	Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United	03419	Indian Creek Sr High Sch	$20,417.77
08020	South Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08434	South Vermillion Middle Sch	$20,412.97
08205	Salem Community Schools	08861	Salem Middle School	$20,412.97
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03439	Maple Grove Elementary School	$20,390.44
06755	Greencastle Community Sch Corp	07102	Tzouanakis Intermediate Sch	$20,367.91
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01785	Pinewood Elementary School	$20,345.38
01000	Clarksville Com School Corp	00833	Clarksville Senior High Sch	$20,337.23
07385	North Spencer County Sch Corp	07767	Lincoln Trail Elementary Sch	$20,322.85
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04749	Hailmann Elementary School	$20,277.79
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03133	Seymour Senior High School	$20,249.03
04015	Jennings County Schools	03389	Brush Creek Elementary School	$20,097.54
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05596	Meredith Nicholson School 96	$20,097.54
06835	Randolph Eastern School Corp	07161	Union City Community High Sch	$20,092.75
03055	Sheridan Community Schools	02463	Sheridan High School	$20,079.33
06445	Pike County School Corp	06768	Pike Central Middle School	$20,052.48
02645	Rochester Community Sch Corp	02185	George M Riddle Elem School	$20,007.42
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05945	Plymouth High School	$19,995.91
05340	M S D Perry Township	05351	Winchester Village Elementary	$19,962.36
05855	Crawfordsville Com Schools	06289	Mollie B Hoover Elem Sch	$19,962.36
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06393	Waverly Elementary School	$19,872.23
02920	Bloomfield School District	02419	Bloomfield Jr-Sr High School	$19,844.91
02645	Rochester Community Sch Corp	02173	Rochester Community High Sch	$19,791.70
07945	Tipton Community School Corp	08163	Tipton Elementary School	$19,782.11
02940	Eastern Greene Schools	02436	Eastern Greene Middle School	$19,737.05
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08593	Riley Elementary School	$19,737.05
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05601	H L Harshman Middle School	$19,714.52
01375	North Daviess Com Schools	01090	North Daviess Elementary School	$19,601.86
01730	Greensburg Community Schools	01268	Greensburg Community High Sch	$19,574.06
04445	Tippecanoe Valley School Corp	03602	Tippecanoe Valley High School	$19,574.06
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03434	Sugar Grove Elementary Sch	$19,556.80
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05293	Indian Creek Elem Sch	$19,534.27
04590	River Forest Community Sch Corp	03801	River Forest Elementary Sch	$19,511.74
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06385	North Madison Elem Sch	$19,511.74
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05447	Ben Davis University High School	$19,487.77
08445	M S D Bluffton-Harrison	09093	Bluffton-Harrison Middle Sch	$19,466.68
06750	Cloverdale Community Schools	07085	Cloverdale Middle School	$19,444.15
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00346	CSA Lincoln Campus	$19,331.49
01315	Barr-Reeve Com Schools Inc	01075	Barr Reeve Elementary School	$19,331.49
02645	Rochester Community Sch Corp	02177	Rochester Community Md Sch	$19,308.96
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08006	Wyandotte Elementary	$19,241.37
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05179	Blue Academy	$19,218.84
08045	Manchester Community Schools	08645	Manchester Intermediate School	$19,196.31
03335	Mill Creek Community Sch Corp	02687	Cascade Middle School	$19,128.71
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02735	Sycamore Elementary School	$19,106.18
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00801	Northaven Elementary School	$19,061.12
02120	Greater Jasper Con Schs	01601	Tenth Street School	$19,038.59
04015	Jennings County Schools	03361	Graham Creek Elementary School	$19,016.06
06865	South Ripley Com Sch Corp	07178	South Ripley Elementary School	$19,016.06
07525	Knox Community School Corp	07845	Knox Community Elementary School	$19,016.06
03160	Lanesville Community School Corp	02613	Lanesville Jr-Sr HS	$18,978.19
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05274	Chapelwood Elementary School	$18,971.00
01620	Lawrenceburg Com School Corp	01177	Lawrenceburg High School	$18,899.09

07945	Tipton Community School Corp	08177	Tipton High School	$18,899.09
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00375	CSA Fodrea Campus	$18,880.87
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07421	Clay High School	$18,814.72
06600	M S D North Posey Co Schools	06989	South Terrace Elem Sch	$18,790.75
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02469	Fishers Elementary School	$18,700.63
06865	South Ripley Com Sch Corp	07174	South Ripley Junior High School	$18,700.63
03470	Northwestern School Corp	02904	Northwestern Elementary Sch	$18,633.03
05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05198	Thompson Crossing Elementary Schl	$18,610.50
06080	Rising Sun-Ohio Co Com	06511	Ohio County Elem-Middle Sch	$18,542.91
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02492	Shamrock Springs Elementary Sch	$18,520.38
01655	Decatur County Com Schools	01266	North Decatur Elementary Sch	$18,497.85
06995	Rush County Schools	07290	Benjamin Rush Middle Sch	$18,497.85
03115	Southern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02564	New Palestine Elementary School	$18,452.79
05845	South Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06257	Southmont Sr High School	$18,392.87
06510	East Porter County School Corp	06828	Morgan Township Elementary School	$18,385.20
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08772	Tecumseh Jr-Sr High Sch	$18,283.09
07215	Union-North United School Corp	07400	LaVille Elementary School	$18,227.48
05625	Oak Hill United School Corp	06069	Oak Hill High School	$18,224.12
07360	Southwestern Con Sch Shelby Co	07703	Southwestern Elementary Sch	$18,204.95
08305	Nettle Creek School Corp	08989	Hagerstown Elementary School	$18,159.89
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01889	Connersville Sr High School	$18,139.75
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04811	Lake Hills Elementary School	$18,069.76
05085	Mitchell Community Schools	04925	Mitchell High School	$18,055.38
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08453	West Vigo High School	$18,055.38
03455	C A Beard Memorial School Corp	02870	Knightstown Intermediate School	$18,047.23
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00118	Jeff H Towles Intermediate School	$17,979.64
00515	Blackford County Schools	00494	North Side Elementary School	$17,957.11
08355	Western Wayne Schools	08961	Lincoln Sr High Sch	$17,949.92
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01777	Hawthorne Elementary School	$17,889.52
00750	Carroll Consolidated Sch Corp	00629	Carroll Elementary	$17,844.45
04670	School City of East Chicago	03924	East Chicago Central High Sch	$17,717.90
00665	Lebanon Community School Corp	00534	Perry Worth Elementary School	$17,709.27
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00767	Henryville Elementary School	$17,709.27
01125	Clay Community Schools	00901	Jackson Township Elem School	$17,709.27
08010	North Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08394	North Vermillion High School	$17,681.46
02950	Linton-Stockton School Corp	02441	Linton-Stockton Elementary	$17,641.68
03995	Madison Consolidated Schools	03309	Madison Consolidated High Sch	$17,633.53
04325	South Knox School Corp	03490	South Knox Middle-High School	$17,627.77
01125	Clay Community Schools	00907	Staunton Elementary School	$17,619.15
06160	Springs Valley Com School Corp	06589	Springs Valley Comm High Sch	$17,617.23
01600	South Dearborn Com School Corp	01141	Dillsboro Elementary School	$17,574.08
03060	Carmel Clay Schools	02513	Orchard Park Elementary Sch	$17,574.08
05495	Triton School Corporation	05923	Triton Jr-Sr High Sch	$17,549.16
07715	Southwest School Corp	07957	Sullivan High School	$17,549.16
07950	Union Co/Clg Corner Joint Sch Dist	08206	Union County Middle School	$17,506.49
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03029	Roanoke Elementary School	$17,483.96
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08517	Farrington Grove Elem Sch	$17,483.96
01160	Clinton Prairie School Corp	00981	Clinton Prairie Elem School	$17,461.43
06325	Perry Central Com Schools Corp	06708	Perry Central Jr-Sr High Sch	$17,459.51
05635	Peru Community Schools	06089	Peru Junior High School	$17,416.37
08565	Twin Lakes School Corp	09163	Meadowlawn Elementary School	$17,393.84
05085	Mitchell Community Schools	04924	Mitchell Jr High School	$17,281.18
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05187	Valley Mills Elementary Sch	$17,213.59
07715	Southwest School Corp	07961	Sullivan Middle School	$17,213.59
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02825	New Castle High Sch	$17,211.67

03435	Shenandoah School Corporation	02819	Shenandoah Middle School	$17,191.06
06325	Perry Central Com Schools Corp	06705	Perry Central Elem School	$17,191.06
08020	South Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08409	Central Elementary School	$17,168.53
06195	Spencer-Owen Community Schools	06617	Spencer Elementary School	$17,146.00
06630	West Central School Corp	07031	West Central Middle School	$17,123.47
01125	Clay Community Schools	00897	Clay City Jr-Sr High School	$17,111.00
06715	North Putnam Community Schools	07049	North Putnam Middle Sch	$17,078.40
05520	Shoals Community School Corp	05985	Shoals Comm Jr-Sr High Sch	$17,068.82
07445	South Spencer County Sch Corp	07795	South Spencer High School	$17,042.93
09460	Thea Bowman Leadership Academy	04022	Thea Bowman Leadership Academy	$17,042.93
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00514	Eagle Elementary School	$17,033.34
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01482	South View Elementary School	$17,033.34
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05189	West Newton Elementary School	$16,943.22
03295	North West Hendricks Schools	02731	Tri-West Senior High School	$16,911.10
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01470	Grissom Elementary School	$16,898.16
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05582	Christian Park School 82	$16,853.10
02435	Attica Consolidated Sch Corp	02053	Attica High School	$16,762.97
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00328	Clifty Creek Elementary Sch	$16,717.91
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02482	Sand Creek Elementary	$16,717.91
01405	Washington Com Schools	01103	Lena Dunn Elementary School	$16,672.85
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01797	Riverview Elementary School	$16,672.85
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00571	Brown County Intermediate School	$16,650.32
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01789	Monger Elementary School	$16,627.79
05085	Mitchell Community Schools	04861	Burris Elementary School	$16,627.79
05900	Monroe-Gregg School District	06315	Monrovia Middle School	$16,605.26
03070	Noblesville Schools	02537	Noble Crossing Elementary School	$16,537.66
05400	School Town of Speedway	05893	James A Allison Elem School 3	$16,537.66
06995	Rush County Schools	07271	Rushville Elementary School East	$16,537.66
03695	Brownstown Cnt Com Sch Corp	03129	Brownstown Elementary School	$16,425.01
03435	Shenandoah School Corporation	02815	Shenandoah Elementary School	$16,402.48
06705	South Putnam Community Schools	07071	South Putnam High School	$16,367.96
08375	Northeastern Wayne Schools	08928	Northeastern Elementary Sch	$16,357.42
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03429	Break-O-Day Elementary School	$16,312.35
05340	M S D Perry Township	05322	Mary Bryan Elementary Sch	$16,312.35
06065	West Noble School Corporation	06510	West Noble Elementary School	$16,289.82
01600	South Dearborn Com School Corp	01197	Aurora Elementary School	$16,267.29
04700	Griffith Public Schools	04177	Griffith Middle School	$16,267.29
03070	Noblesville Schools	02547	White River Elementary School	$16,222.23
05370	M S D Washington Township	05430	Spring Mill Elementary School	$16,222.23
03815	Rensselaer Central School Corp	03205	Van Rensselaer Elementary School	$16,177.17
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06387	Northwood Elementary School	$16,177.17
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03444	Pleasant Grove Elem Sch	$16,154.64
09485	SE Neighborhood Sch of Excellence	05868	SE Neighborhood Sch of Excellence	$16,132.11
07150	John Glenn School Corporation	07456	North Liberty School	$15,974.39
05350	M S D Pike Township	05360	Guion Creek Elementary School	$15,906.80
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08026	Wainwright Middle School	$15,906.80
03455	C A Beard Memorial School Corp	02869	Knightstown High School	$15,861.74
04205	Center Grove Com Sch Corp	03440	North Grove Elementary School	$15,861.74
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04707	Indian Trail Elem Sch	$15,861.74
06530	Union Township School Corp	06846	John Simatovich Elem Sch	$15,861.74
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01801	Roosevelt Elementary School	$15,816.68
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02483	Thorpe Creek Elementary	$15,771.61
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02497	Durbin Elementary School	$15,771.61
04710	School City of Hammond	04465	Maywood Elementary School	$15,771.61
05525	Loogootee Community Sch Corp	06001	Loogootee Intermediate School	$15,771.61

00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00363	W D Richards Elementary Sch	$15,749.08
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01617	Cleveland Elementary School	$15,726.55
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08021	Wea Ridge Elementary School	$15,704.02
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00369	Lillian Schmitt Elem School	$15,681.49
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05570	Mary E Nicholson School 70	$15,681.49
04455	Whitko Community School Corp	03644	Whitko Middle Sch	$15,658.96
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04878	Oolitic Middle School	$15,636.43
08060	Wabash City Schools	08693	Wabash High School	$15,636.43
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08773	Lynnville Elementary School	$15,501.24
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02726	River Birch Elementary	$15,456.18
05340	M S D Perry Township	05338	Douglas MacArthur Elem School	$15,433.65
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00134	Weisser Park Elem Sch	$15,411.12
02455	Southeast Fountain School Corp	02021	Southeast Fountain Elementary	$15,411.12
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08019	Burnett Creek Elementary School	$15,411.12
02040	Northeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01549	Dubois Middle School	$15,366.06
05900	Monroe-Gregg School District	06323	Monrovia Elementary School	$15,343.53
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03425	Whiteland Elementary School	$15,321.00
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03413	Needham Elementary School	$15,321.00
07365	Shelbyville Central Schools	07733	William F Loper Elem Sch	$15,321.00
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08549	Lost Creek Elementary School	$15,321.00
00035	South Adams Schools	00025	South Adams Elem School	$15,298.47
02920	Bloomfield School District	02417	Bloomfield Elementary School	$15,298.47
01835	DeKalb Co Ctl United Sch Dist	01351	James R Watson Elem School	$15,275.93
01875	Delaware Community School Corp	01409	Eaton Elementary School	$15,275.93
00035	South Adams Schools	00017	South Adams Middle School	$15,253.40
01600	South Dearborn Com School Corp	01179	South Dearborn High School	$15,186.77
03945	Jay School Corp	03287	East Elementary School	$15,140.75
07365	Shelbyville Central Schools	07729	Thomas A Hendricks Elem Sch	$15,118.22
09875	Rock Creek Community Academy	00771	Rock Creek Community Academy	$15,034.33
06620	Eastern Pulaski Com Sch Corp	06996	Winamac Community Middle Sch	$15,028.09
01655	Decatur County Com Schools	01265	South Decatur Elementary Sch	$15,005.56
03070	Noblesville Schools	02533	Stony Creek Elementary School	$14,983.03
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03610	Harrison Elementary School	$14,915.44
00370	Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp	00410	Hauser Jr-Sr High School	$14,914.00
03135	Mt Vernon Community Sch Corp	02561	Mt Comfort Elementary School	$14,892.91
05370	M S D Washington Township	05406	Crooked Creek Elementary Sch	$14,892.91
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05551	James Russell Lowell School 51	$14,870.38
06910	Milan Community Schools	07205	Milan High School	$14,849.29
00755	Delphi Community School Corp	00609	Delphi Community Middle Sch	$14,825.32
02765	South Gibson School Corp	02214	Fort Branch Community School	$14,825.32
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03665	Lincoln Elementary School	$14,780.25
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03673	Madison Elementary School	$14,757.72
06715	North Putnam Community Schools	07045	Roachdale Elementary School	$14,735.19
00615	Western Boone Co Com Sch Dist	00521	Granville Wells Elem School	$14,690.13
06590	M S D Mount Vernon	06969	Marrs Elementary School	$14,690.13
01150	Clinton Central School Corp	00961	Clinton Central Elem School	$14,645.07
05370	M S D Washington Township	05418	Greenbriar Elementary School	$14,645.07
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06375	Neil Armstrong Elem Sch	$14,645.07
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08813	Chandler Elementary School	$14,645.07
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00270	Lincoln Elementary School	$14,622.54
05340	M S D Perry Township	05372	Rosa Parks-Edison Elem	$14,622.54
05280	Elwood Community School Corp	05149	Elwood Community High School	$14,545.36
03490	Western School Corp	02921	Western High School	$14,511.80
08445	M S D Bluffton-Harrison	09089	Bluffton High School	$14,511.80
03945	Jay School Corp	03273	General Shanks Elem School	$14,509.88

05310	Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	05202	Arlington Elementary School	$14,487.35
09940	Tindley Collegiate Academy	05914	Tindley Collegiate Academy	$14,464.82
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08655	Southwood Jr-Sr High School	$14,343.06
04645	Tri-Creek School Corporation	03753	Oak Hill Elementary School	$14,307.11
01835	DeKalb Co Ctl United Sch Dist	01357	McKenney-Harrison Elem School	$14,284.58
01895	Liberty-Perry Com School Corp	01377	Selma Middle School	$14,284.58
04245	Greenwood Community Sch Corp	03477	Greenwood Northeast Elem Sch	$14,284.58
07605	Fremont Community Schools	07884	Fremont Middle School	$14,262.04
07615	M S D Steuben County	07893	Angola High School	$14,258.69
00015	Adams Central Community Schools	00013	Adams Central Middle School	$14,239.51
06055	Central Noble Com School Corp	06454	Albion Elementary School	$14,239.51
06900	Jac-Cen-Del Community Sch Corp	07193	Jac-Cen-Del MS/HS	$14,236.64
05620	North Miami Community Schools	06051	North Miami Elem School	$14,171.92
00395	Benton Community School Corp	00446	Prairie Crossing Elementary Sch	$14,149.39
08435	Northern Wells Com Schools	09081	Ossian Elementary	$14,126.86
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00777	Silver Creek High School	$14,089.95
05340	M S D Perry Township	05333	Glenns Valley Elem Sch	$14,081.80
04000	Southwestern-Jefferson Co Con	03341	Southwestern Elementary Sch	$14,059.27
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03677	Washington Elementary School	$14,036.74
04940	South Central Com School Corp	04734	South Central Elem School	$14,036.74
04710	School City of Hammond	04411	George Rogers Clark Md/HS	$14,005.58
03145	Eastern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02582	Eastern Hancock Middle Sch	$13,991.67
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03608	Eisenhower Elementary School	$13,991.67
03295	North West Hendricks Schools	02685	North Salem Elementary School	$13,969.14
05625	Oak Hill United School Corp	02306	Swayzee Elementary School	$13,946.61
01170	Community Schools of Frankfort	00997	Frankfort Senior High School	$13,921.21
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00089	Huntertown Elementary School	$13,901.55
02110	Southwest Dubois Co Sch Corp	01590	Huntingburg Elementary School	$13,833.96
05455	Culver Community Schools Corp	05928	Culver Elementary School	$13,788.90
07445	South Spencer County Sch Corp	07797	South Spencer Middle School	$13,743.83
03470	Northwestern School Corp	02907	Northwestern Middle School	$13,698.77
07605	Fremont Community Schools	07881	Fremont Elementary School	$13,698.77
06865	South Ripley Com Sch Corp	07182	South Ripley High School	$13,668.09
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00205	Maplewood Elementary School	$13,653.71
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03913	Timothy Ball Elementary Sch	$13,653.71
03945	Jay School Corp	03285	West Jay County Middle School	$13,563.59
09745	Tindley Preparatory Academy	05336	Tindley Preparatory Academy	$13,541.06
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02640	Corydon Central High School	$13,499.35
07715	Southwest School Corp	07965	Sullivan Elementary School	$13,495.99
04710	School City of Hammond	04459	Kenwood Elementary School	$13,473.46
06995	Rush County Schools	07237	Mays Elementary School	$13,473.46
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08525	Rio Grande Elementary School	$13,473.46
08360	Centerville-Abington Com Schs	08982	Centerville-Abington Jr High Sch	$13,473.46
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01681	Feeser Elementary School	$13,450.93
05350	M S D Pike Township	05359	Eastbrook Elementary School	$13,450.93
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00092	Perry Hill Elementary School	$13,428.40
00665	Lebanon Community School Corp	00565	Harney Elementary School	$13,383.34
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01966	Floyds Knobs Elementary School	$13,383.34
04700	Griffith Public Schools	04171	Beiriger Elementary School	$13,383.34
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03153	Seymour-Jackson Elementary School	$13,338.28
05455	Culver Community Schools Corp	05931	Culver Community Middle Sch	$13,338.28
07365	Shelbyville Central Schools	07725	Coulston Elementary School	$13,338.28
02765	South Gibson School Corp	02241	Owensville Community School	$13,315.75
05495	Triton School Corporation	05922	Triton Elementary School	$13,293.22
05845	South Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06261	Southmont Jr High School	$13,293.22

03180	North Harrison Com School Corp	02633	North Harrison Elementary Sch	$13,270.69
05350	M S D Pike Township	05358	Eagle Creek Elementary School	$13,248.16
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08789	Boonville High School	$13,246.24
02260	Baugo Community Schools	01703	Jimtown Junior High School	$13,225.62
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08801	Oakdale Elementary School	$13,225.62
00025	North Adams Community Schools	00029	Bellmont Senior High School	$13,161.87
05350	M S D Pike Township	05352	Deer Run Elementary	$13,158.03
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02481	Harrison Parkway Elem School	$13,135.50
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05498	Cold Spring School	$13,112.97
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05558	Ralph Waldo Emerson School 58	$13,112.97
07515	North Judson-San Pierre Sch Corp	07854	North Judson-San Pierre Mdl Sch	$13,112.97
01900	Cowan Community School Corp	01386	Cowan High School	$13,045.86
04760	Whiting School City	04356	Whiting Middle School	$13,045.38
07255	Scott County School District 2	07641	Scottsburg Senior High School	$13,022.85
01895	Liberty-Perry Com School Corp	01375	Wapahani High School	$12,993.13
06705	South Putnam Community Schools	07056	South Putnam Middle School	$12,977.78
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08607	Terre Town Elementary School	$12,977.78
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02733	Maple Elementary Sch	$12,932.72
01180	Rossville Con School District	01023	Rossville Middle School	$12,910.19
04600	Merrillville Community School	03829	Jonas E Salk Elem Sch	$12,910.19
08220	West Washington School Corp	08894	West Washington Elem Sch	$12,887.66
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08657	Sharp Creek Elementary School	$12,865.13
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02470	Cumberland Road Elem School	$12,842.60
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05473	Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet HS	$12,824.38
08220	West Washington School Corp	08869	West Washington Jr-Sr HS	$12,824.38
03135	Mt Vernon Community Sch Corp	02570	McCordsville Elementary School	$12,797.54
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08769	Elberfeld Elementary School	$12,797.54
04000	Southwestern-Jefferson Co Con	03337	Southwestern High School	$12,787.95
04730	School City of Hobart	04317	Liberty Elementary School	$12,775.01
05340	M S D Perry Township	05366	Jeremiah Gray-Edison Elem	$12,775.01
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00162	Glenwood Park Elementary Sch	$12,684.88
04525	Westview School Corporation	03704	Meadowview Elementary Sch	$12,662.35
06550	Portage Township Schools	06857	Wallace Aylesworth Elementary	$12,639.82
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00064	Lafayette Meadow School	$12,617.29
06055	Central Noble Com School Corp	06450	Central Noble Middle School	$12,617.29
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03661	Jefferson Elementary School	$12,572.23
01180	Rossville Con School District	01021	Rossville Senior High School	$12,554.01
06060	East Noble School Corp	06457	Avilla Elementary School	$12,549.70
00515	Blackford County Schools	00491	Blackford Junior High School	$12,504.64
05705	Richland-Bean Blossom C S C	06146	Edgewood High School	$12,486.90
05845	South Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06258	Walnut Elementary School	$12,482.11
01405	Washington Com Schools	01129	North Elementary School	$12,459.57
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00217	Northcrest Elementary School	$12,391.98
04580	Hanover Community School Corp	03782	Lincoln Elementary School	$12,369.45
06550	Portage Township Schools	06874	Rowena Kyle Elementary School	$12,369.45
07445	South Spencer County Sch Corp	07789	Luce Elementary School	$12,346.92
07230	Scott County School District 1	07629	Austin High School	$12,327.75
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03401	Clark Elementary School	$12,324.39
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07478	Liberty Elementary School	$12,324.39
06835	Randolph Eastern School Corp	07164	North Side Elementary School	$12,301.86
07150	John Glenn School Corporation	05916	Harold C Urey Middle School	$12,301.86
06060	East Noble School Corp	06477	North Side Elementary School	$12,279.33
08435	Northern Wells Com Schools	09085	Lancaster Central School	$12,256.80
03070	Noblesville Schools	02529	North Elementary School	$12,234.27
02815	Eastbrook Community Sch Corp	02263	Eastbrook South Elementary	$12,211.74

04615	Lake Central School Corp	03843	Protsman Elementary School	$12,211.74
07385	North Spencer County Sch Corp	07751	Chrisney Elementary School	$12,211.74
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01421	Muncie Central High School	$12,149.42
05380	Beech Grove City Schools	05449	Beech Grove Sr High School	$12,149.42
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02943	Sycamore Elementary Sch	$12,144.14
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00164	J Wilbur Haley Elementary Sch	$12,099.08
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07621	Tarkington Traditional Center	$12,076.55
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01424	Muncie Southside High Sch	$12,065.04
06825	Randolph Central School Corp	07145	Willard Elem School	$12,031.49
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07377	Moran Elementary School	$12,031.49
08525	Frontier School Corporation	09113	Frontier Elementary	$12,031.49
03145	Eastern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02586	Eastern Hancock Elem School	$12,008.96
04245	Greenwood Community Sch Corp	03483	Southwest Elem Sch	$11,986.43
04590	River Forest Community Sch Corp	03797	Henry S Evans Elementary Sch	$11,986.43
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05591	Rousseau Mc Clellan 91	$11,986.43
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07473	Beiger Elementary School	$11,963.90
07515	North Judson-San Pierre Sch Corp	07851	North Judson-San Pierre Elem Sch	$11,963.90
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01423	Storer Elementary School	$11,941.36
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08009	Mintonye Elementary School	$11,941.36
03945	Jay School Corp	03241	Bloomfield Elementary School	$11,896.30
05635	Peru Community Schools	06085	Peru High School	$11,896.30
02960	M S D Shakamak Schools	02449	Shakamak Elementary School	$11,873.77
05350	M S D Pike Township	05349	Fishback Creek Public Aca	$11,873.77
04445	Tippecanoe Valley School Corp	03603	Mentone Elementary School	$11,851.24
07515	North Judson-San Pierre Sch Corp	07849	North Judson-San Pierre High Sch	$11,836.86
06195	Spencer-Owen Community Schools	06613	Owen Valley Community HS	$11,811.93
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00825	Jonathan Jennings Elem Sch	$11,783.65
04645	Tri-Creek School Corporation	03848	Three Creeks Elem School	$11,783.65
05625	Oak Hill United School Corp	06081	Sweetser Elementary School	$11,783.65
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00813	William W Borden High School	$11,738.59
03055	Sheridan Community Schools	02465	Sheridan Elementary School	$11,738.59
04580	Hanover Community School Corp	03781	Jane Ball Elementary School	$11,716.06
06550	Portage Township Schools	06861	Crisman Elementary School	$11,716.06
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05635	Center For Inquiry	$11,670.99
03415	South Henry School Corp	02773	Tri Junior-Senior High School	$11,643.19
04535	Lakeland School Corporation	03730	Lakeland High School	$11,643.19
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01509	Sutton Elementary School	$11,625.93
03995	Madison Consolidated Schools	03333	Emery O Muncie Elem School	$11,625.93
06590	M S D Mount Vernon	06965	Farmersville Elementary Sch	$11,580.87
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01679	Eastwood Elementary School	$11,558.34
08525	Frontier School Corporation	09137	Frontier Jr-Sr High School	$11,546.83
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00371	L F Smith Elementary	$11,535.81
02285	Wa-Nee Community Schools	01747	Woodview Elementary School	$11,490.75
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07313	Hay Primary Center	$11,490.75
07615	M S D Steuben County	07905	Pleasant Lake Elem Sch	$11,490.75
08205	Salem Community Schools	08857	Salem High School	$11,474.45
01835	DeKalb Co Ctl United Sch Dist	01341	Waterloo Elementary School	$11,445.69
03945	Jay School Corp	03277	Judge Haynes Elementary Sch	$11,400.62
02155	Fairfield Community Schools	01652	Benton Elementary School	$11,355.56
07775	Switzerland County School Corp	07994	Switzerland Co Elem Sch	$11,355.56
05470	Argos Community Schools	05937	Argos Comm Jr-Sr High School	$11,343.10
08425	Southern Wells Com Schools	09057	Southern Wells Elem Sch	$11,287.97
02100	Southeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01581	Ferdinand Elementary School	$11,265.44
00615	Western Boone Co Com Sch Dist	00537	Thorntown Elementary School	$11,242.91
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00755	W E Wilson Elementary	$11,175.31

04710	School City of Hammond	04447	Columbia Elementary School	$11,175.31
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00253	South Wayne Elementary School	$11,130.25
03055	Sheridan Community Schools	06780	Sheridan Middle School	$11,130.25
02440	Covington Community Sch Corp	02013	Covington Middle School	$11,062.66
04455	Whitko Community School Corp	09191	Whitko High School	$11,052.59
05615	Maconaquah School Corp	06032	Maconaquah High School	$11,052.59
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00186	Mabel K Holland Elem Sch	$11,040.13
04805	New Prairie United School Corp	07349	Olive Township Elem Sch	$11,040.13
06060	East Noble School Corp	06478	South Side Elementary School	$10,995.07
07875	West Lafayette Com School Corp	08138	Cumberland Elementary School	$10,995.07
00395	Benton Community School Corp	00421	Otterbein Elementary School	$10,972.54
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08005	Mayflower Mill Elem Sch	$10,927.48
08535	Tri-County School Corp	09143	Tri-County Intermediate School	$10,927.48
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00275	Arlington Elementary School	$10,904.94
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08510	Adelaide De Vaney Elem Sch	$10,904.94
07255	Scott County School District 2	07649	Scottsburg Elem School	$10,882.41
01125	Clay Community Schools	00941	East Side Elementary School	$10,859.88
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02645	Corydon Elementary School	$10,859.88
06600	M S D North Posey Co Schools	06973	North Posey Jr High Sch	$10,859.88
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00233	Saint Joseph Central School	$10,837.35
08060	Wabash City Schools	08709	W C Mills Elementary School	$10,837.35
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05593	George H Fisher School 93	$10,769.76
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01929	Georgetown Elementary School	$10,724.70
03160	Lanesville Community School Corp	02611	Lanesville Elementary School	$10,724.70
07150	John Glenn School Corporation	07457	Walkerton Elementary School	$10,702.17
07615	M S D Steuben County	07899	Ryan Park Elementary Sch	$10,702.17
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01974	Mount Tabor School	$10,679.64
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03613	Leesburg Elementary School	$10,679.64
06145	Orleans Community Schools	06577	Orleans Elementary School	$10,679.64
07360	Southwestern Con Sch Shelby Co	07701	Southwestern High School	$10,669.09
02435	Attica Consolidated Sch Corp	02057	Attica Elementary School	$10,657.10
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00366	Rockcreek Elementary School	$10,634.57
06795	Union School Corporation	07117	Union Elementary School	$10,634.57
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08656	Southwood Elementary School	$10,634.57
04015	Jennings County Schools	03349	Sand Creek Elementary Sch	$10,612.04
06550	Portage Township Schools	06869	Ethel R Jones Elem Sch	$10,566.98
08020	South Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08432	South Vermillion High School	$10,546.37
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00269	Washington Center Elem Sch	$10,544.45
02440	Covington Community Sch Corp	02009	Covington Elementary School	$10,544.45
03455	C A Beard Memorial School Corp	02887	Knightstown Elementary School	$10,544.45
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00071	Deer Ridge Elementary	$10,521.92
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00221	Francis M Price Elem Sch	$10,521.92
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00879	Parkwood Elementary School	$10,521.92
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08024	Battle Ground Elem Sch	$10,521.92
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07361	Elm Road Elementary School	$10,476.86
02155	Fairfield Community Schools	01649	New Paris Elementary School	$10,454.33
07950	Union Co/Clg Corner Joint Sch Dist	08209	Liberty Elementary School	$10,454.33
01405	Washington Com Schools	01133	Helen Griffith Elementary School	$10,431.80
04615	Lake Central School Corp	03840	James H Watson Elem Sch	$10,431.80
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00585	Sprunica Elementary School	$10,409.26
04615	Lake Central School Corp	04349	Homan Elementary School	$10,386.73
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01485	Longfellow Elementary School	$10,364.20
04645	Tri-Creek School Corporation	03845	Lake Prairie Elementary Sch	$10,364.20
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04932	Parkview Intermediate School	$10,364.20
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07499	Twin Branch Elementary School	$10,319.14

03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02861	Westwood Elementary School	$10,296.61
07350	Northwestern Con School Corp	07691	Triton Central Elementary School	$10,296.61
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05494	John Marshall Community High Sch	$10,293.25
02155	Fairfield Community Schools	01621	Millersburg Elementary School	$10,274.08
05340	M S D Perry Township	05321	William Henry Burkhart Elem	$10,274.08
05995	South Newton School Corp	06431	South Newton Elementary Sch	$10,274.08
08045	Manchester Community Schools	08633	Manchester Elem School	$10,274.08
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00829	Pleasant Ridge Elem School	$10,251.55
04535	Lakeland School Corporation	03731	Parkside Elementary School	$10,251.55
03415	South Henry School Corp	02777	Tri-Elementary School	$10,229.02
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08533	Benjamin Franklin Elem School	$10,229.02
04650	Lake Ridge Schools	03869	Calumet High School	$10,208.88
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08111	Woodland Elementary School	$10,206.49
02100	Southeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01563	Pine Ridge Elementary School	$10,183.96
05340	M S D Perry Township	05347	Southport Elementary School	$10,183.96
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08649	LaFontaine Elementary School	$10,183.96
08010	North Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08403	North Vermillion Elem Sch	$10,161.43
06375	North Central Parke Comm Schl Corp	06649	Turkey Run High School	$10,101.50
00125	M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	00068	Haverhill Elementary School	$10,071.30
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04891	Shawswick Middle School	$10,071.30
06530	Union Township School Corp	06841	Wheeler High School	$10,040.14
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02865	Wilbur Wright Elementary School	$10,026.24
01125	Clay Community Schools	00942	Forest Park Elementary School	$10,003.71
06375	North Central Parke Comm Schl Corp	06645	Rockville Elementary School	$10,003.71
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01957	Grant Line School	$9,981.18
04600	Merrillville Community School	03822	Homer Iddings Elem Sch	$9,981.18
04760	Whiting School City	04361	Nathan Hale Elementary School	$9,981.18
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07459	Fred J Hums Elementary School	$9,981.18
04215	Edinburgh Community Sch Corp	03452	East Side Elementary School	$9,958.65
06445	Pike County School Corp	06763	Pike Central High Sch	$9,955.77
06755	Greencastle Community Sch Corp	07089	Greencastle Senior High Sch	$9,955.77
08425	Southern Wells Com Schools	09058	Southern Wells Jr-Sr High Sch	$9,955.77
00665	Lebanon Community School Corp	00561	Central Elementary School	$9,936.12
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03077	Flint Springs Elementary	$9,936.12
04335	Vincennes Community Sch Corp	03509	Benjamin Franklin Elem School	$9,936.12
04615	Lake Central School Corp	04351	Peifer Elementary School	$9,936.12
05370	M S D Washington Township	05424	John Strange Elementary Sch	$9,936.12
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00265	Washington Elem School	$9,913.59
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04727	Kingsbury Elementary School	$9,913.59
07525	Knox Community School Corp	07833	Knox Community High School	$9,871.40
02285	Wa-Nee Community Schools	01743	Nappanee Elementary School	$9,868.52
07230	Scott County School District 1	07630	Austin Elementary School	$9,868.52
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02588	J B Stephens Elementary School	$9,823.46
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	06829	Pine Elementary School	$9,823.46
05910	Eminence Community School Corp	06327	Eminence Elementary School	$9,778.40
05945	North Newton School Corp	06409	Lincoln Elementary School	$9,778.40
05470	Argos Community Schools	05936	Argos Community Elementary	$9,755.87
06160	Springs Valley Com School Corp	06591	Springs Valley Elem Sch	$9,755.87
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03021	Andrews Elementary School	$9,733.34
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02849	James Whitcomb Riley Elem School	$9,665.75
04720	School Town of Highland	04301	Southridge Elementary School	$9,665.75
04415	Warsaw Community Schools	03589	Claypool Elementary School	$9,620.68
03695	Brownstown Cnt Com Sch Corp	03126	Brownstown Central High Sch	$9,618.29
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08089	Edgelea Elementary School	$9,575.62
06630	West Central School Corp	07025	West Central Senior High School	$9,569.39

00940	West Clark Community Schools	00815	William W Borden Elem Sch	$9,553.09
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01921	Fayette Central Elementary	$9,553.09
06445	Pike County School Corp	06759	Otwell Elementary School	$9,553.09
05835	North Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06271	North Montgomery High School	$9,533.92
06705	South Putnam Community Schools	07055	Central Elementary School	$9,530.56
08355	Western Wayne Schools	08971	Western Wayne Elem Sch	$9,508.03
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00153	Brentwood Elementary School	$9,485.50
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00871	Riverside Elementary School	$9,485.50
06445	Pike County School Corp	06809	Petersburg Elementary School	$9,462.97
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00765	Henryville Jr & Sr High Sch	$9,449.55
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02847	Parker Elementary School	$9,440.44
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08105	Murdock Elementary School	$9,417.91
03405	Blue River Valley Schools	02803	Blue River Valley Elem School	$9,395.38
01300	Crawford Co Com School Corp	01065	Milltown School	$9,372.84
04445	Tippecanoe Valley School Corp	02139	Akron Elementary School	$9,372.84
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05590	Ernie Pyle School 90	$9,372.84
05480	Bremen Public Schools	05941	Bremen Senior High School	$9,365.17
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08017	Dayton Elementary School	$9,350.31
01300	Crawford Co Com School Corp	01045	Patoka Elementary School	$9,327.78
05995	South Newton School Corp	06433	South Newton Middle Sch	$9,327.78
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00189	Indian Village Elementary Sch	$9,305.25
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03037	Lancaster Elementary School	$9,282.72
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05485	Shortridge Law & Public Plcy Mg HS	$9,280.80
05360	M S D Warren Township	05377	Lowell Elementary School	$9,260.19
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07481	Emmons Elementary School	$9,260.19
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08605	Sugar Grove Elementary School	$9,260.19
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01513	East Washington Academy	$9,237.66
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02993	Pettit Park School	$9,237.66
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03467	Creekside Elementary Sch	$9,237.66
04245	Greenwood Community Sch Corp	03481	V O Isom Central Elem School	$9,215.13
06630	West Central School Corp	07027	West Central Elem Sch	$9,215.13
08385	Richmond Community Schools	09013	Charles Elementary School	$9,215.13
09880	Career Academy at South Bend	07564	Career Academy at South Bend	$9,212.73
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00209	Willard Shambaugh Elem Sch	$9,192.60
00665	Lebanon Community School Corp	00569	Hattie B Stokes Elementary School	$9,170.07
06715	North Putnam Community Schools	07041	Bainbridge Elementary School	$9,147.54
02270	Concord Community Schools	01721	Concord East Side Elem School	$9,125.00
07775	Switzerland County School Corp	07987	Switzerland Co Middle Sch	$9,125.00
02440	Covington Community Sch Corp	02005	Covington Community High Sch	$9,112.06
01600	South Dearborn Com School Corp	01165	Manchester Elementary School	$9,102.47
05930	Mooresville Con School Corp	06381	Newby Memorial Elem Sch	$9,102.47
00025	North Adams Community Schools	00037	Northwest Elementary	$9,079.94
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00149	Bloomingdale Elementary Sch	$9,057.41
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03135	Margaret R Brown Elem School	$9,012.35
06195	Spencer-Owen Community Schools	06619	McCormick's Creek Elem Sch	$9,012.35
08515	North White School Corp	09122	North White Intermediate	$9,012.35
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01897	Eastview Elementary School	$8,989.82
04915	Tri-Township Cons School Corp	04696	Wanatah School	$8,967.29
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07323	Walt Disney Elementary School	$8,944.76
04515	Prairie Heights Com Sch Corp	03690	Prairie Heights Sr High Sch	$8,943.32
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02494	Carey Ridge Elementary Sch	$8,899.70
08215	East Washington School Corp	08904	East Washington Elem Sch	$8,832.10
06550	Portage Township Schools	06879	South Haven Elementary School	$8,809.57
08115	M S D Warren County	08744	Warren Central Elem Sch	$8,809.57
06805	Randolph Southern School Corp	07121	Randolph Southern Jr-Sr High Sch	$8,804.78

01000	Clarksville Com School Corp	00845	Clarksville Elementary School	$8,787.04
04215	Edinburgh Community Sch Corp	03447	Edinburgh Community High Sch	$8,774.58
04710	School City of Hammond	04457	Thomas Jefferson Elem Sch	$8,764.51
05520	Shoals Community School Corp	05989	Shoals Community Elem School	$8,764.51
06590	M S D Mount Vernon	06961	West Elementary School	$8,764.51
04455	Whitko Community School Corp	03642	Pierceton Elementary School	$8,741.98
04515	Prairie Heights Com Sch Corp	03686	Prairie Heights Elem Sch	$8,719.45
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03461	Northwood Elementary School	$8,696.92
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07435	Darden Primary Center	$8,696.92
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04773	Handley Elementary School	$8,651.86
07615	M S D Steuben County	07901	Hendry Park Elementary School	$8,629.33
06155	Paoli Community School Corp	06581	Paoli Jr & Sr High Sch	$8,605.84
08360	Centerville-Abington Com Schs	08981	Centerville Sr High School	$8,605.84
03115	Southern Hancock Co Com Sch Corp	02563	Brandywine Elementary School	$8,584.26
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01494	Mitchell Elementary School	$8,561.73
02270	Concord Community Schools	01723	Concord Ox-Bow Elementary Sch	$8,561.73
04455	Whitko Community School Corp	09173	South Whitley Elementary Sch	$8,561.73
01560	Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp	01193	Bright Elementary Sch	$8,539.20
05400	School Town of Speedway	05891	Speedway Senior High School	$8,521.47
04015	Jennings County Schools	03357	Scipio Elementary School	$8,516.67
05360	M S D Warren Township	05397	Liberty Park Elementary Sch	$8,516.67
09835	The Bloomington Project School	06215	The Bloomington Project School	$8,494.14
02110	Southwest Dubois Co Sch Corp	01529	Holland Elementary School	$8,471.61
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01909	Frazee Elementary School	$8,471.61
06530	Union Township School Corp	06845	Union Center Elementary Sch	$8,449.08
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08103	Miami Elementary School	$8,449.08
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01913	Grandview Elementary School	$8,426.55
06550	Portage Township Schools	06877	George L Myers Elem Sch	$8,426.55
07645	Northeast School Corp	07909	Union High School	$8,423.67
09665	Geist Montessori Academy	02572	Geist Montessori Academy	$8,404.02
01885	Wes-Del Community Schools	01413	Wes-Del Elementary School	$8,336.42
02815	Eastbrook Community Sch Corp	02264	Eastbrook North Elementary	$8,313.89
04805	New Prairie United School Corp	04679	Prairie View Elementary Sch	$8,313.89
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00239	Robert C Harris Elem Sch	$8,291.36
05400	School Town of Speedway	05905	Frank H Wheeler Elem School 4	$8,291.36
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04767	Riley Elementary School	$8,246.30
07615	M S D Steuben County	07897	Carlin Park Elementary School	$8,246.30
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00761	Thomas Jefferson Elem Sch	$8,223.77
01805	DeKalb Co Eastern Com Sch Dist	01335	Riverdale Elementary School	$8,178.71
06995	Rush County Schools	07272	Rushville Elementary School West	$8,178.71
04720	School Town of Highland	04285	Judith Morton Johnston Elem	$8,133.65
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00581	Helmsburg Elementary School	$8,111.12
01805	DeKalb Co Eastern Com Sch Dist	01317	Eastside Junior-Senior High Sch	$8,099.61
02110	Southwest Dubois Co Sch Corp	01588	Southridge High School	$8,099.61
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02670	South Central Jr & Sr HS	$8,099.61
01560	Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp	07211	Sunman Elementary School	$8,020.99
06260	Southwest Parke Com Sch Corp	06621	Rosedale Elementary School	$8,020.99
07715	Southwest School Corp	07953	Carlisle Elem and Junior High	$8,020.99
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08119	Amelia Earhart Elem Sch	$8,020.99
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05477	Broad Ripple Mgnt HS for Prfm Arts	$8,015.24
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01917	Maplewood Elementary School	$7,975.93
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00197	Lindley Elementary School	$7,953.40
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08543	Hoosier Prairie Elem School	$7,953.40
03815	Rensselaer Central School Corp	03201	Rensselaer Central High Sch	$7,930.87
05455	Culver Community Schools Corp	05245	Culver Community High Sch	$7,930.87

07445	South Spencer County Sch Corp	07803	Rockport-Ohio Elem Sch	$7,885.81
02725	East Gibson School Corporation	02189	Barton Twp Elementary	$7,840.75
07255	Scott County School District 2	07653	Vienna-Finley Elem Sch	$7,818.21
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02495	Washington Woods Elementary School	$7,773.15
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00807	New Washington Elem School	$7,750.62
02980	White River Valley Sch Dist	02460	Worthington Elementary School	$7,750.62
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04889	Shawswick Elementary School	$7,750.62
06995	Rush County Schools	07233	Milroy Elementary School	$7,683.03
07495	Oregon-Davis School Corp	07818	Oregon-Davis Elementary Sch	$7,683.03
05900	Monroe-Gregg School District	06321	Monrovia High School	$7,677.76
04015	Jennings County Schools	03385	Hayden Elementary School	$7,660.50
08565	Twin Lakes School Corp	09129	Eastlawn Elementary School	$7,660.50
06750	Cloverdale Community Schools	07082	Cloverdale Elementary School	$7,615.44
06080	Rising Sun-Ohio Co Com	06513	Rising Sun High School	$7,593.38
02395	Fayette County School Corp	01869	Everton Elementary School	$7,570.37
07385	North Spencer County Sch Corp	07755	Nancy Hanks Elementary Sch	$7,570.37
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03075	Northwest Elementary School	$7,547.84
04670	School City of East Chicago	03953	William McKinley Elementary Sch	$7,547.84
05360	M S D Warren Township	05373	Grassy Creek Elementary Sch	$7,525.31
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00577	Van Buren Elementary School	$7,480.25
04720	School Town of Highland	04290	Mildred Merkley Elem School	$7,457.72
02940	Eastern Greene Schools	02433	Eastern Greene Elementary School	$7,435.19
04730	School City of Hobart	04325	Ridge View Elementary School	$7,435.19
02725	East Gibson School Corporation	02233	Waldo J Wood Memorial High	$7,424.64
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01953	Greenville Elementary School	$7,412.66
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02667	South Central Elementary	$7,412.66
07950	Union Co/Clg Corner Joint Sch Dist	08213	College Corner Union Elem Sch	$7,412.66
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08497	Sugar Creek Consolidated Elem Sch	$7,412.66
05380	Beech Grove City Schools	05457	Central Elementary School	$7,367.60
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07365	Elsie Rogers Elem Sch	$7,367.60
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08091	Glen Acres Elementary School	$7,367.60
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01496	North View Elementary School	$7,345.07
04720	School Town of Highland	04303	Allen J Warren Elem Sch	$7,345.07
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04821	Joy Elementary School	$7,345.07
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00193	John S Irwin Elementary Sch	$7,300.00
03995	Madison Consolidated Schools	03329	Lydia Middleton Elem School	$7,209.88
07385	North Spencer County Sch Corp	07753	David Turnham Edl Ctr	$7,187.35
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02739	Pine Tree Elementary School	$7,097.23
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05609	Jonathan Jennings School 109	$7,097.23
06550	Portage Township Schools	06876	Paul Saylor Elementary School	$7,097.23
05360	M S D Warren Township	05370	Hawthorne Elementary School	$7,074.70
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02609	Weston Elementary School	$7,029.63
02725	East Gibson School Corporation	02237	Oakland City Elementary School	$7,007.10
07950	Union Co/Clg Corner Joint Sch Dist	08193	Union County High School	$7,002.79
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03433	Union Elementary School	$6,984.57
07775	Switzerland County School Corp	07993	Switzerland Co Senior High Sch	$6,918.42
03335	Mill Creek Community Sch Corp	02677	Mill Creek West Elementary	$6,916.98
07775	Switzerland County School Corp	07985	Jefferson-Craig Elem Sch	$6,916.98
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04857	Fayetteville Elementary Sch	$6,894.45
06705	South Putnam Community Schools	07057	Fillmore Elementary School	$6,894.45
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07573	Madison Primary Center	$6,894.45
08115	M S D Warren County	08733	Pine Village Elementary Sch	$6,894.45
03470	Northwestern School Corp	02905	Howard Elementary School	$6,871.92
00630	Zionsville Community Schools	00544	Boone Meadow	$6,849.39
06805	Randolph Southern School Corp	07113	Randolph Southern Elem Sch	$6,849.39

07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07386	Meadow's Edge Elementary Sch	$6,826.86
01875	Delaware Community School Corp	01520	Albany Elementary School	$6,804.32
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08117	Vinton Elementary School	$6,804.32
04525	Westview School Corporation	03698	Topeka Elementary School	$6,736.73
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04909	Lincoln Elementary School	$6,691.67
06825	Randolph Central School Corp	07125	Winchester Community High Sch	$6,665.30
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01517	West View Elementary School	$6,646.61
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03141	Emerson Elementary School	$6,624.08
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08575	Ouabache Elementary School	$6,624.08
03675	Seymour Community Schools	03105	Cortland Elementary School	$6,533.95
06750	Cloverdale Community Schools	07077	Cloverdale High School	$6,496.56
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07546	Hamilton Traditional School	$6,488.89
05525	Loogootee Community Sch Corp	05997	Loogootee Elementary School	$6,466.36
05835	North Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06246	Sugar Creek Elem Sch	$6,466.36
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05965	Washington Discovery Academy	$6,421.30
05995	South Newton School Corp	06417	South Newton Senior High Sch	$6,410.27
09690	Renaissance Academy Charter School	04711	Renaissance Academy Charter Schl	$6,353.71
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05587	George W Carver School 87	$6,331.18
08020	South Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08431	Ernie Pyle Elementary School	$6,331.18
06055	Central Noble Com School Corp	06453	Central Noble High School	$6,308.65
06995	Rush County Schools	07253	Arlington Elementary School	$6,286.11
02725	East Gibson School Corporation	02194	Waldo J Wood Memorial JHS	$6,263.58
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04757	Lincoln Elementary School	$6,263.58
05360	M S D Warren Township	05369	Eastridge Elementary School	$6,241.05
04225	Franklin Community School Corp	03465	Webb Elementary School	$6,218.52
04590	River Forest Community Sch Corp	03805	John I Meister Elementary School	$6,218.52
06055	Central Noble Com School Corp	06442	Wolf Lake Elementary School	$6,218.52
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05969	Webster Elementary School	$6,195.99
04650	Lake Ridge Schools	03889	Hosford Park Elementary	$6,173.46
05835	North Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06240	Pleasant Hill Elementary School	$6,173.46
05835	North Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06243	Lester B Sommer Elem Sch	$6,173.46
06260	Southwest Parke Com Sch Corp	06627	Riverton Parke Jr-Sr High School	$6,159.08
06620	Eastern Pulaski Com Sch Corp	06997	Winamac Community High School	$6,159.08
04945	LaPorte Community School Corp	04721	Kingsford Heights Elem Sch	$6,150.93
01125	Clay Community Schools	00923	Van Buren Elementary School	$6,128.40
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04885	Dollens Elementary School	$6,128.40
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05574	Theodore Potter School 74	$6,105.87
04335	Vincennes Community Sch Corp	03581	Francis Vigo Elementary Sch	$6,083.34
09575	Indpls Lighthouse Charter School	05523	Indpls Lighthouse Charter School	$6,074.71
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03035	Salamonie School	$6,038.27
04525	Westview School Corporation	03714	Shipshewana-Scott Elem School	$6,038.27
09360	Veritas Academy	01540	Veritas Academy	$6,038.27
05855	Crawfordsville Com Schools	06301	Meredith Nicholson Elem Sch	$5,948.15
02040	Northeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01545	Northeast Dubois High School	$5,905.97
02865	Marion Community Schools	02405	Riverview Elementary School	$5,903.09
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04869	Springville Elementary School	$5,903.09
01300	Crawford Co Com School Corp	01037	Leavenworth Elementary School	$5,858.03
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	03005	Wallace Elementary School	$5,790.44
04915	Tri-Township Cons School Corp	04692	LaCrosse School	$5,785.16
07215	Union-North United School Corp	07399	LaVille Jr-Sr High School	$5,737.22
04600	Merrillville Community School	03827	John Wood Elementary School	$5,722.84
01125	Clay Community Schools	00949	Meridian Street Elem School	$5,700.31
04535	Lakeland School Corporation	03745	Lima-Brighton Elementary	$5,700.31
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05961	Jefferson Elementary School	$5,700.31
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08677	Metro North Elementary School	$5,677.78

08375	Northeastern Wayne Schools	08927	Northeastern High School	$5,652.85
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04373	Coolspring Elementary School	$5,610.19
03315	Avon Community School Corp	02734	White Oak Elementary School	$5,587.66
03640	Medora Community School Corp	03093	Medora Jr & Sr High School	$5,587.66
05945	North Newton School Corp	06397	Morocco Elementary School	$5,587.66
02950	Linton-Stockton School Corp	02437	Linton-Stockton High School	$5,568.48
09545	21st Century Charter Sch of Gary	04164	21st Century Charter Sch of Gary	$5,568.48
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02947	Boulevard Elementary School	$5,542.60
06445	Pike County School Corp	06808	Winslow Elementary School	$5,520.06
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08104	Thomas Miller Elementary Sch	$5,429.94
07865	Tippecanoe School Corp	08035	James Cole Elementary School	$5,429.94
08020	South Vermillion Com Sch Corp	08435	Van Duyn Elementary School	$5,429.94
05620	North Miami Community Schools	06049	North Miami Middle/High School	$5,399.74
07255	Scott County School District 2	07637	Lexington Elementary School	$5,384.88
03945	Jay School Corp	03289	Westlawn Elementary Sch	$5,339.82
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08521	Fayette Elementary School	$5,339.82
08565	Twin Lakes School Corp	09157	Oaklawn Elementary School	$5,294.76
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08509	Deming Elementary School	$5,272.23
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04921	Stalker Elementary School	$5,227.16
05485	Plymouth Community School Corp	05933	Menominee Elementary School	$5,227.16
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04713	Springfield Elementary School	$5,204.63
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05557	George W Julian School 57	$5,204.63
05400	School Town of Speedway	05901	Arthur C Newby Elem School 2	$5,204.63
01405	Washington Com Schools	01105	Veale Elementary School	$5,159.57
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05556	Francis W Parker School 56	$5,091.98
05945	North Newton School Corp	06405	Lake Village Elementary Sch	$5,091.98
01655	Decatur County Com Schools	01263	South Decatur Jr-Sr High Sch	$5,062.26
01835	DeKalb Co Ctl United Sch Dist	01359	Country Meadow Elem School	$5,046.92
01600	South Dearborn Com School Corp	01169	Moores Hill Elementary School	$5,024.39
05705	Richland-Bean Blossom C S C	06117	Stinesville Elementary School	$5,024.39
08115	M S D Warren County	08729	Williamsport Elementary Sch	$5,024.39
05845	South Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06233	Ladoga Elementary School	$5,001.85
06375	North Central Parke Comm Schl Corp	06647	Turkey Run Elementary School	$5,001.85
06825	Randolph Central School Corp	07146	Deerfield Elementary School	$4,979.32
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08651	Northfield Jr-Sr High School	$4,977.89
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02581	Eden Elementary School	$4,956.79
06195	Spencer-Owen Community Schools	06605	Gosport Elementary School	$4,956.79
01300	Crawford Co Com School Corp	01061	Marengo Elementary School	$4,844.14
02980	White River Valley Sch Dist	02457	Lyons Elementary School	$4,844.14
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01943	Slate Run Elementary School	$4,776.55
03030	Westfield-Washington Schools	02498	Monon Trail Elementary School	$4,776.55
04670	School City of East Chicago	03961	George Washington Elem School	$4,731.48
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02653	Heth-Washington Elem School	$4,708.95
05400	School Town of Speedway	05897	Carl G Fisher Elem School 1	$4,686.42
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08609	West Vigo Elementary School	$4,686.42
09795	Dr Robert H Faulkner Academy	02411	Dr Robert H Faulkner Academy	$4,686.42
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00069	Arcola School	$4,663.89
02040	Northeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01577	Dubois Elementary School	$4,663.89
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04865	Needmore Elementary School	$4,663.89
08515	North White School Corp	09135	North White Jr/Sr High School	$4,640.40
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00869	Maple Elementary School	$4,618.83
06195	Spencer-Owen Community Schools	06601	Patricksburg Elementary Sch	$4,596.30
08535	Tri-County School Corp	09141	Tri-County Middle-Senior High	$4,471.66
02960	M S D Shakamak Schools	02445	Shakamak Jr-Sr High Sch	$4,387.29
01300	Crawford Co Com School Corp	01057	English School	$4,370.99

09465	Rural Community Schools Inc	07951	Rural Community Academy	$4,325.93
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07534	Rise Up Academy at Eggleston	$4,321.13
06375	North Central Parke Comm Schl Corp	06637	Rockville Jr-Sr High School	$4,218.55
09785	Indiana Math and Science Academy	05837	Indiana Math & Science Academy	$4,218.55
08385	Richmond Community Schools	09017	Fairview Elementary School	$4,145.68
05845	South Montgomery Com Sch Corp	06229	Waveland Elementary School	$4,123.15
05280	Elwood Community School Corp	05157	Elwood Elementary School	$4,100.62
03995	Madison Consolidated Schools	03321	Rykers' Ridge Elementary School	$4,078.09
08385	Richmond Community Schools	09053	Westview Elementary School	$4,055.56
03945	Jay School Corp	03247	Redkey Elementary School	$4,033.03
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07441	Swanson Primary Center	$3,897.84
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02853	Sunnyside Elementary School	$3,875.31
03455	C A Beard Memorial School Corp	02881	Kennard Elementary School	$3,785.19
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05909	Gambold Preparatory Magnet HS	$3,785.19
07645	Northeast School Corp	07941	Hymera Elementary School	$3,740.13
07495	Oregon-Davis School Corp	07831	Oregon-Davis Jr-Sr High School	$3,712.32
03190	South Harrison Com Schools	02649	New Middletown Elementary School	$3,695.06
02725	East Gibson School Corporation	02201	Francisco Elementary School	$3,582.41
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05188	Decatur Discovery Academy	$3,543.58
04335	Vincennes Community Sch Corp	03573	James Whitcomb Riley Elem Sch	$3,514.82
00395	Benton Community School Corp	00433	Boswell Elementary School	$3,492.29
07645	Northeast School Corp	07925	Shelburn Elementary School	$3,469.75
07175	Penn-Harris-Madison Sch Corp	07341	Madison Elementary School	$3,424.69
03125	Greenfield-Central Com Schools	02597	Harris Elementary School	$3,357.10
00515	Blackford County Schools	00501	Southside Elementary School	$3,266.98
07855	Lafayette School Corporation	08015	Oakland High School	$3,185.00
09755	Carpe Diem - Meridian Campus	05979	Carpe Diem - Meridian Campus	$3,041.67
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05288	Achieve Virtual Education Academy	$3,037.35
05910	Eminence Community School Corp	06325	Eminence Jr-Sr High School	$3,037.35
03995	Madison Consolidated Schools	03301	Deputy Elementary School	$2,974.08
03405	Blue River Valley Schools	02801	Blue River Valley Jr-Sr HS	$2,952.98
09730	Neighbors' New Vistas High School	06864	Neighbors' New Vistas High School	$2,699.87
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05631	Key Learning Community High School	$2,611.66
09445	Charles A Tindley Accelerated Schl	06208	Charles A Tindley Accelerated Sch	$2,446.76
08130	Warrick County School Corp	08785	Tennyson Elementary School	$2,410.80
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08611	Booker T Washington Alt Sch	$2,362.39
08050	M S D Wabash County Schools	08673	White's Jr-Sr High School	$2,362.39
08515	North White School Corp	09119	North White Primary School	$2,320.68
02040	Northeast Dubois Co Sch Corp	01543	Celestine Elementary School	$2,298.15
06340	Cannelton City Schools	06733	Cannelton Elem & High School	$2,193.64
03945	Jay School Corp	03257	Pennville Elementary School	$2,162.96
09740	Thurgood Marshall Leadership Acad	00138	Thurgood Marshall Leadership Acad	$2,162.96
08030	Vigo County School Corp	08612	McLean Education Center (Alt)	$1,856.16
03455	C A Beard Memorial School Corp	07261	Carthage Elementary School	$1,599.69
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05271	Sanders School	$1,532.10
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05560	William A Bell Sch 60 Reggio Acad	$1,487.04
09640	Options Charter Sch - Noblesville	02551	Options Charter School Noblesville	$991.36
08385	Richmond Community Schools	09056	Community Youth Services	$901.24
07200	School City of Mishawaka	07467	Joint Service Campus Program	$811.11
09885	Gary Middle College	04027	Gary Middle College	$720.99
03070	Noblesville Schools	02514	MOSAICS School	$585.80
09890	Indiana Virtual School	02488	Indiana Virtual School	$495.68
07205	South Bend Community Sch Corp	07538	Eggleston Center	$225.31
09920	Damar Charter Academy	05191	Damar Charter Academy	$180.25
09830	Beacon Academy	08411	Beacon Academy	$168.74

00025	North Adams Community Schools	00041	Southeast Elementary School	$0.00
00225	Northwest Allen County Schools	00145	Allen Co Youth Services Ctr	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00100	Allen Co Juvenile Center	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00105	South Side High School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00121	Kekionga Middle School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00125	Lakeside Middle School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00128	Miami Middle School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00129	Northwood Middle School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00133	Portage Middle School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00136	Fairfield Elementary School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00137	Merle J Abbett Elementary Sch	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00141	Adams Elementary School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00151	Bunche Elementary School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00157	Forest Park Elementary School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00178	Harrison Hill Elementary Sch	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00213	Nebraska Elementary School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00240	Shawnee Middle School	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00241	Whitney M Young Early Childhood	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00249	Levan R Scott Academy	$0.00
00235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	00257	Study Elementary School	$0.00
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00354	Richard L Johnson Early Educ Cntr	$0.00
00365	Bartholomew Con School Corp	00377	Taylorsville Elem School	$0.00
00515	Blackford County Schools	00485	Montpelier School	$0.00
00670	Brown County School Corporation	00529	Nashville Elementary School	$0.00
00940	West Clark Community Schools	00818	Silver Creek Primary School	$0.00
01000	Clarksville Com School Corp	00851	Clarksville Middle School	$0.00
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00853	Parkview Middle School	$0.00
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00865	Bridgepoint Elementary School	$0.00
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00877	Spring Hill Elementary School	$0.00
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00883	River Valley Middle School	$0.00
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00886	Old Corden Porter School	$0.00
01010	Greater Clark County Schools	00891	Clark County Middle/High School	$0.00
01170	Community Schools of Frankfort	00999	Frankfort Middle School	$0.00
01170	Community Schools of Frankfort	01014	Blue Ridge Primary Elementary Schl	$0.00
01170	Community Schools of Frankfort	01015	Green Meadows Intermediate Elem	$0.00
01170	Community Schools of Frankfort	01020	Suncrest Elementary Sch	$0.00
01315	Barr-Reeve Com Schools Inc	01073	Barr Reeve Primary Grade Sch	$0.00
01405	Washington Com Schools	01123	Washington Junior High School	$0.00
01620	Lawrenceburg Com School Corp	01210	Lawrenceburg Primary School	$0.00
01805	DeKalb Co Eastern Com Sch Dist	01321	Butler Elementary School	$0.00
01910	Yorktown Community Schools	01395	Pleasant View Elementary School	$0.00
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01431	Northside Middle School	$0.00
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01437	Wilson Middle School	$0.00
01970	Muncie Community Schools	01524	Youth Opportunity Center	$0.00
02120	Greater Jasper Con Schs	01597	Fifth Street Elementary Sch	$0.00
02260	Baugo Community Schools	01705	Jimtown Elementary School	$0.00
02260	Baugo Community Schools	01707	Jimtown Intermediate School	$0.00
02270	Concord Community Schools	01718	Concord Intermediate School	$0.00
02270	Concord Community Schools	01725	Concord South Side Elem School	$0.00
02270	Concord Community Schools	01729	Concord West Side Elem School	$0.00
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01673	Osolo Elementary School	$0.00
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01751	Elkhart Area Career Center	$0.00
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01753	North Side Middle School	$0.00
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01761	West Side Middle School	$0.00
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01763	Pierre Moran Middle School	$0.00

02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01765	Beardsley Elementary School	$0.00
02305	Elkhart Community Schools	01769	Beck Elementary School	$0.00
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02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01949	Fairmont Elementary School	$0.00
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01961	Green Valley Elementary Sch	$0.00
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01981	S Ellen Jones Elementary Sch	$0.00
02400	New Albany-Floyd Co Con Sch	01994	Chldrn's Acad New Albany Early Lrn	$0.00
02455	Southeast Fountain School Corp	02022	Fountain Central High School	$0.00
02645	Rochester Community Sch Corp	02181	Columbia Elementary School	$0.00
02650	Caston School Corporation	02159	Caston Jr-Sr High Sch	$0.00
02735	North Gibson School Corp	02257	Lowell Elementary School	$0.00
02815	Eastbrook Community Sch Corp	02291	Early Childhood Center	$0.00
02855	Mississinewa Community School Corp	02335	R J Baskett Middle School	$0.00
02855	Mississinewa Community School Corp	02344	Westview Elementary School	$0.00
02865	Marion Community Schools	02357	John L McCulloch Junior High Sch	$0.00
02865	Marion Community Schools	02369	Allen Elementary School	$0.00
02865	Marion Community Schools	02393	John W Kendall Elem School	$0.00
02865	Marion Community Schools	02409	Frances Slocum Elem School	$0.00
03005	Hamilton Southeastern Schools	02472	FOCUS	$0.00
03025	Hamilton Heights School Corp	02502	Hamilton Heights Primary School	$0.00
03295	North West Hendricks Schools	02684	Pittsboro Primary School	$0.00
03325	Danville Community School Corp	02721	North Elementary School	$0.00
03445	New Castle Community Sch Corp	02832	Eastwood Elementary School	$0.00
03490	Western School Corp	02935	Western Primary School	$0.00
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02945	Bon Air Elementary Sch	$0.00
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02951	Bon Air Middle Sch	$0.00
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02961	Elwood Haynes Elementary School	$0.00
03500	Kokomo-Center Twp Con Sch Corp	02963	Maple Crest Middle Sch	$0.00
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03073	Horace Mann Elementary School	$0.00
03625	Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	03081	Lincoln Elementary School	$0.00
03640	Medora Community School Corp	03095	Medora Elementary School	$0.00
03815	Rensselaer Central School Corp	03213	Rensselaer Central Primary School	$0.00
03995	Madison Consolidated Schools	03313	Madison Consolidated Jr High Sch	$0.00
04145	Clark-Pleasant Com School Corp	03423	Sawmill Woods Elementary School	$0.00
04215	Edinburgh Community Sch Corp	03449	Edinburgh Comm Middle School	$0.00
04255	Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United	03409	Indian Creek Elementary Sch	$0.00
04315	North Knox School Corp	03521	North Knox Primary School	$0.00
04335	Vincennes Community Sch Corp	03577	Tecumseh-Harrison Elem Sch	$0.00
04445	Tippecanoe Valley School Corp	03619	Tippecanoe Valley Middle Sch	$0.00
04535	Lakeland School Corporation	03741	Wolcott Mills Elementary Sch	$0.00
04535	Lakeland School Corporation	03743	Lakeland Middle School	$0.00
04590	River Forest Community Sch Corp	03791	River Forest Jr-Sr High School	$0.00
04600	Merrillville Community School	03811	Pierce Middle School	$0.00
04600	Merrillville Community School	03821	Henry P Fieler Elem Sch	$0.00
04600	Merrillville Community School	03826	Edgar L Miller Elem Sch	$0.00
04650	Lake Ridge Schools	03881	Grissom Elementary School	$0.00
04650	Lake Ridge Schools	03893	Lake Ridge Middle School	$0.00
04660	Crown Point Community Sch Corp	03854	Winfield Elementary School	$0.00
04670	School City of East Chicago	03933	Benjamin Franklin Elem School	$0.00
04670	School City of East Chicago	03937	Carrie Gosch Elementary School	$0.00
04670	School City of East Chicago	03941	Benjamin Harrison Elementary Sch	$0.00
04670	School City of East Chicago	03945	Abraham Lincoln Elementary Sch	$0.00
04670	School City of East Chicago	03963	Joseph L Block Jr High School	$0.00
04670	School City of East Chicago	03967	West Side Middle School	$0.00

04700	Griffith Public Schools	04185	Eldon Ready Elementary School	$0.00
04700	Griffith Public Schools	04189	Elsie Wadsworth Elem Sch	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04419	Area Career Center	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04425	Henry W Eggers Elem/Md Sch	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04433	Charles N Scott Middle School	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04451	Benjamin Franklin Elem Sch	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04453	Warren G Harding Elem Sch	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04455	Washington Irving Elem Sch	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04461	Lafayette Elementary School	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04463	Abraham Lincoln Elem Sch	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04469	Morton Elementary School	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04479	Lew Wallace Elementary School	$0.00
04710	School City of Hammond	04484	Frank O'Bannon Elementary School	$0.00
04730	School City of Hobart	04311	The Early Lrn Cntr at George Earle	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04715	Elston Middle School	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04788	Martin T Krueger Middle Sch	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04789	Barker Middle Sch	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04805	Edgewood Elementary School	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04825	Knapp Elementary School	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04829	Niemann Elementary School	$0.00
04925	Michigan City Area Schools	04833	Marsh Elementary School	$0.00
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04873	Heltonville Elementary School	$0.00
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04881	Englewood School	$0.00
05075	North Lawrence Com Schools	04917	Parkview Primary School	$0.00
05085	Mitchell Community Schools	04863	Hatfield Elementary School	$0.00
05265	Alexandria Com School Corp	05069	Alexandria-Monroe Elementary	$0.00
05280	Elwood Community School Corp	05151	Elwood Community Middle Sch	$0.00
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05178	Gold Academy	$0.00
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05181	Decatur Middle Sch	$0.00
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05185	Stephen Decatur Elem Sch	$0.00
05300	M S D Decatur Township	05192	Liberty Early Elementary School	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05281	Brook Park Elementary School	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05284	Early Learning Center	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05285	Crestview Elementary School	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05289	Harrison Hill Elem Sch	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05295	Winding Ridge Elementary School	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05296	Oaklandon Elementary School	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05298	Skiles Test Elementary School	$0.00
05330	M S D Lawrence Township	05299	Sunnyside Elementary Sch	$0.00
05340	M S D Perry Township	05325	Clinton Young Elem Sch	$0.00
05340	M S D Perry Township	05337	Abraham Lincoln Elem Sch	$0.00
05340	M S D Perry Township	05345	Homecroft Elementary School	$0.00
05350	M S D Pike Township	05354	College Park Elem Sch	$0.00
05350	M S D Pike Township	05355	Lincoln Middle School	$0.00
05350	M S D Pike Township	05356	Guion Creek Middle School	$0.00
05350	M S D Pike Township	05363	Snacks Crossing Elem Sch	$0.00
05350	M S D Pike Township	05378	New Augusta Pub Aca-South	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05364	Creston Middle School	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05367	Stonybrook Middle School	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05368	Raymond Park Middle School	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05375	Lakeside Elementary School	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05386	Pleasant Run Elementary Sch	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05389	Sunny Heights Elementary Sch	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05391	Brookview Elementary School	$0.00
05360	M S D Warren Township	05395	Warren Early Childhood Ctr	$0.00

05360	M S D Warren Township	05401	Stonybrook Intermediate Academy	$0.00
05370	M S D Washington Township	05427	Nora Elementary School	$0.00
05370	M S D Washington Township	05434	Hilltop School	$0.00
05370	M S D Washington Township	05436	Fox Hill Elementary Sch	$0.00
05370	M S D Washington Township	05445	Northview Middle School	$0.00
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05219	Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center	$0.00
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05221	Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center	$0.00
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05222	Lynhurst 7th & 8th Grade Center	$0.00
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05241	Garden City Elementary School	$0.00
05375	M S D Wayne Township	05261	Rhoades Elementary School	$0.00
05380	Beech Grove City Schools	05463	Hornet Park Elementary School	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05503	Key Learning Community Jr High Sch	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05507	Shortridge Law & Pub Pol Mag Jr HS	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05509	Broad Ripple Mgnt Jr HS-Prfm Arts	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05512	Crispus Attucks Med Mgnt Jr HS	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05513	George Washington Comm Jr HS	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05514	Washington Irving School 14	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05515	Thomas D Gregg School 15	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05516	Northwest Community Jr High School	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05517	John Marshall Community Jr HS	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05522	Key Learning Community Elem Sch	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05528	Longfellow Magnet Middle School	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05531	James A Garfield Sch 31	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05534	Eleanor Skillen School 34	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05539	William McKinley School 39	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05542	Elder W Diggs School 42	$0.00
05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05543	James Whitcomb Riley Sch 43	$0.00
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05385	Indianapolis Public Schools	05546	Daniel Webster School 46	$0.00
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07255	Scott County School District 2	07633	Johnson Elementary School	$0.00
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09495	Joshua Academy	08203	Joshua Academy	$0.00
09535	Gary Lighthouse Charter School	04130	Gary Lighthouse Charter School	$0.00
09615	Andrew J Brown Academy	05488	Andrew J Brown Academy	$0.00
09625	IN Acad for Sci Math Humanities	01443	IN Aca for Sci Math & Humanities	$0.00
09655	Hope Academy	05292	Hope Academy	$0.00
09670	Indianapolis Metropolitan High Sch	05664	Indianapolis Metropolitan High Sch	$0.00
09685	Aspire Charter Academy	04043	Aspire Charter Academy	$0.00
9700	GQE Retest Site	9291	Vigo County School Corp	$0.00
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09760	Smith Academy for Excellence	00242	Smith Academy for Excellence	$0.00
09765	Indiana Cyber Charter Sch Inc	04421	Indiana Cyber Charter School	$0.00
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09865	Hoosier Acad Virtual Charter	05290	Hoosier Acad Virtual Charter Sch	$0.00
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09925	Phalen Ldrshp Acad - IN Inc	05496	Phalen Ldrshp Acad - IN Inc	$0.00
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Christy

Small item:
Can you review our process on clips?
Not sure what search engine or parameters she is using

This list does not include a number of significant Indy television articles frim yesterday and includes a couple star articles that are more than a day old

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On Feb 4, 2015, at 8:44 AM, "Gilson, Katie" <KGilson@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

GOVERNOR
Pence to talk education with Congress
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Gov. Mike Pence will be in Washington today to talk about education, and President Barack Obama will visit Indianapolis on Friday to speak to educators and students.

Which states allow exemptions for vaccines
The Washington Post
"Indiana law requires all children be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases like the measles by getting vaccinated," he said in a statement. "Vaccines protect all our children from illnesses, and our administration strongly urges Hoosier families to have their children vaccinated."

Data analytics helps Indiana change its approach to infant mortality
Gov Tech
Since the spring of 2014, Indiana has been using data analytics to reduce the state's historically dismal infant mortality rate -- and the results of those efforts have been announced in a new report. The primary discovery? There is a subgroup of mothers whose infants face a steep risk for dying and birth-related issues.
Study reveals three contributions to infant death
Fort Wayne News Sentinel
On Jan. 14, first lady Karen Pence and the state health department announced the launch of a new infant mortality public awareness campaign called Labor of Love - Helping Indiana Reduce Infant Death. This campaign, using the report's findings, encourages women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant to learn more about early and regular prenatal care and other

ways to help ensure a healthy pregnancy and first year of life for infants.

State releases data analytics report on infant mortality
Terre Haute Tribune Star
This study, which began in 2013 as a priority project for the Governor's Management and Performance Hub (MPH) initiative, is the result of a collaboration between the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT), Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and KSM Consulting (KSMC).

Gov. Pence urges Hoosier families to vaccinate kids as measles spreads
Fox 59
In a statement released Tuesday, Gov. Mike Pence urged Hoosier families to get their kids vaccinated.

Manufacturing tax cut at center of Pence tax plan
Indy Star
Gov. Mike Pence is pushing a tax cut for Indiana's manufacturers this session that could cost anywhere between $35 million and $240 million a year, as part of a broader package of tax changes.

Signups underway for expanded Healthy Indiana Plan
Indianapolis Business Journal
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JustIN is Just Out; Pence aborts plan for state run news agency
Crothersville Times
That may have been the thinking of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence who was planning to start a state-run news organization that would have offered pre-written articles to smaller news outlets (such as this newspaper), as well as breaking stories about his administration, The Indianapolis Star reported on Monday, Jan. 26.

LEGISLATURE
Statehouse roundup: Bills tackle audits, religious hiring, massage therapy, divorce waiting times
Indianapolis Business Journal
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Senate passes bill allowing religious hires
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Some faith-based employers could consider religion in hiring decisions under a bill passed 39-11 by the Indiana Senate on Tuesday.

Ind. Senate OKs bill allowing religious discrimination
Indy Star
The Indiana Senate passed a measure today that would allow religious-affiliated organizations such as hospitals and universities to discriminate against employees based on religion, even if they receive state contracts. Senators voted 39-11 in favor of Senate Bill 127, which would allow faith-based recipients of state funds to hire employees based on religion. It would also allow those organizations to require employees to follow religious tenets.

Should terminally ill patients be able to use experimental drugs?
Indy Star
This year, another 22 states, including Indiana, are considering similar legislation, which would allow the use of medicines that have cleared basic safety tests to make sure the drugs are not toxic. (The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has three stages of testing before a drug is approved to be sold.) "This isn't to help drug companies. This is all patient-driven, because we have heard stories of people who are dying and there's drugs out there that could possibly save them and they're not allowed to take them and they're like, 'What have I got to lose?' " said Rep. Wes Culver, R-Goshen, sponsor of a right-to-try bill in the Indiana General Assembly.

Indiana House backs new rules after nursing home scandal
Evansville Courier & Press
The Indiana House has adopted tighter rules on the conduct of lawmakers following an ethics investigation of a top Republican who fought privately to defeat legislation that would have hurt his family's business.
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Senate backs allowing religion-based hiring by contractors
NWI Times
Religious institutions that receive state and local government contracts would be allowed to make hiring decisions based upon religion under a bill approved by the Indiana Senate.

Court rules against DNR in high fence hunting fight
Indy Star
The Indiana Court of Appeals ruled Monday that state wildlife officers overstepped their authority a decade ago when they tried to ban the controversial practice of high-fence deer hunting.

Will Indiana lawmakers create Office of Marriage Promotion?
Indy Star
Would Hoosier children be better off if every parent were married? That's the premise behind one state lawmaker's proposal to create a government Office of Marriage Promotion. "Look at the example of what's happening in this city and the number of shootings," said Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton. "It doesn't occur in my community. I don't like what's happening. But there are regions and pockets where marriage is not the norm where children are born to."

Work Force bill passes through House
Inside Indiana Business
State Representative Greg Beumer (R-Modoc) has authored a bill which would allow the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to provide further reemployment services and

training for unemployed Hoosiers. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 77-17 and will now go to the Senate for further consideration and debate.

Ind. House OKs ethics rules after nursing home scandal
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STATE AGENCIES
State unveils site to court foreign business
Inside Indiana Business
InvestIndiana.com, a multi-language website promoting foreign direct investment in Indiana, has launched as a resource for international businesses considering Indiana for investment and job creation

Tech company growing
Inside Indiana Business
Indiana has emerged as a tech sector leader, helping rising companies like InnovateMap grow into their own and find success here at home," said Eric Doden, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). "We're committed to helping develop our tech community into one of the nation's strongest, with a low-tax, affordable environment that makes it easy to take your idea and get started."

Indiana to get $21.5 million share of multi state S&P settlement
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana will get $21.5 million from a multi-state settlement of allegations that Standard & Poor's knowingly inflated its ratings of risky mortgage investments in the years prior to the 2008 financial crisis… Attorney General Greg Zoeller (ZEL'-ur) says a majority of Indiana's share of the settlement will go to the state's General Fund.

Indiana part of S&P settlement
Inside Indiana Business
Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced today that Indiana, the U.S. Department of Justice, 18 other states and the District of Columbia reached a settlement agreement with Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (S&P) resolving allegations that S&P misled investors when it rated structured finance securities in the lead-up to the 2008 financial crisis.

Criminal probe underway into Muncie contracts
Indy Star
Indiana State Police investigators are looking into change orders — changes to public works projects that cost additional money — for several MSD projects, The Star Press has learned.

AROUND THE STATE
Obama budget would hit IU, Purdue athletic departments
Indy Star
The athletic departments at Indiana University and Purdue, like others nationally, tout the tax benefits of "donations" that are tied to purchasing premium game tickets.

First-ever staffed Amazon store opens at Purdue University
Indy Star
This semester, the freshman mechanical engineering major decided to rent his books from

Amazon and pick them up at the Web giant's first-ever staffed pick-up and drop-off location, which formally opened Tuesday at the Krach Leadership Center with Purdue and Amazon leaders on hand. "It's made my experience a lot cheaper. It's made the financial burden significantly less expensive. Last semester, I spent well over $400 on books and this semester I didn't spend more than $40 on one book. My total was around $150," Jordan said after picking up a package Tuesday. "It was amazing."

Former congressman dies
Indiana Daily Student
Former Representative to the United States Congress John Myers died in his home in Covington, Ind., on Jan. 27. Myers was born Feb. 8, 1927, making him 87 at the time of his death.

EDITORIALS
Nate LaMar: Documentary must give NCLB (dis)credit
Pal-Item
A documentary about the state of education in Indiana, "Rise Above the Mark," was recently shown in New Castle. For a Friday evening non-athletic event, I was pleasantly surprised by the large turnout. We should be thankful that State Sen. Jean Leising and State Rep. Tom Saunders spoke afterward.

House panel passes bill adding oversight to state agencies
February 3, 2015
State government agencies could face greater scrutiny when proposing new regulations under a measure an Indiana House committee approved Tuesday.
House government reform committee members voted 7-4 to advance the proposal, which would add another layer of oversight to the policy-making process in Indiana.
State executive agencies are currently required to submit new policy proposals to the attorney general's office. If approved, they are then signed by Gov. Mike Pence. The bill would instead, require agencies to first submit proposals to an office within the Legislative Services Agency for review. The office would then alert the Attorney General's office if any suggested policy falls outside of an agency's legal limit.
"It gives us a red flag up front, as opposed to correcting things after the fact," said Rep. David Wolkins, R-Warsaw, who is sponsoring the bill.
The additional "thin layer of government" would keep agencies from imposing unnecessary and expensive regulations, he said.
Critics of the bill called it unnecessary, since Indiana law already has nine separate legal provisions that require regulators to develop responsible, science-based, statutorily-constrained, and cost-effective policies. The review office also has fairly minimal authority and won't prevent an agency's proposal from moving forward.
Jessie Kharbanda, from the Hoosier Environmental Council, said he's concerned that the oversight is just "a new layer of bureaucracy" and "government red tape" on the taxpayer's dime. According to the bill's fiscal note, the new review agency will cost about $500,000 a year to operate.
The bill would also stop new policies from going beyond state and federal requirements, sparking criticism from environmentalists who said it would prevent regulators from tailoring federal laws to fit Indiana's circumstances.
Wolkins said the bill provides some flexibility for this. Agencies would still be able to go beyond federal law if the regulation specifically allows state discretion, but Kharbanda said the flexibility is more of a discrepancy and could be open to misinterpretation.
The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Signups underway for expanded Healthy Indiana Plan

February 3, 2015
The conversion of tens of thousands of people to Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has gone well during its first week, the top state official overseeing the program said Tuesday.
The Family and Social Service Administration has also started accepting new applications for the expanded Healthy Indiana Plan and is preparing an advertising campaign to encourage signups, agency Secretary John Wernert said.
Federal officials last week approved the state-run plan submitted in July from Republican Gov. Mike Pence dubbed HIP 2.0. It uses Medicaid funding to possibly extend coverage to an estimated 350,000 uninsured residents.
"The rollout has been very smooth, mainly because we've been up and ready for several months now," Wernert told the House Ways and Means Committee during an agency budget hearing.
Some 180,000 people who were already part of the previous HIP or Hoosier Healthwise programs have been converted to the new plan and applications are being processed from 6,000 people who were on the HIP waiting list, he said.
HIP 2.0 includes health savings accounts, which involves state contributions based on income levels, and will cover those with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or the equivalent of a family of four that has an annual income of about $33,000.
The basic level for those below 100 percent of the federal poverty level does not require payments from enrollees. But they are required to make co-pays for all services. A second tier of improved coverage is available if enrollees pay a monthly fee ranging from $1 to $25 into a health savings account.
Indiana House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said he welcomed the expansion of health care coverage under the state program, but cautioned that not all would likely go perfectly with it.
"If there are problems, let's not use that as a cause to instantly condemn the entire system," Pelath said. "Let's try to fix it."
Wernert said an awareness campaign with television commercials was planned to start next month to encourage HIP 2.0 signups. The program is also being promoted through doctors and hospitals, which can have staff members help patients prepare applications.
"We're already getting lots of calls from providers who weren't participating in our Medicaid program who are now saying, 'Can I get in?'" Wernert said.

Statehouse roundup: Bills tackle audits, religious hiring, massage therapy, divorce waiting times
February 3, 2015
State lawmakers on Monday advanced or considered legislation regarding religious hiring decisions, massage therapy, divorce waiting times, audit frequency, death benefits for emergency workers and how to treat school board members convicted of felonies. Following is a rundown:
Religion-based hiring
The Indiana Senate could soon vote on a bill allowing religious institutions that receive state and local government contracts to make hiring decisions based upon religion.
Senators could vote as soon as Tuesday on whether to approve the proposal and advance it to the House for consideration.
Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said he sponsored the measure to restore the ability of Indiana Wesleyan University to receive state workforce training grants. The state attorney general's office determined last year that the university's religious lifestyle mandate violated state-contracting requirements against employment discrimination.
The Republican-dominated Senate voted 37-6 on Monday to defeat a proposed amendment from Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, that would have added sexual orientation to the state's anti-discrimination law.

Massage therapy regulation

A bill that would impose stricter regulations on massage therapists passed the House Public Health Committee on Monday.

House Bill 1360 would require professional massage therapists to be held to the same standards as other health care professionals, according to the bill's author, Rep. Sue Errington, D-Muncie.

"Professional massage therapists welcome more stringent regulation for their industry," Errington said in a written statement. "This legislation helps separate amateur therapists from those who are truly devoted to providing high-quality treatment to their patients."

The measure passed unanimously and moves to the full House for consideration.

Audit frequency

The State Board of Accounts could soon receive greater authority to determine the frequency of audits it conducts if legislation passed by the Indiana Senate on Monday becomes law.

Senate Bill 326, authored by Sens. Randy Head, R-Logansport, and Doug Eckerty, R-Yorktown, would provide the SBOA with an increased ability to undertake financial reviews of state and local government entities – determined by risk-based criteria established by the Audit and Financial Reporting subcommittee.

Head said the bill is an important step for the state's main accountability organization because the General Assembly has "cut their budget significantly," and it would allow the agency to "audit and receive the results faster to better address problem areas."

The proposed legislation would also allow an executive or fiscal officer of a government unit to establish a fraud hotline for the public to use to report suspected fraudulent activity of officers or employees of that unit. The identity of callers who use the hotline and any recorded audio from the conversation would be exempt from public disclosure.

The bill passed the Senate 43-1 and moves to the House for further consideration.

School board felons

The House approved a bill that would remove school board members from their positions if they are convicted of a felony. House Bill 1335 passed unanimously and moves to the Senate for consideration.

The bill extends impeachment provisions that already exist for public officers of cities, counties, towns and townships.

Rep. Steve Stemler, D-Jeffersonville, authored the bill. He said that he was inspired to write the legislation after a Greater Clark Schools board member pleaded guilty to a felony charge of shoplifting and he realized that wouldn't automatically remove her from office.

"A correction needed to be made to include individuals if this situation would ever occur," Stemler said Monday.

Special death benefit

A bill that would provide a special death benefit to emergency medical technicians and paramedics passed the House 92-1 and moves to the full Senate for consideration.

Rep. Karlee Macer, D-Indianapolis, authored House Bill 1080, which would create a fund to pay $150,000 to family members of an emergency medical services worker who is killed while carrying out work-related duties.

The bill gained abundant support in committee and had no opposition on the floor.

Law enforcement officers and firefighters already receive death benefits. But, Macer said, the families of EMS workers do not receive special benefits when their lives are lost in the line of duty.

Ryan Ballard of the Wayne Township Fire Department testified last week before the House Veteran Affairs and Public Safety Committee. Ballard said paramedics and EMTs often work two or three jobs to be the bread winner for their families. That means upon death, their families could be left without help.

Divorce waiting periods

A state senator wants to try to preserve the institution of marriage by lengthening the time some couples must wait to get divorced.

Joseph Zakas, R-Granger, presented Senate Bill 564 to the Family and Children Committee on Thursday but asked the group to postpone a vote to allow more discussion.
The bill would extend the waiting period before a couple finalizes a divorce if children under age 17 are involved. The waiting period would also be extended if one spouse objects to the divorce. Cases involving domestic violence would be exempt from the changes.
Currently, state law imposes a 60-day waiting period for divorces to be finalized. The bill would extend that to 180 days for couples with minor children and 120 days when one spouse objects.
Advocates of the bill say that the extended waiting period will help direct couples to resources that can preserve the marriage and spare children the challenges that are associated with a divorce.

Indiana House backs new rules after nursing home scandal
The Indiana House has adopted tighter rules on the conduct of lawmakers following an ethics investigation of a top Republican who fought privately to defeat legislation that would have hurt his family's business.
House members voted 97-0 on Tuesday to approve the revised ethics code.
Major changes in the code include instructions that House members should avoid the appearance of impropriety. It also directs House members to not carry out any public or private advocacy on issues in which they have a personal financial interest.
The tightening follows December's resignation of former House Speaker Pro Tem Eric Turner after The Associated Press reported he privately lobbied to kill a proposed ban on nursing home construction that could have cost his family's business millions of dollars.

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Bcc:
Subject: From Mike Pence

Team
He made it.
We watched our son become Second lieutenant Michael J. Pence in the United States Marine Corps today.
Thanks so all of your for your support and prayers. We feel truly blessed.
Sincerely,
Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2015, at 8:58 AM, "Gilson, Katie" <KGilson@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

GOVERNOR

Governor's son set for commissioning as Marine officer
SFGate
Gov. Mike Pence's son is set to become a Marine Corps officer. Pence and his wife, Karen, plan on going to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, on Friday for the ceremony at which their son is to be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Gov. Pence picks every Indiana hoops team to win NCAA
Indy Star
Ever the politician, Gov. Mike Pence has filled out five Final Four brackets this year — each one predicting a different Indiana team to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Students recognized at JAG State Finals
WBIW
More than 300 high school students and staff gathered at Ivy Tech's Corporate College in downtown Indianapolis to take part in Indiana's annual Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Career Development Conference, which was held on Friday, March 13.

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has enrolled more than 100,000 new people in the two months since it received federal approval.
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New GOP chief brings people together
Indy Star
Jeff Cardwell might be the least political person whom Gov. Mike Pence could have selected as the Republican Party's new state chairman.

Public Transportation budget finally breaks four-year cap
The Herald Tribune
Since the state capped spending on public transportation six years ago, Catch-A-Ride in rural southeast Indiana has scrambled to keep up service for elderly, disabled and carless passengers who have no other way to get around. Mass transit dollars were first frozen in 2009, when the General Assembly stopped using sales tax revenues to fund public transportation. Sales tax revenues were plunging at the time, due to the recession, but have since recovered...Public transportation systems across Indiana have similar concerns, which are heightened now that Gov. Mike Pence is proposing less funding for recipients of the state's Public Mass Transportation Fund.

Regional Cities fund doubt
South Bend Tribune
An effort to improve quality of life in Indiana's cities has created excitement among business<image001.png> leaders here, even though the General Assembly hasn't committed to funding the state's share of the program...Gov. Mike Pence suggested setting aside $84 million in the state's next two-year budget for Regional Cities grants, but the House of Representatives passed a budget bill last month that includes $20 million for the program. The legislation is now wending its way through the Senate, where that allocation could be changed.

Terror and the heartland
Washington Times Herald
On the February day President Obama spoke at Ivy Tech, a Bosnian man was arrested on the Ronald Reagan Parkway in Plainfield and detained on terror-related charges of funneling money and guns to ISIS fighters in the Middle East. Early this month, ISIS allegedly hacked into several Indianapolis websites, prompting a Homeland Security investigation…Since leaving Congress in December, Rogers has formed the Americans for Peace, Prosperity and Security organization that will brief the 2016 Republican presidential candidates and voters designed to "educate and identify" issues related to national security. Just prior to my interview, Rogers huddled with Gov. Mike Pence at the Statehouse.

LEGISLATURE

Bad legislation that will choke our cities
Kokomo Perspective
Legislation coursing through the Indiana General Assembly is poised to essentially starve the state's cities and towns by empowering opponents of annexation. It is legislation that, should it end up on the desk of Gov. Mike Pence, be vetoed. Senate Bill 330 would make law that for an annexation to proceed, a municipality that initiates the process must file a petition with the court signed by at least: (1) 51 percent of the owners of land (that is not exempt from property taxes) in the territory; or (2) the owners of more than 75 percent in assessed valuation of land (that is not exempt from property taxes) in the territory.

GOP rejects amendments to religion bill
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
House Republicans turned back attempts Monday to clarify how "religious freedom" protections could be used – setting up a full House vote on the measure as early as Monday.

'Right-to-try' terminal illness bill heads to Governor
NWI Times
Hoosiers with terminal illnesses are one signature away from gaining access to new drugs that have yet to be fully approved by the federal government for general use.

STATE AGENCIES

Multi-language Web created for global businesses
The Batesville Herald Tribune
InvestIndiana.com, a multi-language Web site promoting foreign direct investment in Indiana, has launched as a resource for international businesses considering Indiana for investment and job creation. "This Web site is a conversation starter," said Victor Smith, Indiana secretary of commerce. "Indiana and international businesses both speak the same language, and that's a language of growth and opportunity. This site acts as an online resource, showing just how committed we are to helping international businesses meet their goals in Indiana, joining the hundreds of others currently dotting our state."

Funds to boost school tech programs
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Department of Education awarded more than $1.8 million in Digital Learning Grants to select Hoosier school corporations today.

Replacing hundreds of manhole covers with safer ones could take years

Indy Star
A utility consultant warned three years ago that manhole explosions would continue to rock Downtown Indianapolis three to five times a year and that Indianapolis Power & Light Co. should install newly designed manhole covers to prevent injuries.

Chief Justice to speak at equality day luncheon
Evansville Courier & Press
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Evansville Courier & Press
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AROUND INDIANA
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Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks
Evansville Courier & Press
A school district in central Indiana is banning nutritional supplements and energy drinks from its campuses.
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JOBS/ECONOMY
Lowe's holding hiring event
Inside Indiana Business
The event runs 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Glendale Public Library on Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis.

EDITORIAL
Connections raise questions about incentives
Courier & Post
Decades of disinvestment have left Camden with a serious shortage of jobs needed to sustain healthy families, thriving neighborhoods and a self-supporting tax base. So it's hard not to get our hopes up when we hear one company after another announcing plans to move to the city.

Electronic sunshine
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Open government is such a simple concept. And yet so many government officials at the state and federal levels struggle to grasp the concept or abide by it.

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000

The Associated Press

Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has enrolled more than 100,000 new people in the two months since it received federal approval.

Gov. Mike Pence said Wednesday that sign-ups for the new Healthy Indiana Plan are off to a good start.

Those new enrollees are in addition to some 180,000 people who were already part of the previous HIP or Hoosier Healthwise programs and were converted to the new plan. Officials estimate 350,000 Indiana residents might be eligible for the program.

The Indiana program uses Medicaid funding but federal officials in January waived some rules to allow Pence's proposal to require some payments from those receiving coverage.

Chief Justice to speak at equality day luncheon

Abbey Doyle

Loretta Rush, chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, is the keynote speaker for this year's Women's Equality Day event, set for Aug. 26.

Jennifer Briggs, co-chair for the planning committee, said they wanted the speaker to be representative of strong female leaders in the community.

"This seemed like a natural fit," she said of Rush. "We looked at some national names but decided we wanted someone who our members could connect with, someone working and raising a family that is more like us, not on a national stage. We wanted someone that would really connect with our community."

Rush was appointed to the state Supreme Court by Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2012. She became the first female chief justice in 2014. Before her appointment to the state Supreme Court she was elected Tippecanoe Superior Court 3 judge and served for 14 years, according to Rush's biography on the Supreme Court's website.

Rush serves on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana and the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity as well as liaison to the Division of Supreme Court Administration, the Division of State Court Administration, the Indiana Judicial Center and the Indiana Judges Association. She chairs the Judicial Nominating/Qualifications Commission as chief justice and has represented the state at the National Judicial Leadership Summit on the Protection of Children several times.

Briggs said Rush's commitment to women and children was also a factor in her selection. Rush played a vital role in creating Tippecanoe County's Court Appointed Special Advocate program. There she also implemented a certified juvenile drug treatment court and 24-hour assessment center for youth. Rush earned her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and graduated cum laude from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington.

She is married and has four children.

"It's an honor to have her as our speaker," Briggs said. "She is serving a key role in the state."

Women's Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that granted women the right to vote.

"Imagine a time when we couldn't vote," Briggs said. "We need to celebrate this because it wasn't that long ago that we couldn't. This celebration is a chance for us to come together and push for more women in leadership roles and a part of decision making."

A big part of the August event is recognizing a local woman with the Albion Fellows Bacon award. Those interested in nominating a local woman, or to purchase a ticket, should visit womensequalitydayevansville.com.

Ark Crisis Child Care Center is the featured organization and the University of Southern Indiana the main sponsor.

State superintendent requests shift in House budget funds

LAURYN SCHROEDER Associated Press

Indiana state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz has proposed diverting state funds from charter schools and changes to student testing to cut its cost.

Ritz told the Senate Appropriations Committee Thursday that nearly $60 million in the proposed House budget could be diverted toward additional funding for local school districts.

Her proposals included eliminating $40 million that's been proposed in additional grants for charter schools.

Ritz says she would also like to eliminate the IREAD test in 3rd grade and the 11th grade college and career readiness test. Her total testing plan could be delivered for about $75 million over two years, which is almost half of what she originally estimated in December.

Legislators are currently considering a proposal that would replace the ISTEP with a national exam.

Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks

A school district in central Indiana is banning nutritional supplements and energy drinks from its campuses.

The Western Boone County Community School Corporation held separate meetings for parents and students on Wednesday to inform them of the new districtwide policy.

School district officials tell WRTV-TV that they were becoming increasingly concerned about students' health. The athletic director at Western Boone Junior-Senior High School says many students who participate in weight training classes have been seen drinking supplement shakes and using energy boosters.

The district says the ban specifically targets products with creatine and nitric oxide, which can cause heart irregularities, problems with the central nervous system and even strokes.

Students who bring any of the now-banned items will face suspension.

Ivy Tech trustees pass resolution in support of Downtown med school

Megan Erbacher

In a resolution unanimously approved by Ivy Tech Community College Southwest Board of Trustees, the seven board members "fully" supported the proposed Downtown medical education center request for 223,000 gross square feet, designating 60,000 of it plus Simulation Center space to Ivy Tech.

At a Thursday afternoon meeting, Board Chair David Gunn presented information to other members about the resolution. Gunn said the 60,000 gross square feet would provide space for Ivy Tech's Health Sciences and School of Nursing programs to grow. There are 1,000 students enrolled in programs that could benefit from the medical campus, including registered nurse, medical assistants, paramedics, surgical technologists and certified nursing assistants.

First-year Ivy Tech nursing student Nick Reed spoke to the board about his excitement over the opportunities the Downtown medical education center will provide.

"Having this multidisciplinary building in Downtown, the heart of Evansville ... the excitement to have all these disciples come together in one school — EMTs, doctors, CNAs, nurses — we get to come together and work together," Reed, 20, said.

In its resolution, Ivy Tech states the medical campus "will be an immediate boost to the economy as well as to the atmosphere in Downtown Evansville."

Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs projects that, by 2020, two of the top four jobs will be in health care fields, and both will require an associate degree, Gunn said. And the shortage of registered nurses and skilled health care workers has been a challenge statewide for many years, he said.

Ivy Tech officials estimate to see an increase of almost 1,600 students enrolled in programs through the new medical education center, as well as additional students for other institutions.

When the Downtown facility is finished, Ivy Tech plans to relocate all health-field programs to the medical education center.

The current 52,000 square feet of the main campus facility will then be used for other high-demand programs such as welding, automotive, technology and business. It will also allow Ivy Tech to expand community collaborations with WorkOne and high school Career and Technical Education programs.

Ivy Tech Southwest Chancellor Jonathan Weinzapfel gave an update to board members on funding for the project. Weinzapfel said the City Council unanimously committed a $57 million bond. Gov. Mike Pence included $19 million for the project in his budget, which the House increased to $37 million. And now the Senate will consider the biennial state budget. Weinzapfel said he expects the Senate version of the budget to be released the week of April 6.

"Then we'll know whether they are building upon the funding already provided by the House for this project. ... So roughly a $50 million investment by the state to leverage a $125 million investment overall. Seems to me that is a good deal. ... I'm optimistic that in the end it will be included in the budget," he said.

Weinzapfel noted consequences if the project is not fully funded. Those include less of an economic impact, less project student enrollment and not the same level of programming.

Partners in the medical education center are Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Evansville. Partner hospitals are Evansville's Deaconess and St. Mary's, Memorial of Jasper and Good Samaritan of Vincennes.

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Bcc:
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I did not call him yet. I thought you just wanted the number. I can call him now do I tell him you are calling tonight or in the morning?

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: 830 meeting today

Regarding Scott county situation

Jim,
Please have in my office at 830
In person or by phone

You, Sean, Danielle, John hill, mark, Crabtree, Brian, Christy, doctor adams

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Also meant to have Atkins there too

Please add

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GOVERNOR

Pence signs bill to give civil immunity to volunteer doctors, nurses

The Statehouse File

Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill into law on Tuesday that gives civil immunity to volunteer healthcare providers.

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Pence signs bill to try to reduce infant mortality rates

The Statehouse File

Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill into law on Monday that is designed to lower infant mortality rates in the state.

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Pence signs bunch of bills

Inside IN Business

Governor Pence today signed HEA 1002, which changes ethics procedures and guidelines regarding legislative ethics, lobbyist and legislative liaison reporting, and executive agency ethics.

Firm can give hiring preferences to vets under bill Pence signed into law

The Statehouse File

Gov. Mike Pence has signed a bill into law that lets companies give preference to veterans in hiring or promoting workers.

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Needle exchange bill now law; Pence says it will save lives
The Statehouse File
Gov. Mike Pence signed legislation Tuesday that will make it easier for other counties to launch needle exchange programs to combat diseases passed through intravenous drug use.
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Pence to get his state run news service
NWI Times
It is not the all-encompassing propaganda network his staffers once envisioned, but Gov. Mike Pence has signed legislation creating a state-run news service for farm commodity prices. House Enrolled Act 1170, which takes effect July 1, permits Pence's Department of Agriculture to operate a market news service pilot program intended to provide Hoosier farmers unbiased reports on the prices paid for their products in different regions of the state.

LEGISLATURE
Focus now turn to mayoral campaign
Evansville Courier & Press
Voters could be forgiven for barely noticing amid the sound and fury of bruising Democratic primary campaigns, but the two major party candidates for Evansville mayor were on Tuesday's ballot too. Running unopposed, Republican Mayor Lloyd Winnecke collected 1,723 votes. Democratic challenger Rep. Gail Riecken, also running without opposition, received 3,785 votes.
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Indiana lawmakers could meet in June for technical session
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana lawmakers could return to the Statehouse next month to correct errors in new statutes or override a veto by the governor.

STATE AGENCIES
State offers jobs to HIP 2.0 members
The Statehouse File
Members of state's health insurance plan for low-income Hoosiers will now have access to career development resources.
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Indiana black expo details education conference
Inside IN Business
Indiana Black Expo announced today that children's advocate Leigh Anne Tuohy and activist and author Hill Harper will keynote its 8th Annual Education Conference presented by Cummins Inc. and the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. The Education Conference will be held on Thursday, July 13th at the Indiana Convention Center as part of the 45th Annual Summer Celebration.

Most Indiana homes not tested for meth contamination
Evansville Courier & Press
Although Indiana has led the nation in meth busts for the past two years, the state's home inspectors don't routinely test for methamphetamine contamination, which can lead to a variety of health problems, according to a newspaper investigation...An Indiana State Police public database identifying locations of meth lab seizures dating back to 2007 may be helpful to potential homebuyers, but homes and other

sites that have been cleaned up to standards set by the state Department of Environmental Management are removed from the list.
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AROUND INDIANA
Brainard wins Carmel, Hogsett, Brewer win in Indianapolis
Evansville Courier & Press
A five-term mayor of an affluent Indianapolis suburb known for its sustained building boom defeated a challenger in the Republican primary who said the city was spending too much and would eventually need to raise taxes.
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Incumbent mayors win; Indy battle set
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
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Small business person of the year announced
Inside IN Business
Christopher "Shane" Conner, Owner/President of Advanced Technologies in Electrical and Communications, Inc. (ATEC) has been named Indiana Small Business Person of the Year for 2015 by the Indiana District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). ATEC is a full service electrical and communications contractor. Services include: electrical and telecommunications sales, service and support, engineering, project management and sustainable energy consulting and installation.

Five key developments in the primary election
Indy Star
Jim Brainard won more than the nomination for a sixth term as Carmel mayor Tuesday. Council candidates he supported also won, vanquishing Brainard's critics.

Multiple mayors fall in primaries
Inside IN Business
In all, eight sitting mayors lost their primary races. In addition to Brown in Columbus, the mayors of Delphi, Garrett, Lake Station, Lebanon, Martinsville, Mitchell and Rochester were defeated.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Shell building to open in Plymouth
Inside IN Business
The event is set for May 14 in Plymouth. A groundbreaking ceremony was held just over a year ago on the property in the Plymouth Industrial Park. The building is 45,000 square feet, but officials say ti has room to grow to 135,000 square feet.

EDITORIAL
Tully: In Carmel, Jim Brainard savors another vote of confidence
Indy Star
A white wine in his hand, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard stood in his campaign headquarters Tuesday night as the election returns began to trickle in. It was early, but it was clear things were going his way.

Indiana is national leader in adoptions
Indy Star
As the nation prepares to celebrate Mother's Day, families formed through adoption are more common in Indiana compared with other states.

Video & story: Pence signs bill to give civil immunity to volunteer doctors, nurses
May 5, 2015 | Filed under: Health,Top stories,Video | Posted by: Lesley Weidenbener
By Alec Gray
TheStatehouseFile.com
IND ANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill into law on Tuesday that gives civil immunity to volunteer healthcare providers.
The new law also provides immunity to licensed medical professionals who volunteer their services at no cost to taxpayers or patients. It applies to physician assistants, advanced nurses, podiatrists, and optometrists and allows them to provide basic treatments like physicals, routine services, and the treatment of minor cuts.
Pence said the new law will encourage doctors to volunteer and give back to the community in that way.
"There is no greater importance than ensuring the health and safety of Hoosier families," Pence said. "Hoosiers are known for their hospitality, and the medical health shield bill allows licensed medical professionals the necessary assurance to continue volunteering and serving in our communities."
Rep. Dave Frizzell, R-Indianapolis, said the new law will help Hoosiers get care they need.

"Millions of people in the state are going to receive care they've never received before," Frizzell said. "That's the important thing."
Pence signed the bill at Shepherd Community Center in Indianapolis where he met with doctors and community members.
"It will proceed simply out of the heart of people who believe that a part of the calling of their profession is to come alongside those most vulnerable and most in need," Pence said.
The law will take affect on July 1.

Pence signs bill to try to reduce infant mortality rates
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By Alec Gray
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IND ANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill into law on Monday that is designed to lower infant mortality rates in the state.
The new law establishes the Safety Protecting Indiana's Newborns grant program and has been referred to throughout the session as Safety PIN.
The General Assembly allocated $8 million for the first fiscal year of the program starting July 1 and $5.5 million for the second. In the first year, $2.5 million of the allocation will be to develop a web application that will be used as an outreach program for at-risk mothers.
Pence said in a statement that his administration is committed to lowering the infant mortality rate.
"Currently, on average, seven Hoosier babies for every 1,000 births do not live to see their first birthday, and reducing this rate remains the top priority of the Indiana State Department of Health," Pence said. "But this is not just about the statistics—this is about reducing the heartbreak of infant mortality for Hoosier families."
Dr. Jerome Adams, commissioner of the health department said infant mortality has many causes, but there are ways to fight it.

"Local programs that help expectant mothers get prenatal care, understand the importance of safe sleep, encourage and make it easier for new moms to breastfeed, and help expectant mothers to get off drugs, alcohol and tobacco, are absolutely essential if we are going to save babies' lives," Adams said.
House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said lawmakers were pleased to passed the Safety PIN legislation this session.
"The very creative means of leveraging those funds for the private sector and civic groups, health groups to make a difference without a government mandate (saying) that hears how you have to do it," Bosma said. "We're very hopeful for that one."
The program will be administered by the Indiana State Department of Health and will take effect on July 1.

Needle exchange bill now law; Pence says it will save lives
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IND ANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence signed legislation Tuesday that will make it easier for other counties to launch needle exchange programs to combat diseases passed through intravenous drug use.
The law takes effect immediately.
It comes after Pence declared an emergency and created a temporary needle exchange program in Scott County, where more than 140 people have been diagnosed with HIV. The cases are all tied to intravenous drug use.
"Since that time, our public health community has worked tirelessly to confront this outbreak," Pence said in a statement. "Our administration worked with members of the Indiana General Assembly to construct a legal framework under which Scott County and other counties could respond to public health emergencies in the future, and I am pleased to sign SEA 461 into law today."
Originally, though, Pence said he opposed a statewide needle exchange program. The resulting compromise requires local governments to prove to the Indiana State Department of Health that a hepatitis C or HIV epidemic is occurring. Hepatitis C is also spread through shared needles and typically is an early indicator of a problem.
Last year, the House approved a bill to study needle exchange programs but it died in the Senate. This year, lawmakers said they acted to try to avoid the kinds of programs occurring in Scott County.
"I am grateful for the efforts of legislators in both political parties for moving this important public health measure forward in a timely way," Pence said. "This measure will save lives and give public health officials the broadest range of options to confront this and other public health emergencies in the future."

Firm can give hiring preferences to vets under bill Pence signed into law
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IND ANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence has signed a bill into law that lets companies give preference to veterans in hiring or promoting workers.
"Our Hoosier heroes deserve our utmost respect, and we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid," Pence said in a statement. "The legislation I sign today will ensure these courageous men and women have every opportunity for success in their chosen careers after putting their lives on the line for our freedom."
Senate Bill 298 passed the House and Senate unanimously.
The bill requires the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to verify veterans preference programs.

The Governor also signed the following bills:
House Bill 1497, which boosts the requirements for the Jobs for Hoosiers program. The program requires individuals filing for unemployment to visit a WorkOne center within the first four weeks of receiving benefits and requires a person collecting unemployment to participate in reemployment.
House Bill 1104, which allows the State Board of Accounts to prioritize audits for local units of government the agency determines to be at the highest risk of loss due to fraud and noncompliance with state requirements.

State offers jobs help to HIP 2.0 members

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By Olivia Covington

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IND ANAPOLIS Members of state's health insurane plan for low-income Hoosiers will now have access to career development resources.

The Family and Social Services Administration announced the creation of the Gateway to Work program on Monday. Only Healthy Indiana Plan members will be eligible to join Gateway to Work, which is designed to help low income Hoosiers secure jobs.

Gateway to Work will help Hoosiers complete job applications, create resumes, and hone their interviewing skills. Some funds for the program will also go toward providing transportation to or clothes for job interviews.

"Gateway to Work and Healthy Indiana Plan are ideally matched because they give low-income Hoosiers a set of parallel tracks toward improving their health, their lives and the lives of their families," Gov. Mike Pence said in a statement.

FSSA Communications Director Jim Gavin said the program was submitted as part of the initial HIP 2.0 waiver last year. He said participation in Gateway to Work is not a requirement for HIP members.

"Making it mandatory would require approval from (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), and CMS has rejected similar proposals from other states," Gavin said.

Gavin said while only HIP members are eligible for Gateway to Work right now, it could be expanded in the future.

The state will provide $650,000 for the program, Gavin said. That money — which covers half of the program's total cost — will come from cigarette tax revenues. Gavin said federal funds will cover the remaining 50 percent.

The FSSA said it's sending roughly 300,000 letters to HIP customers to inform them about Gateway to Work services.

Brainard wins in Carmel, Hogsett, Brewer win in Indianapolis

A five-term mayor of an affluent Indianapolis suburb known for its sustained building boom defeated a challenger in the Republican primary who said the city was spending too much and would eventually need to raise taxes.

Mayor Jim Brainard, who ran on a campaign that Carmel would continue to thrive if the city continued to invest in development, handily defeated City Council President Rick Sharp.

"We're going to move ahead and continue to build a city so it can compete with the best places anywhere in America so it's a great place to live, work raise a family and run a business," Brainard said Tuesday night by telephone. "We won by a good margin. That's an indication of trust. I want to make sure that we continue to fulfill that trust."

Sharp, a city councilman for 12 years, ran on a platform of fiscal restraint, saying he would cut spending and pay down debt. He warned voters that the future of the city 15 miles north of Indianapolis was in jeopardy because of overspending. Sharp said the problem was that everything looks fine in Carmel now.

"This is a beautiful community, wonderful amenities and the problem we were talking about doesn't really hit for 10 or 12 years. I guess we were not effective enough at communicating that message to voters that we need to make policy changes now to avoid the problem," he said.

There was no Democratic candidate running in the Carmel primary. Carmel was one of 115 Indiana cities holding mayoral primaries Tuesday.

In Indiana's biggest city of Indianapolis, former U.S. attorney Joe Hogsett easily defeated community activist Larry Vaughn in the Democratic primary, while restaurateur Chuck Brewer, an Iraq War veteran, defeated three challengers to win the Republican race. Hogsett and Brewer are seeking to succeed Greg Ballard, a Republican who decided against running for a third term.

Hogsett said crime will be one of the issues he will be focusing on for the fall campaign.

"There's been a crime epidemic that seems to have a gripped our city for the last two or three years," he said.

In South Bend, incumbent Mayor Pete Buttigieg beat Democratic primary challenger Henry Davis Jr., a Common Council member who had come under criticism for posting an explicit photo on Facebook last year and for pleading guilty to reckless driving after driving the wrong way on a highway. Buttigieg will face small business owner Kelly Jones, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, in November. He won the general election four years ago with 74 percent of the vote. South Bend hasn't had a Republican mayor in more than 40 years.

Buttigieg called the primary win a strong vote of confidence, and said he won't take the general election for granted.

"We think we have a strong advantage going into November. But if you ever take an election for granted you deserve what you get," he said.

Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry defeated two challengers in the Democratic primary, receiving 76 percent of the vote, and in November will face City Councilman Mitch Harper, who defeated three other Republican challengers with 84 percent of the vote.

Focus now turns to mayoral campaign

Tomas B. Langhorne , John Martin

Voters could be forgiven for barely noticing amid the sound and fury of bruising Democratic primary campaigns, but the two major party candidates for Evansville mayor were on Tuesday's ballot too. Running unopposed, Republican Mayor Lloyd Winnecke collected 1,723 votes. Democratic challenger Rep. Gail Riecken, also running without opposition, received 3,785 votes.

And therein lies perhaps the biggest threat to Winnecke's re-election: Even accounting for the fact that Democrats had more competitive and contentious primary elections than Republicans Tuesday, Evansville is a Democratic city. Winnecke is just the third Republican to lead it since H.O. " Hank " Roberts' defeat in 1955.

Aware that he won in 2011 with the aid of Democratic infighting, Winnecke knows what he's up against this time.

"I think in our first three-plus years in office we've proven that we represent the entire city," said Winnecke, who has courted traditionally Democratic constituencies since taking office in January 2012. "We've built really strong coalitions across party lines, across political demographics and I think as a result, you have a more engaged community."

That doesn't mean Riecken won't try to sharpen the differences between her and Winnecke. The veteran legislator has indicated, for one, that she will have something to say about the city's decision under Winnecke to loan Earthcare Energy $200,000 in federal funds to start a green energy facility in the former Whirlpool plant on U.S. 41. Those plans fell apart amid revelations about troubled financial histories of Earthcare and its executives, and now the company is struggling to pay back the loan.

Critics called it bad judgment and sloppy vetting. Winnecke called it an aggressive pursuit of new employers that simply didn't pay off.
"We're disappointed that it didn't pan out. Not everything works the way you want," the 54-year-old mayor said.
Riecken likely begins by working to solidify her party's factions, which just finished battling in a handful of hotly contested primaries.
"The first thing I have to do after this election is bring this team together and talk to them about the office and the opportunity of working together — what we can do in terms of walking and mailing," the 69-year-old Riecken said. "But I do think after this fight in the primary is that they will pull back together. I wanted to stay away from a lot of the confrontational thoughts and actions that caused people to have real hard feelings. Hopefully they can look beyond that and recognize the importance of regaining this mayoral seat back."
For Riecken, the time also has come to hit the campaign trail full-time. Since declaring her candidacy in January, she's been able to do campaign work only after-hours and on weekends due to her work in the State Legislature.
Despite that, she said she is pleased with her campaign's fundraising effort for the first quarter of 2015. Riecken's campaign raised $111,445 for the quarter. Riecken, who acknowledges Winnecke will outspend her, reported having $85,572 in the bank on her last report. Winnecke reported having $433,698 on hand.
Riecken said her fundraising will continue in earnest, and so will other campaign activities.
"(Monday), as an example, I was able to do call time and hit a neighborhood meeting that night," she said. "That's pretty much going to be the flavor from now on."
Riecken likely will get help from the Indiana Democratic Party, although decisions about what form that aid will take depend on political developments in other cities with competitive mayoral races.
John Zody, chairman of the state party, said financial and organizational support will be available to the candidate.
"We don't like to tell campaigns what they need. We like to help them where they believe they need help," Zody said. "Obviously, money's tight everywhere — but organizational support, we've already been involved with her campaign.
"We're going to try to help Gail however we can. That decision's already made. It's just a matter of what that is."
Riecken has criticized Winnecke's handling of city finances and promised a city government that is more "transparent." She has yet to release many specific policy positions, but said those will be forthcoming.
" It's important for me to be able to talk to people and get their input on the ideas I have," Riecken said. "I have spent some time doing that over the last few months and we are in the process of forming those statements, and we will be pouring those out very soon. I don't think we can make light of this issue on spending and transparency. I think that's something people are very interested in. That's going to be an overriding theme, I believe."
While Democrats battled it out in the spring primaries, Winnecke's campaign quietly gathered nuts for the winter. The mayor's aides report fundraising has continued unabated since the pre-primary campaign finance report showed almost $434,000 on hand.
Ensconced in the lobby of the former Old National Bank building at 420 S. Main St., the Winnecke campaign has three paid staffers and claims hundreds of volunteers. Winnecke has hired 27-year-old Matt Humm, who has worked in congressional campaigns, to manage his re-election effort. Humm managed 9th District U.S. Rep. Todd Young's successful 2014 re-election campaign, having served in other capacities for 2nd District U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski and the Indiana Republican Party before that.

Winnecke has never lost an election. He has held office continuously since shortly after the 1999 city campaign, when he was selected in a Republican Party caucus to succeed then-newly elected Mayor Russ Lloyd Jr. on the Vanderburgh County Council.
In 2002, in a County Council re-election campaign that attracted 12,125 voters, Winnecke defeated Democrat Chris Walsh by 61 percent to 39 percent. Winnecke had a GOP primary opponent in his 2006 council campaign but no Democratic opponent. He was unopposed again when he sought a County Commissioners seat in 2008.
Running for mayor in 2011, Winnecke first crushed little-known primary opponent Douglas DeGroot with 92 percent of the vote and then defeated Democrat Rick Davis with 54 percent. In that campaign, Winnecke was aided by Democratic infighting between supporters of the late Davis and other Democrats who resented Davis' challenges to some of the party's elected officials. Some of the latter group worked openly to help Winnecke defeat Davis in 2011, and Davis supporters accused party establishment figures of doing the same thing behind the scenes.

Most Indiana homes not tested for meth contamination
Although Indiana has led the nation in meth busts for the past two years, the state's home inspectors don't routinely test for methamphetamine contamination, which can lead to a variety of health problems, according to a newspaper investigation.
With a daily average of more than four meth lab discoveries by law enforcement officials in Indiana, experts say thousands of homes across the state likely have been contaminated by residents making or using the drug, the Indianapolis Star (http://indy.st/1E5A_0I) reported. But many homeowners aren't aware of the risk and don't know meth can be detected through several hundred dollars' worth of testing.
Although the state's real estate disclosure form asks sellers specifically about the meth contamination, the law doesn't require real estate agents to verify their answer through testing. It's not part of a standard pre-sale home inspection in Indiana or any other state.
An Indiana State Police public database identifying locations of meth lab seizures dating back to 2007 may be helpful to potential homebuyers, but homes and other sites that have been cleaned up to standards set by the state Department of Environmental Management are removed from the list.
Signs of meth contamination aren't always obvious, and the hazards associated with the drug can linger for months or longer, according to Nick Gromicko of the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors. Gromicko said many inspectors offer such testing for an additional fee.
"It's a growing concern, and not just for prospective buyers," he said. "Not long ago we had an inspector in Idaho who was hospitalized" after being exposed to meth residue while going through a home.
The presence of meth in a home can lead to severe skin irritation, nausea, diarrhea, body aches, coughing and breathing issues, said First Sgt. Niki Crawford, commander of the Indiana State Police meth suppression section. Children, the elderly and people with existing health problems are most at risk.
"Symptoms often mimic the flu," Crawford said, "but they will not go away."

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Indy celebrates Lowe's center opening

Inside IN Business

Today, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann and Congresswoman Susan Brooks will join representatives from Lowe's Corporation for a ceremony celebrating the opening of its new Indianapolis customer support center.

Gov. Pence signs regional cities initiative, talks with Fox 59 about trade trip to China
Fox 59
The result of months of negotiations and a last-minute lobbying campaign, Gov. Mike Pence signed the regional cities initiative into law Wednesday.

Governor Mike Pence signs bill repealing common construction wage
Fox 28
Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed an bill repealing the common construction wage into law Wednesday. A release from the office of the governor said the legislation will remove the common construction wage statute, allowing the market to determine wages.

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New law encourages RDA-like projects across Indiana
NWI Times
Communities across the state are set to start mimicking the successful, cooperative quality-of-life improvement projects carried out by the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority for the past decade. On Wednesday, Gov. Mike Pence signed into law House Enrolled Act 1403, authorizing the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the state's commerce department, to award grants and loans for "regional cities" programs that will attract new people or businesses to an area.

Pence to OK Budget Bill
Inside IN Business
Tomorrow, Governor Mike Pence will visit with Hoosiers in Clinton County where he will stop at Kramer Lumber in honor of Small Business Week, as well as Flavors Coffee House and Deli. Later in the afternoon, he will sign the biennial budget bill (HEA 1001) at Perry Worth Elementary School in Boone County. The biennial budget includes $480 million in new funding for K-12 education.

Pence signs needle-exchange bill as HIV outbreak cases grow
Belleville news-democrat
Indiana communities facing an HIV epidemic tied to intravenous drug use will have a way to implement needle-exchange programs under a measure Gov. Mike Pence signed into law Tuesday, as the number of confirmed cases in a rural outbreak grew to nearly 150.

Pence signs repeal of common construction wage
NWI Times
With the stroke of a pen Wednesday, Gov. Mike Pence ended a system the state and local governments have used for eight decades to set wages on most publicly funded construction projects.

LEGISLATURE
Indiana students want firefly named official state insect
NWI Times

Indiana's legislative session may be over, but a group of elementary school students says it's time for lawmakers to make the firefly the state
's official insect. Second-graders at Cumberland Elementary School in West Lafayette recently learned that Indiana doesn't have any state insect. That sobering news prompted them to write postcards to state Sen. Ron Alting and State Reps. Sheila Klinker and Randy Truitt urging them to support giving state insect status to the illuminating insect.

Indy Eleven GM vows to keep pursuing stadium
Inside IN Business
By now you've read the headlines that the effort to secure a multipurpose stadium to house Indy Eleven games in downtown Indianapolis stalled during the last hurdle in the legislative process in the Indiana General Assembly. Although we are disappointed that time simply ran out at the Statehouse, we continue to be inspired by the remarkable support shown by fans, sports enthusiasts and everyday Hoosiers for a stadium built to showcase not just soccer, but other events that would be a tremendous economic driver for both the City and the State.

STATE AGENCIES
Most Indiana state parks raising entrance fees $2 next week
Evansville Courier & Press
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Education board set to meet before possible member changes
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana Board of Education is set to meet for the last time before a significant change in membership.

Police find 10,000 child pornography files in Avon home
Indy Star/Chalkbeat
Indiana State Police detectives arrested an Avon man after police said they found more than 10,000 files of child pornography in his residence.

AROUND INDIANA
Saint Francis leader gets Sagamore award
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Sister M. Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis, said she is not easily surprised. Behind Kriss, Niezer, a broker with USI Insurance Services, unveiled the framed citation, sitting on an easel. The prestigious award, signed by Gov. Mike Pence, was presented with the "enthusiastic support of state Sen. Liz Brown," Niezer said.

Hoosier energy unveils solar program
Inside IN Business
When the sun shines, Hoosier Energy and its member systems beam. Hoosier Energy, in partnership with its 18 electric cooperative members, recently announced a 10-megawatt solar program that will bring the benefits of solar power to member consumers throughout southern Indiana and southeastern Illinois.

Brownsburg rejects school tax hike, 3 districts OK increases

Indy Star
Brownsburg residents voted down a $96 million tax increase, opting Tuesday to deny the construction of a new elementary school and an upgrade of the high school.

Growth in English language learners challenges Indy teachers
Indy Star
When an Indianapolis school meets new students from Burma, there is a lot the teachers, staff and their new classmates can't imagine about the students' life experiences.

Officials: Voters, competitiveness in short supply
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Allen County Elections Director Beth Klug got the best night's sleep on election night that she can remember.

High school brawl: 'Why did nobody stop it?'
Indy Star
The online video, depicting a fight at Northwest High School Tuesday, was provocative in its own right, but even more provocative to some was the response of Indianapolis Public Schools. According to IPS, teachers "are instructed to remain physically out of the altercation and call school police for assistance. Teachers are also poised to prevent any crowds from gathering in the area." The video and the policy raise so many questions. Why didn't the staff member do more to intervene? Do IPS policies actually promote student safety? Do other schools have similar policies? Should it be part of teachers' jobs to put themselves in the middle of brawls?

JOBS/ECONOMY
Chase plastics to break ground in South Bend
Inside IN Business
Chase Plastics, a leading stocking distributor of more than 6,400 specialty, engineering and commodity thermoplastics, announced today that groundbreaking for its new North America centralized distribution center in South Bend, Indiana, will commence on May 15, 2015, following a groundbreaking ceremony on May 13, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. EST. Construction of the new 125,000-square-foot facility, which is projected to be fully operational by December 2015, will begin in June. The new facility will be located at 5245 Dylan Drive in South Bend, Indiana.

EDITORIAL
Swarens: How Mike Pence can save his political career
Indy Star
Mike Pence leaves the country this week, on a trade mission to China, with a big question about his political future unanswered.

Pence set to sign bill for regional development program
May 6, 2015
Associated Press
A new state grant program aimed at encouraging Indiana counties and cities to collaborate on regional development projects is set to be signed into law by Gov. Mike Pence.
The governor is scheduled to sign the Regional Cities program bill during a meeting Wednesday afternoon of the Indiana Economic Development Corp. board.
Legislators included $84 million for the program over the next two years in the new state budget. Money

for the initiative will come from a new state tax amnesty program allowing people and businesses who owe back taxes before 2013 to pay their bills without penalties.
Some lawmakers hesitated to approve the Regional Cities program, saying its details weren't explained well.
Pence says the program will encourage long-term planning by regional groups.

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But that's just one time funding. Pence said the tax amnesty will simply jumpstart the initiative and he didn't say where future funding might come from. But he said it was important to have the money to get the program launched.
Participating communities would also be required to use the money to leverage other public and private investments in areas that drive economic development.
"This legislation provides our communities with the necessary framework to continue fostering economic growth and development," said Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso. "I look forward to seeing the positive impact these projects will have on Hoosiers."
In addition to House Bill 1403, Pence also signed a number of bills into law that were on his agenda.

- HB 1303 provides highly-skilled professionals a voluntary alternative to licensing, eliminates arbitrary barriers to employment, and reduces costs for consumers by giving them the information they need to make better choices about services they buy and people they hire.
- SB 441 simplifies the tax code to reduce the paperwork burden for Hoosiers and incentivize investment in Indiana.
- SB 412 requires electric utilities to file energy efficiency plans with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission meant to ensure more affordable and reliable energy for Hoosiers.

Indiana Gov. Pence signs utility energy-efficiency bill
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has signed a new law to reduce state oversight of the energy efficiency programs of major utilities.
Pence approved a measure Wednesday to allow major utility companies to develop their own efficiency programs and charge customers to implement them. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will have final approval over the programs.
Supporters say companies should have the flexibility to choose their own programs, which help decrease electricity use and save ratepayers money.
But some experts say the bill is missing key elements for such programs to be effective and won't save consumers as much as supporters have advertised.
Environmentalists also argue that Indiana will have a harder time meeting federal requirements for reducing carbon dioxide emissions under the new law, which takes effect immediately.

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The DNR says the price increase is in response to the parks' rising operating costs.

User fees pay about 70 percent of state park operational costs, with the rest coming from Indiana's General Fund.

DNR Director Cameron Clark says visiting a state park or forest is still a great value for families.

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Governor - FYI on new Isis video for this morning.

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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY/LT. GOVERNOR

Pence details first day in China

Inside IN Business

As Governor Mike Pence begins his five-day jobs and economic development mission in China, he is showcasing the work of Indiana's artisans throughout the trip by practicing the East Asian ritual of gift giving.

Pence gives Indiana gifts during first day in China

The Statehouse File

Gov. Mike Pence started the first day of his jobs and economic development trip to China on Monday by gifting Hoosier artwork.

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Pence pens op-ed regarding accomplishments

Greensburg Daily News

Governor Mike Pence penned the following op-ed regarding accomplishments for Hoosiers from the 2015 legislative session.

Pence says budget invests 'in our future like never before'

The Statehouse File

Last December I called upon the Indiana General Assembly to make this an education session, and the results are clear. In this biennial budget, we made historic investments in education at every level from pre-K all the way through our adult high schools, because education will not only help our people succeed; it will help our state succeed.

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Pence adds four to Purdue Board
Inside IN Business
Governor Mike Pence today named the following individuals to the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

Johnson County manufacturing facility to open
Inside IN Business
Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann will join executives from Mitsubishi Engine North America (MENA), a subsidiary of Japan-based Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony on the company's new automotive turbochargers manufacturing facility in Franklin.

Governor vetoes transparency bill over records fee
IBJ
A bill that would have allowed government agencies to charge private citizens for public research requests will not go into effect this year. Gov. Mike Pence said that provision led him to the decision to veto the bill.
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Manufacturer investing big Berne
Inside IN Business
FCC (Adams), LLC, an automatic transmission clutch manufacturer, announced plans today to expand its operations here, creating up to 73 new jobs by 2016.

Pence passes law to address vacant housing
IBJ
City officials in Indianapolis are applauding a vacant housing law signed by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, despite the fact that it won't let municipalities hold banks responsible for upkeep on so-called "zombie homes.'
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DNR doesn't back high-powered rifles for deer hunting
Indy Star
A controversial proposal that would have allowed Indiana deer hunters to use high-powered rifles is likely dead. Wildlife officials at the Department of Natural Resources are recommending against the proposal, saying the deep rift it caused among hunters has proven too contentious.

19 year-old dies in Johnson County police custody
Indy Star
Indiana State Police detectives are investigating the death of a 19-year-old inmate who died in police custody Monday after he was found unconscious in the back of a jail transport van.

LEGISLATURE
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Evansville Courier & Press
Republican state Sen. Jim Banks of Columbia City says he's running for the northeastern Indiana House seat that U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman is giving up.
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The Statehouse File
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STATE WIDES
New BMV audit finds 16 more potential overcharges
Indy Star
An outside audit of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles released Monday revealed a sweeping lack of oversight and accountability — and the possibility of 16 new overcharges that could result in more refunds for Hoosier motorists.

BMV audit finds even more errors
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles lacks oversight, uses a complex fee schedule that leads to inconsistent charges for the same transactions and may have overcharged motorists more than previously disclosed, according to an independent audit released Monday.

Interchange project hits halfway
Inside IN Business
Construction of the new cloverleaf interchange at U.S. 41 and the Lloyd Expressway is halfway completed. Indiana Department of Transportation contractors plan to shift Lloyd Expressway traffic to new pavement on Wednesday, May 13, requiring traffic pattern changes and some ramp closures.

Public meetings set on route for final I-69 section
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
State highway officials are planning a pair of meetings to gather public comment on possible routes for the Interstate 69 extension between Martinsville and Indianapolis.

Indiana tourism slogan could be victim to fallout over law
Evansville Courier & Pass
An Indiana tourism slogan that was panned as too folksy when it was unveiled last year could be scrapped because of fallout over a religious objections law that critics say makes the phrase ring hollow.
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AROUND INDIANA
Indy Eleven looks ahead to another try for stadium
Indy Star
" ndy Forever" is used frequently as a hashtag — and on a hoodie — related to the Indy Eleven soccer team.

Different bird flu strain detected in Indiana backyard flock
Evansville Courier & Press
Bird flu has been found in a backyard poultry flock in northeastern Indiana, and it's the first time the specific strain in question has been detected in the central U.S., animal health officials said Monday.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Purdue Study details future job openings

Inside IN Business

Nearly 58,000 jobs will open annually across the United States in occupations involving food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environment over the next five years, according to an employment outlook led by Purdue University.

EDITORIAL

http://www.journalgazette.net/opinion/editorials/On-the-money-6589250

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

If his administration's proposal for a state-run news service hurt Mike Pence's standing as a First Amendment advocate, his veto of a public records bill is a reassuring sign the governor still understands the value of government transparency.

Governor vetoes transparency bill over records fee

May 11, 2015

Olivia Covington and The Statehouse File

A bill that would have allowed government agencies to charge private citizens for public research requests will not go into effect this year.

Senate Enrolled Act 369 was aimed at "increasing transparency," said Sen. Pete Miller, R-Avon, who authored the bill. It would have required local governments and school corporations to list financial information, including expenditures, expenses and balances, online.

But the bill would have allowed public agencies to charge for any research that would take longer than two hours to complete.

Gov. Mike Pence said that provision led him to the decision to veto the bill.

"I vetoed SEA 369 over fee for public record searches," Pence said in a tweet Friday evening. "The cost of public records should never be a barrier to the public's right to know."

SEA 369 would not have allowed agencies to charge the research fee if the information was distributed electronically.

Miller said he plans to re-introduce the "transparency" legislation next session but will likely leave out the public search fee.

"How you find the right balance is what we're after," Miller said. "Apparently $20 is out of balance."

Hoosier State Press Association Executive Director Steve Key said he worked with Miller and House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, to create the research fee language. Like Miller, Key said he understands Pence's concerns about the fee but wasn't made aware of those concerns ahead of time.

"The timing (of Pence's concerns) made it so that nobody could respond," Key said.

But Indiana University Journalism Professor Gerry Lanosga, who is also with the Indiana Coalition for Open Government, said he thinks the veto is "fantastic."

"It would have put up another barrier to citizen access to public records," Lanosga said.

Lanosga said while he "hopes" language including a public research fee would never reappear in the Indiana General Assembly, he's aware it will likely resurface.

"Issues like this do tend to get revived," Lanosga said.

Key said the bill passed the House three times and the Senate twice. He said he's not sure yet if Miller's bill next session will be more successful.

Pence passes law to address vacant housing

May 11, 2015

Associated Press

City officials in Indianapolis are applauding a vacant housing law signed by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, despite the fact that it won't let municipalities hold banks responsible for upkeep on so-called "zombie homes.'

The law changes a state tax-sale process pertaining to vacant homes that's so complicated that homes often stay empty for years, according to supporters of the law signed last week.

Indiana was among the states hardest hit by urban blight following the housing crisis seven years ago, The Indianapolis Star reported, citing national housing statistics. Indiana had 5,217 vacant homes at the end of January, according to housing data analyst RealtyTrac.

The new rules will allow code enforcement officials to declare properties vacant and speed up the selling process.

"Really, the bottom line is we have made a dramatic effort to allow the local government to be the catalyst to clean up neighborhoods," said state Sen. Jim Merritt, an Indianapolis Republican who sponsored the bill. " t makes it a quicker process and a cleaner process."

But the law has drawn criticism because it prevents municipalities from passing their own ordinances on vacant homes and protects banks holding liens on the homes from regulations requiring their maintenance.

Jeff Miller, a member of the City County Council of Marian County and Indianapolis, is expected to introduce an ordinance this month that would place the same level of accountability on a lender who issues a foreclosure notice on a vacant home as a homeowner. It would hold banks responsible for general upkeep such as cutting the grass and picking up garbage on the property.

Although the new state law will block the local effort, Miller hopes his proposal will send a message to legislators.

Pence gives Indiana gifts during first day in China

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Staff Report

TheStatehouseFile.com

IND ANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence started the first day of his jobs and economic development trip to China on Monday by gifting Hoosier artwork.

Pence's office said gift giving is an important ritual in the Asian culture.

"During our meetings this week with Chinese business and government leaders, we'll be presenting these Hoosier-made pieces of art that tell our story and showcase our heritage as state dedicated to quality and craftsmanship," Pence said in a statement.

One of the artists whose work is on display is Gary Chapman, a former art teacher in Madison, Indiana.

" ndiana's natural beauty is already a work of art," Chapman said in a statement.

Chapman said he has a passion for turning wood from the state's forests into works of art. He also said he is honored to have work featured on Pence's trip.

" hope Chinese government and business officials treasure these bowls as a reminder of all that Indiana has to offer," Chapman said.

Other products being offered on the trip are quilts, hand-blown glass and silk scarves. The design on the scarves is based off of a watercolor painted by First Lady Karen Pence.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation purchased the gifts using private contributions from the Indiana Economic Development Foundation

Pence started his trip by meeting with the officials at the Haier group, the largest Chinese multinational consumer electronics and home appliance company. The company moved to Evansville last fall.

Recently deployed Indiana Sen. Banks running for US House

Republican state Sen. Jim Banks of Columbia City says he's running for the northeastern Indiana House seat that U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman is giving up.
Banks confirmed to radio station WOWO News (http://bit.ly/1PCk5DA) Monday that he was running for the 3rd District seat. Banks scheduled a formal announcement in Fort Wayne for Tuesday.
Stutzman announced Saturday he would seek the U.S. Senate now filled by Dan Coats. Coats isn't seeking re-election.
Banks has served in the Indiana Senate since 2010.
He returned to Indiana in April from an eight-month deployment to Afghanistan as a member of the Navy Reserve. He submitted a letter of reinstatement to his legislative duties on Friday. His wife, Amanda, filled the seat while he was deployed.

Indiana tourism slogan could be victim to fallout over law
An Indiana tourism slogan that was panned as too folksy when it was unveiled last year could be scrapped because of fallout over a religious objections law that critics say makes the phrase ring hollow.
A New York public relations firm is expected to look at the "Honest to Goodness Indiana" slogan as part of a $2 million review of the impact of the law signed by Gov. Mike Pence in March. Many companies canceled travel to Indiana amid concerns that the law was anti-gay.
Tourism officials say they're still feeling the effects despite changes to the law's language designed to address the discrimination concerns.
Carrie Lambert, executive director of the Indiana Tourism Association, told the Indianapolis Business Journal that the association received 500 emails from people "expressing their disgust" over the law after its passage.
"We have a lot of meeting and tour planners telling us that now is just not the time to announce you're coming to Indiana. The bookings are drying up, and that could cause a big issue in three to five years," Lambert said.
Many say the reaction to the law makes it even harder to sell the "Honest to Goodness Indiana" slogan. Jo Wade, president of Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette, said at the time the bill was passed, "people didn't see that as honest or good."
"People want to grab anything they can to remember their anger toward our state, and Honest to Goodness could be a flare-up," Wade said.
Indiana Office of Tourism Development Executive Director Mark Newman said in a statement that the "Honest to Goodness" summer campaign began in April as scheduled.
But Lambert said there is a "sense of urgency" about the slogan and what direction Porter Novelli will take.
"We have a hurdle in front of us and we have to determine how to get over it," she said.
Not everyone would be happy to see the slogan go.
"The campaign did a great job of highlighting all the fun and entertaining things to do in this state," said Tom Bannon, executive director of the Anderson/Madison County Visitors Bureau."
Todd Muffley, CEO of Carmel-based Fat Atom Marketing, said he worries that Porter Novelli could take the state in an equally damaging direction.
"If they paint Indiana as too liberal, it's not going to be seen as genuine," he said.

Tallian set to announce run for governor
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By Andi TenBarge
TheStatehouseFile.com

IND ANAPOLIS – State Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Portage, is set to announce her candidacy for Inciana's gubernatorial race on Tuesday, making her the second Democrat to officially declare a bid for governor in 2016.

"At a time when the Hoosier state is falling further behind, Mike Pence and his allies are satisfied with engaging in destructive, divisive politics," Tallian said in a statement.

During her campaign, Tallian said she will run as a progressive voice for Hoosiers with an emphasis on women's pay and economic success for all Hoosiers.

Tallian was first appointed to the state Senate in 2005 after her predecessor stepped down to become a town clerk-treasurer. Since then, she's been re-elected to the Senate three times, and serves as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Former House Speaker John Gregg announced last month he would run in the gubernatorial race for the second time. Gregg first ran against current Gov. Mike Pence in 2012, when Pence narrowly defeated him.

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz said she is also considering a run for the state's highest office, but hasn't officially declared her candidacy.

House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, also said he has not ruled out the possibility of running for governor.

Pence has not yet said whether he will seek re-election in 2016.

Talllan will make her formal announcement outlining her agenda at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Different bird flu strain detected in Indiana backyard flock

Bird flu has been found in a backyard poultry flock in northeastern Indiana, and it's the first time the specific strain in question has been detected in the central U.S., animal health officials said Monday.

The H5N8 virus found in Whitley County is different from the H5N2 virus that has led to the loss of more than 30 million chickens, turkeys and other birds since March in 13 states, including Minnesota and Wisconsin, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Some birds in the Whitley County flock of 77 ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys and other species have died, the agency said. The remaining birds were removed, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health said.

The board said it was checking with nearby poultry owners to see if the disease has spread. The board said it is coordinating with the USDA, the Indiana State Poultry Association and the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in responding to the disease.

Indiana is a leading poultry-producing state, nationally ranked first in the production of ducks and fourth in turkeys.

The board encourages backyard poultry owners to watch for signs of bird flu and report illnesses and deaths to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Signs include sudden death, lack of energy or appetite, decreased and misshapen egg production; nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing and diarrhea.

Bird flu doesn't affect the safety of eating eggs or poultry and poses little risk to humans. No human infections with the virus have been detected, the USDA said.

Bird flu can be carried by free-flying waterfowl such as ducks, geese and shorebirds. The occurrence in Whitley County west of Fort Wayne is the first time the H5N8 strain has been detected in the Mississippi flyway for migrating birds over the central U.S. The H5N8 strain previously had only been confirmed in the Pacific flyway after being detected in Oregon and Washington.

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New HPAI outbreaks hit U.S. states as global poultry bans expand

By Chris Scott on 5/13/2015

Iowa has reported new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) — and Nebraska became the 16th U.S. state to do so since December — even as the world continues to list more import bans of poultry and poultry products from U.S. states.

The Iowa Dept. of Agriculture announced that four more Iowa farms have tested positive for the H5N2 strain of bird flu, including for the first time a broiler farm raising 700 chickens for meat. The rest of the affected birds are egg-laying chickens and turkeys in the 15th overall case of an avian

influenza outbreak in Buena Vista County alone. Iowa currently has 49 confirmed cases of bird flu in 13 counties.

Meanwhile, USDA officials announced the first confirmed outbreak of avian influenza in Nebraska. The commercial egg-laying farm in Dixon County has 1.7 million chickens, all of which may be culled in order to prevent the spread of the H5N2 strain of HPAI. USDA added that nearly 33 million birds have been affected by the current outbreak since the first reports were confirmed in Dec. 2014.

The recent news sparked an expanded ban from Hong Kong and one by Ecuador, specifically covering poultry and poultry products from Nebraska and all U.S. states, respectively. Hong Kong imports about 267,000 metric tons of chilled and frozen poultry meat and 530 million eggs from U.S. sources each year. USDA officials estimate that Ecuador imported live poultry, poultry meat, and poultry products including eggs and egg products from the United States worth about $6 million in 2014.

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has also updated its list of poultry export requirements from 14 foreign countries as reports of more confirmed infections are announced. Specific information on the various bans is available here.

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GOVERNOR

Indiana governor orders flags half-staff to honor officers
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has ordered flags fly at half-staff in honor of fallen officers. Pence's office says flags at state facilities statewide will be flown at half-staff on Friday in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day. It is meant to honor federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. The governor also asks private businesses and residents to lower their flags to honor the officers.

Pence visits Cummins plant in China
The Columbus republic
Gov. Mike Pence's jobs mission to China this week has huge implications for Indiana and Columbus, local business representatives and economic leaders said.

IN Governor Mike Pence to return from China this weekend
Fox 28
Indiana Governor Mike Pence is getting ready to come back home to Indiana from China.

Pence renews cultural, corporate ties on China trip
NWI Times
No job or new investment announcements so far have come out of Gov. Mike Pence's trade mission to China, which ends Saturday, but the Republican this week has renewed Indiana's existing ties to various Chinese communities and companies.

LEGISLATURE

Exemption on equipment tax for small businesses about to take effect
Evansville Courier and Press
Small business owners in Indiana soon won't have to pay a tax on their equipment.
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STATE WIDES
AG Zoeller creates victim services and outreach division
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller has created a victim services and outreach division to help people traumatized by crimes.
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Initial work on RFRA image repair to cost $750k
Evansville Courier & Pres
The Indiana Economic Development Corp. finalized a contract that could reach $750,000 with outside public relations firm, Porter Novelli, to develop a marketing campaign aimed at promoting the state's image. But a fuller picture of the cost will come this fall, when the IEDC and the firm are expected to settle on the launch and implementation of the campaign.
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AROUND INDIANA
Porter County health officials urge H V testing for at risk individuals
NWI Times
A public health crisis in Southern Indiana has prompted local health officials to remind Porter County residents that H V and other medical screenings area available at a low cost from the Health Department.

Indiana saw jump in recreational boating deaths during 2014
Evansville Courier & Press
A new report shows that during 2014 Indiana had its most recreational boating deaths in three years but still remained below the national rate for such fatalities. The Coast Guard report lists Indiana with nine boating deaths for 2014, up from five the year before. The state had 10 boating deaths in 2011 before having only two such deaths during 2012. Alcohol use was listed as a contributing factor in five of Indiana's 2014 boating deaths. The report says that 610 people died nationwide in recreational boating accidents last year. That was up slightly from the recorded low 560 fatalities during 2013. Indiana had a rate of 4.2 deaths per 100,000 registered boats for last year, compared to the national rate of 5.2 deaths.

Discovery halts construction at part of the transit center
Indy Star
An unexpected underground find has forced a halt to construction on part of the new transit center Downtown.

Officer Perry Renn's widow talks with Fox 59 in Washington D.C.
Indy Star
The widow of a fallen Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer is in Washington, D.C., to remember her husband and officers across the country who were killed in the line of duty.

EDITORIAL
Tully: The reader mailbag: Texas! Are you kidding?

Indy Star
A state whose legislature has been a model of intolerance. A state whose lawmakers are reacting to the increased acceptance of same-sex marriage by coldly doubling down on their opposition to it. A state whose highest-profile U.S. senator has proudly embraced Indiana's religious freedom law. A state that has a similar law.

Where is data on school vouchers?
Evansville Courier & Press
How many low-income children have been enrolled and sustained in schools accepting Indiana voucher or SGO grants? On May 2 a Courier & Press article said, "(Gov. Mike) Pence said the two-year state budget makes 'a historic investment in education in every form, at every level,' including ... charter schools and vouchers enabling economically poor children to attend private schools."
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Howey: Historic damage to Pence Brand
The Herald Tribune
Over the past several years, we have witnessed a dramatic change in polling on social issues. It has happened nationally on gay marriage, with a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll showing 59 percent now approve of it.

Exemption on equipment tax for small businesses about to take effect
Chelsea Schneider
Small business owners in Indiana soon won't have to pay a tax on their equipment.
For those businesses, the Indiana General Assembly made permanent during this year's legislative session an exemption from the business personal property tax. The move comes a year after lawmakers approved giving counties the option to remove the tax for businesses acquiring less than $20,000 in machinery or equipment in a given year.
Negotiations over the option to lower the business personal property tax became a large talking point for lawmakers in 2014. The exemption passed this year will cover approximately 150,000 business filers.
State Sen. Brandt Hershman, who authored the legislation, said talk of eliminating the tax for small business owners got entangled in the larger debate over the tax during last year's General Assembly session.
"When they are first brought up, there is a concern about new ideas in general, and so it takes some time to socialize the issues and work through the potential concerns, and I think we did that," said Hershman, a Buck Creek Republican.
Several local government leaders, whose communities receive revenue from the tax, had decried attempts to reduce the tax without providing an option to replace the revenue. This year lawmakers, sought to soothe those concerns by allowing counties to adopt a $50 fee for small business filers as a way to recoup some of the lost revenue.
Hershman said the exemption is aimed at helping small businesses that pay a small tax burden for their machinery and equipment, but face significant accounting fees to prepare their returns.
The change to exempt small businesses from the tax would result in about a $7 million revenue loss to counties, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency. The analysis completed last year found Vanderburgh County would lose an anticipated $455,930; with Warrick County would lose $8,080.
Matt Greller, executive director and CEO of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, said his group was pleased to see the replacement revenue option. He said the $50 fee won't replace all lost revenue, but it will come close.

" It's still a tremendous reduction in what small business folks will have to pay and pay a CPA to prepare their return," Greller said.
The change for small business owners goes into effect for assessment dates after Dec. 31, 2015.
New options also kick in this July for counties seeking to further reduce the tax for businesses. One option exempts new investment in a county, over time leading to a full phase-out of the tax as equipment is retired. The other option expands a tool already in use by local governments across the state that allows the tax to be abated for up to 20 years.

AG Zoeller creates victim services and outreach division

7:13 AM, May 15, 2015
Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller has created a victim services and outreach division to help people traumatized by crimes.
Zoeller says the division will help those with critical needs, including victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault. His office plans to offer training and information on human trafficking and related problems to existing victim services networks, to assist them in connecting victims with necessary programs and services.
Zoeller said his office has launched the Victim Advocates' Network, an informal group that will coordinate with other victim-services groups and victim advocacy workers statewide to provide information and training programs.
As part of this new initiative, the AG's Office will publish a Victim's Rights Handbook that will be available online and for distribution to advocates and social services providers.

Initial work on RFRA image repair to cost as much as $750,000

Chelsea Schneider
The cost to repair Indiana's reputation following the fallout over the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act is beginning to take shape.
The Indiana Economic Development Corp. finalized a contract that could reach $750,000 with outside public relations firm, Porter Novelli, to develop a marketing campaign aimed at promoting the state's image. But a fuller picture of the cost will come this fall, when the IEDC and the firm are expected to settle on the launch and implementation of the campaign.
The contract states the IEDC and the Indiana Office of Tourism Development are working on a "reputation enhancement initiative" to strengthen the state's brand as a "welcoming place to live, visit and do business."
The state's economic development arm announced in April that it had retained Porter Novelli after controversy over the "religious freedom" law drew criticism nationwide over concerns the law could serve as a mechanism to discriminate against gays and lesbians. Criticism was so intense that Republican legislative leaders and Gov. Mike Pence quickly endorsed a clarification barring the law from being used as a defense to discriminate against any member of the public on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
The initial phase of the contract with Porter Novelli runs through the end of September. According to the contract, the firm will assess the state's reputation and create a campaign that's launch ready. Then, the IEDC and the firm will determine the funding required to implement the campaign.
The IEDC will pay for its work with the firm out of its promotional funds, according to agency spokeswoman Abby Gras. It's too early to know costs for implementing the campaign because it's dependent on the initial phase of work, Gras said.
The contract does not make specific mention of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. But an IEDC executive vice president told the Courier & Press in April that the "religious freedom" law played a part in the agency's decision to retain the public relations firm.

“The debate about RFRA has affected that,” Chris Cotterill, an executive vice president at the IEDC, said in April.
“More people in Indiana are realizing that it makes sense to talk about the reputation of Indiana.”
Overall, the law sets a judicial standard a court can use to weigh religious objections. Supporters of the law say the standard adds protections for actions Hoosiers take based on sincerely held religious beliefs. But opponents feared that gay and lesbian Hoosiers could face discrimination on the basis of Indiana having such a law.

Where is data on school vouchers?
Ann Ennis
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letters to the editor | opinion
How many low-income children have been enrolled and sustained in schools accepting Indiana voucher or SGO grants?
On May 2 a Courier & Press article said, "(Gov. Mike) Pence said the two-year state budget makes 'a historic investment in education in every form, at every level,' including ... charter schools and vouchers enabling economically poor children to attend private schools."
Show Indiana families the data, please.
Where are the numbers? What are the five-year trends in low income student private school enrollment? What is the data showing trends in "economically poor children," who have enrolled and still attend the A-B and Four Star private and parochial schools?
According to the www.Indiana.gov transcription of Gov. Pence's 2015 State-of-the-State, he said, "Today some 30,000 low- and middle-income kids are able to attend the school that works best for them because of our choice scholarship program." How many low income vis-à-vis middle income? Does data show the schools that "work best" for the low income students are Indiana-rated excellent schools?
The problem for Indiana taxpayers is that this data does not exist.
From February 23-April 10, the Indiana Department of Education and I exchanged emails about this exact chunk of data. I sought public-private-parochial-charter school data on A-F school grades along with each school's free-reduced lunch enrollment numbers. In April an IDOE technician told me I have to look up each nonpublic school one at a time on the IDOE's COMPASS system. This exposes a giant hole in statements about the success of Indiana's COMPASS system. This exposes a giant hole in statements about the success of Indiana's vouchers and SGO grants. Public school data is assembled in an easy to find and read spreadsheet.
Gov. Pence says the vouchers are helping poor children. We are told to feel all warm and fuzzy about this. We find fuzzy accounting and hide-and-seek data.
In the end, I looked up data for private and parochial schools in Posey, Gibson, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Marion counties. I could be wrong, but no one at the State House can provide me the information. My research shows
1. Charter, private and religious schools serving low income students have lower test scores, are not consistently A-B schools; they are not Four-Star schools.
2. Religious based, private, and charter schools outside of Indianapolis, generally do not have significant numbers of students on free and reduced lunch program. If they do, they are poorly rated, low scoring schools.
3. It is absolutely sickening that we are not providing taxpayers the data for charter, private and parochial schools to the same degree we demand of public schools, since all school types receive taxpayer money.
Indiana Republicans are starting to see that our experiment in funding three school systems has no oversight. Although promised this funding would help the most in need, we cannot verify the help is

being delivered. If private, religious-based and charter schools are providing this data, then the state is doing a disservice by not compiling it.

Beginning this summer the governor and IDOE need to show taxpayers the data regarding how the neediest are helped by tax supported voucher and SGO grants. Also, how does this affect the 90 percent of students attending Indiana public schools?

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Pence to seek second term as governor

NWI Times

Gov. Mike Pence is putting aside, for now, any dreams of national office, and will announce next month he is running in 2016 for a second four-year term as Indiana's chief executive. Jeff Cardwell, chairman of the Indiana Republican Party and a former Pence aide, told reporters Monday that Pence will kick off his re-election bid June 18 during a party fundraiser in Indianapolis.

Pence re-election bid announcement set

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Gov. Mike Pence plans to make his re-election bid official at the upcoming Indiana Republican Party Spring Dinner on June 18.

Distribution Company to add jobs

Inside Indiana Business

The company says it will begin renovations on the new operation in the next few weeks. Hiring for sales, warehouse, transportation and office positions is set to begin late this year. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. offered IDS Inc. more than $600,000 in conditional tax credits. The town of Plainfield is also considering incentives. As the Crossroads of America, Indiana is an ideal home for companies that rely on moving products efficiently," said Governor Mike Pence. "Logistics companies like IDS know that the Hoosier State not only boasts a central location but also low taxes, low regulations and a strong workforce - all qualities that make Indiana the best place to do business."

Senior citizens win Golden Hoosier award
Inside Indiana Business
Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann was joinec at the Indiana Statehouse this afternoon by Dr. John Wernert, Secretary of Indiana Family & Social Services Administration (FSSA) and Yonda Snycer, Director of the FSSA's Division of Aging, to announce and honor recipients of the 2015 Golden Hoosier Awards.

Pence to seek reelection; official announcement to come June 18
The Statehouse File
Gov. Mike Pence plans to announce that he'll run for reelection during the GOP's spring dinner next month.
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Michiana group applying for state funds
South Bend Tribune
The Indiana General Assembly appropriated some big money last month for ideas that might entice more people to live in the state. The legislature set aside $84 million for the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative, which Gov. Mike Pence and the Indiana Economic Development Corp. designed with the goal of growing the state's population by improving the quality of life in the state's cities. The money will be awarded during the next two years for projects in two parts of Indiana where leaders have demonstrated an ability to work regionally across county lines and town boundaries.

LEGISLATURE
Ivy Tech's low grad rate brings grief
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Ivy Tech Community College's construction plans have been put on hold, and it will face a state review of its programs over concerns about low graduation rates and declining enrollment...Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, said he has many questions about Ivy Tech's effectiveness a decade after it took over running the state's community college program.

STATE WIDES
Black & Decker adding Hancock County jobs
Inside Indiana Business
The company says it will make products including screw guns, hammer drills, reciprocating saws and small angle grinders. The manufacturer says, when fully operational, the Hancock County facility will produce more than 1 million power tools each year. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. has offered the company more than $800,000 in conditional tax credits and training grants. The Hancock County Economic Development Council and the city of Greenfield are working on additional incentives.

High court ruling hits state taxes
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana taxpayers who earn income in other states could pay less in taxes under a divided U.S. Supreme Court ruling Monday.

Indiana officials push back against reducing ozone levels
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana environmental officials and Republican Gov. Mike Pence are pushing back against new rules proposed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency that would reduce the amount of ozone levels allowed in the atmosphere.

Inside Indiana's HIV epidemic
WTHR
It's a few minutes past noon on a Tuesday. Just a few blocks from the police station in Austin, Ind., about a dozen people are roaming the streets. They walk quickly, with their eyes looking downward. A woman wearing bunny slippers speeds up to catch up to a man with a gray beard. A block away, they meet up with three other people, and the group then disappears behind a garage.

AROUND INDIANA
Northwest Indiana companies honored
Inside Indiana Business
When it comes to working safely across all projects and jobsites, no one does it better than the hard-working men and women in Northwest Indiana's construction industry. Each year, the Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable (NWIBRT) and the Construction Advancement Foundation (CAF) partner to host their annual awards banquet which celebrates construction industry achievement and excellence in safety. Roughly 600 people were in attendance at this year's event, representing about 60 of NWI's leading contractors and owner companies.

Textbook rental rates discussed for 2015-2016; vote to approve in June
Evansville Courier & Press
Textbook rental rates for next school year for students in grades K-8 in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. could go down in cost compared to this year.
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New summer camp teaches kids technology
Evansville Courier & Press
Students will have the opportunity to play Minecraft Mania and learn about 3D printing during Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporations' new summer camps as well as many other high-tech activities.
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JOBS/ECONOMY
Economist: Price at pump could dip lower
Inside Indiana Business
Motorists can expect gasoline prices this summer to remain considerably lower than what they were last year even though they have been edging up in recent weeks, Purdue University energy economist Wally Tyner says.

Indianapolis outranks Chicago for best city jobs in 2015
RTV 6
According to a new report released early Tuesday, Indianapolis is among one of the best cities for jobs in 2015, even outranking Chicago.

EDITORIAL
Howey: Awaiting announcements from Pence, Pelath, Ritz
Kokomo Tribune
Democrats John Gregg and state Sen. Karen Tallian have declared their gubernatorial candidacies. Auto dealer Bob Thomas is considering a Republican primary challenge to Gov. Mike Pence. But for this race to

really take definition, it will be the coming decisions of Pence, Superintendent Glenda Ritz and House Democratic leader Scott Pelath to truly give this contest early definition.

BMV facilitates new bridge to toll payment
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A new state law will make it possible for a California-based company to mail you a bill if you cross the company's East Chicago bridge without an E-Z Pass.

Pence to seek reelection; official announcement to come June 18
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TheStatehouseFile.com
INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence plans to announce that he'll run for reelection during the GOP's spring dinner next month.
Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell revealed the news to supporters Monday in an email about the dinner on June 18.
Pence – once considered a possible presidential candidate – had said he'd announce his campaign plans after the legislative session, which ended last month. But it had become increasingly clear that Pence would not enter the crowded Republican presidential field and instead seek a second term as governor.
"We are excited the governor will formally announce his plans to seek re-election during our annual Spring Dinner," Cardwell said, "and we look forward to hearing his ideas for the future of our great state."
The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis. Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam is the keynote speaker.
The Indiana Constitution was amended in 1972 to allow governors to serve two consecutive terms in office.
Since then, every governor who has sought a second term has earned one, except Democrat Joe Kernan who had ascended to the position after former Gov. Frank O'Bannon died.
Former House Speaker John Gregg and state Sen. Karen Tallian have announced they'll seek the Democratic nomination for governor. State Superintendent Glenda Ritz has also said she's considering a run.

Textbook rental rates discussed for 2015-16; vote to approve in June
Textbook rental rates for next school year for students in grades K-8 in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. could go down in cost compared to this year.
EVSC Chief Financial Officer Carl Underwood presented the proposed rates to school board members Monday night. The school board will set textbook fees at its June 1 meeting.
The total proposed textbook rental cost for the 2015-16 school year for regular kindergarten is $76, compared to this year's rate of $84.20; first grade for next school year is proposed at $101.55, a decrease of $19.20 compared to this year; second grade will also see a decrease of $19.20 with a proposed rate of $95.80; third grade is proposed at $107.35, compared to this year's rate of $139; fourth grade is expected to be $89.60 compared to $124.40; and fifth grade was presented at $95.60, compared to this year's rate of $131.10.
Middle and high school book rental rates vary because of the different classes offered at each individual school and/or grade level.
Sixth grade rates can range next year from $136.39 to $143.99, a savings range of $70.21 to $90.41; seventh grade rental rates are proposed between $104.83 to $116.19, a savings range of $70.17 to $90.41. And if approved, eighth grade class materials will cost between $108.68 to $119.55, a savings

range of $72.27 to $92.45. These costs depend on the curriculum used at the school and the classes each student takes.

Grades 6-12 rental fees include netbook/laptop costs as well as accidental damage and extended warranty insurance. For students in grades 6-8, total cost is proposed at $75, compared to last year's $100. And students in grades 9-12 have the same proposed rate as this year at $37.50 per semester, or $75 per year.

No textbooks are used at New Tech Institute, so students there will use full laptops with special software and offerings. The laptop rental rate, which also includes extended warranty and accidental damage insurance, is proposed at the same cost as this year at $90.50 per semester or $181 per year.

There are several reasons for the cost reductions for next school year, EVSC Chief Communications Officer Marsha Jackson said. Those include teachers in kindergarten through fifth grade changing instruction so the reading workbook is no longer necessary; third- through fifth-graders won't need a health book because that information is incorporated into the Indiana Science Initiative materials; students in grades 6-8 will see a cost reduction for their social studies book from 25 percent to 15 percent because of its age; and netbook costs for middle school students will drop because the EVSC "secured better financing," Jackson said.

Free workbooks for reading, language, English honors and science are given to students in grades 6-8.

- Approved high school fees
- Approved elementary and middle school fees
- Proposed high school book rental rates
- Proposed K-5 book rental rates
- Proposed 6-8 book rental rates
- Proposed 6-8 book rental rates non ISI

In other action at Monday night's meeting:

The K-12 class fees were approved for 2015-16. In elementary and middle school: K-5 art is $3 per semester; 6-8 general music is $3 per semester; vocal music $10 per year; practical arts and lab classes are $5 a semester; art is $3 a semester; and advanced art is $10 for the year. Instrumental music for grade 5-8, without instrument rental, is $10 for the year. With the instrument rental, it is $40 per year.

High school class fees for math, English, social studies and other classes, with a resource calculated in the book rental rate, is a maximum of $3 per semester. Classes such as science, art, technology, business and others with a lab component are $10 maximum for the semester. Instrumental music, vocal music and other high school classes without an instructional resource rental calculated in the book rate is a maximum of $10 per semester. Instrument rental is $30 a year. High school principals determine fees based on guidelines.

The 2015 West Terrace School roof replacement project contract was awarded to Midwest Roofing Sheet Metal for the lowest base bid amount of $493,000.

Bids for staples, dairy, bakery and paper/plastic products for the 2015-16 school year also were approved by board members.

Farm Boy Food Service and Troyer Foods were awarded the contract for food, staples and supplies. A combined bid of $2,921,628 was approved for Farm Boy and Troyer Foods, with Farm Boy receiving $2,277,023.10 and Troyer Foods getting the remaining $644,504.90.

Prairie Farms received next year's dairy contract for an estimated $947,564.75.

A & D Distributors received the bakery contract for $109,530.

Next school year's paper and plastic products contract was awarded to CRS-One Source for $240,727.75.

New summer camp teaches kids technology

Kaitlin Lange

Students will have the opportunity to play Minecraft Mania and learn about 3D printing during Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporations' new summer camps as well as many other high-tech activities.
EVSC's Summer Creativity Camps give students entering third through sixth grade the chance to take different weeklong technology classes. Classes include sessions on photography, computer coding, digital storytelling and stop motion animation.
Sponsored by parent-teacher associations, the sessions are offered at Highland Elementary School from June 15-19 and Scott Elementary School from June 22-26. Camp participants are not required to be students at either school.
Jerrad Gleim — an EVSC innovation, curriculum, technology specialist — came up with the idea because he couldn't think of any other technology camps in the area. He has a second-grader who he said often asks him questions about technology.
"The purpose of the Summer Creative Camp is to give kids an outlet to get an exposure to some of the creative tools there are out there," Gleim said. "Once they learn some of this stuff and have gotten deep into it, they'll be able to bring it into the classroom during the school year."
DeLyn Beard, an eLearning Coach at Central district, will be teaching Minecraft Mania. In her class, students can collaborate to create new worlds and also explore already created, historically based worlds on the Minecraft video game. She also plans to incorporate leadership skills and writing.
"Every child I know has an account," Beard said. "I have it on my phone because of my best friend's son. I'm with him a lot, so he uses my phone. I've learned a lot from him, and he is 9."
Beard didn't come up with the idea for the class herself. Minecraft is known for its educational value, and there is even a version specifically for school use — MinecraftEdu — that teachers can purchase.
"I think kids like it because they get to explore and create," Beard said. "Sometimes those pieces tend to get pushed aside in our classrooms because we are worried about the next test."
Brian Bobbitt, a Cedar Hall Community School engineering teacher, will be teaching the Engineering and Invention Workshop, focused on 3D Printing. During the session, students will design things using Google SketchUp and print them on a 3D printer.
Bobbitt used grants from the Public Education Fund of Evansville to purchase the printer for his Project Lead the Way class this January.
"It's not as hard as it sounds," he said. "The biggest thing is the kids get excited about it, and when they get excited about stuff, the sky is the limit."
Bobbitt said the printers are great for problem solving. When his students printed something that didn't work, they would go back and redesign it.
Vic Chamness, director of Science, Health, PE and Digital Resources, said the summer camps will help students learn how to take advantage of all the technology available to them.
"We live in a digital world. Students are digital natives. They've grown up with it," he said. "What is impactful is when you can actually use that technology to help you with your learning."
EVSC is invested in technology, even outside of the camps, Chamness said. The district gives every student from fifth to 12th grade a tablet to use, and has hired employees to specifically focus on using technology in the classroom.
If the camp offerings are successful, officials here plan to expand it to other schools or to a higher level. Currently Gleim said there are about 50 students signed up at Scott Elementary School and 27 at Highland Elementary School. Registration ends June 1.

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GOVERNOR

Faurecia to set up new emission control systems plant in Indiana
Automotive Business Review
Automotive emissions control systems manufacturer Faurecia Emissions Control Technologies (FECT) is planning to establish a new production facility in Columbus, Indiana. Commenting on the facility, Indiana Governor Mike Pence said: "Indiana's robust manufacturing sector is one of the key drivers of our economy.

Washington is paying attention to opioid abuse
National Journal
Witnesses scheduled to speak at Thursday's House committee hearing include Jerome Adams, Indiana's health commissioner. Indiana has made headlines recently because of an HIV outbreak, resulting in Gov. Mike Pence allowing communities to seek approval to run needle exchanges in an attempt to control the spread of HIV or hepatitis C. The outbreak is tied to needle sharing among drug users injecting a liquified painkiller.

LEGISLATURE

Donnelly's military mental health legislation moves forward
The Statehouse File
U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly's proposal to provide more mental health options for active military servicemen is on its way to the full Senate.
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Indiana: wrap up of 2015 real estate-related legislation

Lexology
After this spring's legislative session, Governor Mike Pence signed into Indiana law the following real estate-related legislation:

Donnelly warns against fast-track deal
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., warned Wednesday that Indiana manufacturers could be losers if Congress approves presidential fast-track trade authority.

STATE WIDES
New Ed board will get new executive director
The Statehouse File
A newly appointed State Board of Education will get to choose its own executive director.
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State Board of Ed Executive Director to retire after 1 year on job
WFYI
The executive director of the Indiana State Board of Education will retire at the end of this month, just before the board is reconstituted under a new state law.

Indiana details possible routes of I-69's final segment
Evansville Courier & Press
The Indiana Department of Transportation showed off maps of the proposed routes this week, along with charts documenting the acreage each would impact, during public meetings on Monday and Tuesday.
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AROUND INDIANA
Navy holds ceremony for sub named for Indiana
Inside IN Business
The U.S. Navy held a keel laying ceremony for the Virginia-class submarine Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Indiana (SSN 789) at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Newport News Shipbuilding, May 16.

Carmel Students reach Economic competition finals
Inside IN Business
The school says two teams from Carmel High School beat more than 10,000 students from throughout the United States to reach the national finals in New York City.

Date set for next Grand Prix of Indianapolis
Inside IN business
The third annual Angie's List Grand Prix of Indianapolis is scheduled to run on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

IU, Ivy Tech propose tuition freezes
Inside IN Business
Ivy Tech says students who enroll for a combined total of at least 30 credit hours for the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters are also eligible for the freeze.

First church of Cannabis could test RFRA

Indy Star
The newly formed First Church of Cannabis appears to some observers as an excuse for potheads to get together and light up.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Solstice Medical adding jobs
Inside IN Business
Soltice Medical provides advanced surgical supply chain software systems for the health care industry. The company says it has already begun hiring operational and accounting associates in Columbus, and software developers, marketers and client service professionals in Indianapolis.

State fair to hise seasonal workers
Inside IN Business
The Indiana State Fair Commission will be hosting the seventh annual Job Fair where it hopes to hire more than 500 seasonal positions, Thursday, May 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Ag/Hort Building from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann will attend the event and interview a few lucky candidates.

EDITORIAL

Donnelly's military mental health legislation moves forward
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By Andi TenBarge
TheStatehouseFile.com
WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly's proposal to provide more mental health options for active military servicemen is on its way to the full Senate.
The Service Member and Veteran Mental Health Care Package – also referred to as "Care Package" – is a component of the National Defense Authorization Act for the 2016 fiscal year.
The proposal is meant to help improve mental outcomes for service members by:

- Strengthening Department of Defense mental health services.
- Enhancing the ability for active military members to receive quality mental health care from community providers.
- Calling on the Department of Defense to train physician assistants to help meet the growing demand for mental health services

The bill in its current form provides these services to active military – but not veterans. However, Donnelly said he's confident that language will be added later.
Donnelly said the provision would allow private providers to take part in an online registry that would make it easier for active duty military and veterans to find care.
"I would encourage any of our private providers to begin working together immediately with the Military Family Research Institute and other organizations where they can learn more each and every day and start to talk about themselves as being veterans friendly," Donnelly said.
The legislation comes a year after Donnelly backed a law that requires active, reserve, and Guard service members to undergo person-to-person mental health assessments. President Barack Obama signed that provision into law in December 2014.
Donnelly's newest proposal passed the Senate Armed Services Committee and will be included in the 2016 defense bill. It now heads to the Senate.

New ed board will get new executive director

May 20, 2015 | Filed under: Education | Posted by: Lesley Weidenbener

By Lesley Weidenbener
TheStatehouseFile.com

IND ANAPOLIS – A newly appointed State Board of Education will get to choose its own executive director.

Robert Guffin, the man currently in the position, announced Wednesday that he will retire at the end of May after roughly a year in the position.

That change comes as the board undergoes changes to its makeup. Under a bill Gov. Mike Pence signed into law this month, two of the group's 11 members will now be appointed by legislative leaders while eight will be appointed by the governor.

Pence used to have 10 appointments. The state superintendent also serves on the board.

The law means some changes in the board's makeup are almost a certainty – and the new group will have a major decision immediately.

The role of executive director has become a somewhat controversial one since Pence was elected. The Department of Education has traditionally staffed the education board. But after voters gave that office to Democrat Glenda Ritz, the governor created a new agency to serve the board. He later eliminated that agency but lawmakers gave the board wide latitude to set up its own staff.

During Guffin's tenure, the board has created a new A-F school grading system, partnered with Indianapolis Public Schools on the development of innovation network schools, and developed a new process for partnering with local school districts in the turnaround of chronically failing schools.

He's a former classroom teacher and principal.

" t has been an honor working to improve the lives of Hoosier students and preparing the next generation of education leaders during my career in our schools and as executive director of the State Board of Education," Guffin said in a statement. "I am looking forward to beginning the next chapter of my life and enjoying time with my children and grandchildren."

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Swarens: Mike Pence says he needed to listen more about RFRA

Gov. Mike Pence ticked off the accomplishments. Rising student achievement. Falling unemployment. A new, balanced budget, which includes in dollar terms the largest single increase in school funding in the state's history. A small but groundbreaking investment in preschool. A responsible, innovative expansion of Medicaid.

"There are a lot of really encouraging things happening around Indiana," the governor said during a meeting with the Indy Star's publisher and a group of editors in his Statehouse office on Wednesday.

And — let's be fair here — encouraging things *are* happening in our state.

But also, let's not be naive.

It's clear that the challenges facing Indiana — from bolstering incomes to training workers, from rebuilding communities to improving Hoosiers' health — remain

daunting.

It's also clear, three weeks removed from a brutal legislative session, that the conversations lingering in Indianapolis and beyond aren't about Team Pence's accomplishments. The talk rather is still about the destructive, unnecessary passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and Pence's failure to prevent the damage.

I asked Pence about the lessons he learned from the RFRA debacle. "I certainly learned — again — that I'm not perfect," he said. "If I have a regret, I regret that we didn't spend more time listening before the bill got to my desk. My ambition is to be a better listener."

He also emphasized, as he did at the height of the RFRA inferno, that in his mind the law was not about discrimination. "I support religious freedom. I also oppose discrimination. I was raised to do unto others, what you would have them do unto you. Those are core principles for me," he said. "If I had thought it was about discrimination, I would have vetoed the bill. I meant that to my bone marrow."

Yet, Pence acknowledged that he made a mistake by signing the bill in private, with a group of hand-picked, hard-line religious conservatives standing behind him. That staging sent an exclusionary message to the state and to the world, and it stoked flames of outrage that quickly burned out of control.

Two days after he signed RFRA, Pence admitted that clarifying legislation was necessary. Five days after that, state lawmakers passed the "fix," and the governor soon signed it.

With the fix in place, the initial firestorm began to die. But there was a promise made during the height of the crisis that could still burn the governor, and the state, if he lets it.

The RFRA clarification was introduced during an extraordinary Statehouse news conference called by key legislative, business, academic and community leaders. In addition to revising the new law, those leaders promised to push in the next year for the addition of sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's civil rights law.

The governor, however, has been largely noncommittal about that idea.

So on Wednesday, I pressed him for his position on an expansion of the civil rights law. He repeatedly dodged direct answers to my questions on the issue — to the point that it felt like an episode of "Dancing with the Stars."

He did promise to listen as he travels the state, and to keep an open mind, but questioned whether the issue is a high priority for most Hoosiers.

Bottom line: Pence is still far from a yes on whether he's willing to embrace statewide civil rights protections for LGBT Hoosiers. But he didn't say no.

As Pence's bid for re-election unfolds in 2016 — "My intention is to get another five years out of this gig" — his mishandling of RFRA provides Democrats with their best opportunity in 12 years to win back the governor's office and even raises the potential for a challenge in the Republican primary.

During the campaign, the governor will want to talk about his record on jobs, education and other core issues, and he'll be able to point to significant accomplishments in several key areas.

But, as a leader who acknowledges he needs to become a better listener, Pence runs a high risk if he's seen as intransigent on expanding civil rights. Many voters may stop listening to him.

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GOVERNOR

Indiana approves 1st needle exchange program under new law

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Indiana's health commissioner approved a one-year needle-exchange program Thursday for a rural county at the center of the state's largest HIV outbreak, an epidemic that's being driven by needle-sharing among intravenous drug users. Dr. Jerome Adams' approval for Scott County includes a public health emergency declaration that will allow it to operate a needle-exchange through May 21, 2016. The southeastern Indiana county had been operating a temporary needle-exchange under an executive order signed by Gov. Mike Pence that will expire Sunday.

LEGISLATURE

At 66, state Rep. John Bartlett earns college degree from Martin U

Indy Star

Democrat state Rep. John Bartlett graduated high school in 1966. This month, he earned his college degree from Martin University -- at age 66.

STATE WIDES

Gold Statehouse basement could get gray makeover

The Statehouse File

The basement of the Indiana Statehouse – the place where thousands of school kids, tour groups and people with disabilities enter the historic building – could be getting a bit of a facelift. The current color scheme is "less than attractive," said Shelley Triol, a spokeswoman for the Indiana Department of Administration. That's "based on a number of opinions."

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Indiana approves 1st needle-exchange program under new law
Belleville News Democrat
Indiana approved a yearlong needle-exchange program Thursday for a rural county at the center of an HIV outbreak that spurred a new state law allowing such programs to curb the spread of diseases among intravenous drug users.

State report shows child deaths up 44 percent in 2013
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Forty-nine Hoosier children died from neglect or abuse during fiscal year 2013 - including a large number of drownings.

AROUND INDIANA
Big Ten leaders to discuss RFRA impact
Lafayette Journal
When the Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act put the state in the middle of a nationwide firestorm, the Big Ten Conference quickly denounced the new law.

Chamber seeks community of the year naminations
Inside IN Business
The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Community of the Year Award. This annual honor goes to a deserving Hoosier community for significant contributions to its local business climate and overall image during the past year.

Indy Eleven to host Mexican team
Inside IN Business
Indy Eleven Professional Soccer will make club history on Sunday, June 28, when Indiana's Team will play its first international exhibition match against Mexican first division (Liga MX) side Monarcas Morelia. The international club friendly at IUPUI's Michael A. Carroll Stadium is set for a 1:30 p.m. ET kickoff.

IndyCar racing into Boston for 2016 Labor Day weekend
IBJ
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JOBS/ECONOMY
Allied Solutions looking to hire
Inside IN Business
The job fair will run Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. at the company's Carmel headquarters.

EDITORIAL
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IndyCar racing into Boston for 2016 Labor Day weekend

May 21, 2015

Anthony Schoettle

The footprint of the IndyCar Series will expand to Boston in 2016 with the addition of a Labor Day weekend event, officials announced Thursday.

The Grand Prix of Boston will feature an 11-turn, 2.25-mile temporary street course winding around the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in the Seaport District. The event will mark the first time an IndyCar race has been run in Boston.

IndyCar's agreement for the race extends through 2020.

"The level of enthusiasm we have received from the Boston community has been phenomenal, and we look forward to showcasing the Verizon IndyCar Series on Labor Day weekend in 2016," said Mark Miles, CEO of Hulman & Co., the parent of the IndyCar Series and Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "Establishing IndyCar racing in the Northeast is an integral part of our strategy for growing our national fan base."

"This is an exciting time in Boston, and as we explore new ways to grow and attract visitors here, we're engaging in strong dialogue with organizations like the Grand Prix of Boston," said Boston Mayor Martin Walsh in a statement. "This event has great potential to bring an influx of tourism and support our local businesses during what is traditionally a challenging holiday weekend for hospitality. I'm excited to begin this process and hear from our residents and business owners as we move forward."

Mayor Walsh's office contacted IndyCar last June, expressing interest in hosting a race as part of plans to attract high-profile events to the city, series officials said. IndyCar had been looking to slot more races in metro areas—especially on the East Coast.

Derrick Walker, IndyCar Series president of competition and operations, said there are "at least six passing spots" on the circuit. A unique feature, Walker said, will be parallel pit lanes.

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IN Senate Democrats @INSenDems 11m11 minutes ago
RT @John_Broden: Well done Gov. Pence! I fully support your call for 100 new DCS case managers this Budget. Thx for standing up for IN kids!

Senator Tim Lanane @TimLanane 36m36 minutes ago
Just got off the phone with the governor, commending him for joining Senate Dems and taking appropriate action to protect children.

CLIPS:

Pence seeks $7.5 million for more child caseworkers

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Niki Kelly

INDIANAPOLIS -- Gov. Mike Pence on Wednesday requested an additional $7.5 million annually in

funding for new caseworkers protecting children from abuse and neglect.

The Department of Child Services acknowledged it is not meeting caseload levels required by state law, but did not initially seek more resources in the ongoing budget process. Instead, it commissioned a study to analyze whether the caseload requirements are appropriate.

Pence said that report is finished and he is now asking the Indiana legislature to provide funding to hire an additional 100 family case managers and 17 supervisors.

"We want to do right by our kids," he said.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said he supports the call for more state funding for DCS caseworkers.

"There is no more important investment we can make than the safety of our children and the health of Hoosier families," he said. "This is a critical issue that Republicans in the Statehouse have aggressively addressed over the past 10 years, and we will continue to do so both now and in the future."

Lawmakers must complete a new state budget by April 29.

Pence requests funding for state to hire more family case managers

Evansville Courier & Press, Chelsea Schneider

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mike Pence is requesting $7.5 million per year in funding for the state to hire additional family case managers for the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Those dollars would cover the hiring of 100 additional family case managers and 17 new supervisors. Gov. Mike Pence said on Wednesday that he believes adding those new positions will bring the state into compliance with a workload standard required by state law.

The request comes after a study of the state's workload standard, which is designed to set limits on the number of cases a family case manager can oversee. In November, the state agency revealed it was failing to meet the workload standard in most of the state, including Vanderburgh County and commissioned the $561,000 study by Deloitte Consulting.

"Our family case managers in Indiana have an incredibly difficult job. We want to make sure that we are not only meeting our statutory obligations in terms of the standards that have been set, but we simply want to do right by our kids," Pence said.

DCS determines whether a region is complying with the law using a monthly average of cases handled by family case managers. Under the law, family case managers in a given region should not average more than 12 new cases or 17 ongoing cases. The law enacted in 2007 follows a national standard.

Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane, who pressed state leaders to hire additional family case managers, said a top priority of his caucus will be ensuring the funding is added to the state budget.

"Essentially as I understand it, the department study confirms those standards are valid, that we do need additional caseworkers and staff to come into compliance, and the plan now is to get that funding to make sure that happens," Lanane said.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, said he supported the governor's request.

"There is no more important investment we can make than the safety of our children and the health of Hoosier families," Long said in a statement. "This is a critical issue that Republicans in the Statehouse have aggressively addressed over the past 10 years and we will continue to do so both now and in the future."

Lawmakers are currently in the process of writing a new, two-year budget for the state during this year's legislative session that ends in April.

This story will be updated.

Pence: $7.5M needed to hire more DCS workers

Marisa Kwiatkowski

The governor will be requesting an additional $7.5 million from the legislature to hire 117 more employees for the Indiana Department of Child Services, according to a news release.

The request comes at the heels of DCS officials receiving the results of a workload study conducted by Deloitte Consulting. The study was commissioned, after DCS Chief of Staff Doris Tolliver told the State Budget Committee in November that only one of DCS' regions — the agency's central office — was in compliance with mandated caseload standards. State law requires DCS family case managers to average no more than 12 initial assessments or 17 ongoing cases per worker per region.

During her presentation, Tolliver said the agency would need 77 more employees to meet that requirement. But DCS officials didn't ask for more funding at that time. Instead, Tolliver said the agency planned to "promote quality leadership" and conduct a field workload study to determine whether the 12/17 standard was still appropriate.

The agency's decision to pay more than $500,000 for the study, in lieu of immediately requesting more funding, drew criticism from state officials and advocates who expressed concern for the safety of children.

"Commissioning a study, as the department stated they intend to do, is not enough," Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, wrote in a letter to Pence. "Our state's most vulnerable deserve a guarantee that we are doing everything in our power to protect them."

Deloitte Consulting's report, which was completed earlier this month, included 10 recommendations for DCS, including additional staff, enhanced staff training, expanded use of data, a staff recruitment and retention plan, and techniques to close cases more quickly, according to the news release.

"Our FCMs are on the front lines and in the trenches each day helping the thousands of children and families that come to us in crisis," DCS Director Mary Beth Bonaventura said in the release. "It is my responsibility to make sure they have the resources they need to protect Hoosier children from abuse and neglect. The recommendations from this report validate some steps we have initiated to address this issue, as well as system enhancements to better protect Hoosier children from abuse and neglect."

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Pence picks Valpo to go all the way, sort of

NWI Times, Dan Carden

INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence is rooting for Valparaiso University to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament -- along with a few other Indiana schools.

"We have more teams in the big show than any other state in America, and I couldn't be more proud," Pence said. "I'm filling out five brackets."

In addition to the Crusaders, the men's basketball teams from Notre Dame, Purdue University, Butler University and Indiana University are competing, starting Thursday, for a trip to the Final Four in Indianapolis.

However, the NCAA placed all five Indiana schools in the tournament's Midwest Region, so only one state team ultimately might make it to the championship at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Pence said he is confident whichever Indiana team that is, will win it all.

Governor Requests Funds to Hire 117 More DCS Workers

Indiana Public Media, Brandon Smith

Governor Mike Pence announced Wednesday he's asking the General Assembly to give more money to the Department of Child Services for additional case workers.

The request comes from recommendations made by an independent study of the agency.

DCS aims for each of its case managers to handle, on average, 12 active cases and 17 cases that still need some supervision. But the agency told lawmakers back in November only one of 19 regions across the state meets the so-called "12/17" standard.

The state hired an independent consulting firm and it's recommending adding 100 new case managers and 17 new supervisors.

Governor Pence says the legislature will need to appropriate $7.5 million each year in the next budget.

"We just simply want to do right by our kids," Pence says. "We want to make sure that we have the proper amount of personnel that can be both investigating and providing the appropriate accountability and supervision."

Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane – one of the loudest voices calling for more DCS case managers – says the state needs to help improve the agency however it can.

"Whether it's trying to make sure our case workers are compensated fairly, that we try to minimize the turnover that exists in the department," Lanane says.

Lanane says he didn’t think the state needed an independent study but is glad the result – more case workers – is the same.

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Pence - Support the sweeping crim justice reform bill signed into law

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Pence - IDOC gave us estimate of what will be needed in coming years, re additional beds in prisons

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#sunshineweek question to Pence: Will you release your calendar? Pence: we'll look at it

Tom LoBianco @tomlobianco 1h1 hour ago

#sunshineweek context: many other govs release their calendars, but Ind governors have relied on court ruling to not release calendars

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Pence - Indiana has more teams in NCAA tourney than any other state. And I'm filling out five brackets

Responses:

Senate President Pro Tem David Long:
"I support the Governor's call for additional state funding to hire more caseworkers at the Department of Child Services. There is no more important investment we can make than the safety of our children and the health of Hoosier families. This is a critical issue that Republicans in the Statehouse have aggressively addressed over the past ten years and we will continue to do so both now and in the future."

IN Senate Democrats @INSenDems 11m11 minutes ago
RT @John_Broden: Well done Gov. Pence! I fully support your call for 100 new DCS case managers this Budget. Thx for standing up for IN kids!

Senator Tim Lanane @TimLanane 36m36 minutes ago
Just got off the phone with the governor, commending him for joining Senate Dems and taking appropriate action to protect children.

Pence seeks $7.5 million for more child caseworkers

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Niki Kelly

INDIANAPOLIS -- Gov. Mike Pence on Wednesday requested an additional $7.5 million annually in funding for new caseworkers protecting children from abuse and neglect.

The Department of Child Services acknowledged it is not meeting caseload levels required by state law, but did not initially seek more resources in the ongoing budget process. Instead, it commissioned a study to analyze whether the caseload requirements are appropriate.

Pence said that report is finished and he is now asking the Indiana legislature to provide funding to hire an additional 100 family case managers and 17 supervisors.

"We want to do right by our kids," he said.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said he supports the call for more state funding for DCS caseworkers.

"There is no more important investment we can make than the safety of our children and the health of Hoosier families," he said. "This is a critical issue that Republicans in the Statehouse have aggressively addressed over the past 10 years, and we will continue to do so both now and in the future."

Lawmakers must complete a new state budget by April 29.

Pence requests funding for state to hire more family case managers

Evansville Courier & Press, Chelsea Schneider

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mike Pence is requesting $7.5 million per year in funding for the state to hire additional family case managers for the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Those dollars would cover the hiring of 100 additional family case managers and 17 new supervisors. Gov. Mike Pence said on Wednesday that he believes adding those new positions will bring the state into compliance with a workload standard required by state law.

The request comes after a study of the state's workload standard, which is designed to set limits on the number of cases a family case manager can oversee. In November, the state agency revealed it was failing to meet the workload standard in most of the state, including Vanderburgh County and commissioned the $561,000 study by Deloitte Consulting.

"Our family case managers in Indiana have an incredibly difficult job. We want to make sure that we are not only meeting our statutory obligations in terms of the standards that have been set, but we simply want to do right by our kids," Pence said.

DCS determines whether a region is complying with the law using a monthly average of cases handled by family case managers. Under the law, family case managers in a given region should not average more than 12 new cases or 17 ongoing cases. The law enacted in 2007 follows a national standard.

Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane, who pressed state leaders to hire additional family case managers, said a top priority of his caucus will be ensuring the funding is added to the state budget.

"Essentially as I understand it, the department study confirms those standards are valid, that we do need additional caseworkers and staff to come into compliance, and the plan now is to get that funding to make sure that happens," Lanane said.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, said he supported the governor's request.

"There is no more important investment we can make than the safety of our children and the health of Hoosier families," Long said in a statement. "This is a critical issue that Republicans in the Statehouse have aggressively addressed over the past 10 years and we will continue to do so both now and in the future."

Lawmakers are currently in the process of writing a new, two-year budget for the state during this year's legislative session that ends in April.

This story will be updated.

Pence: $7.5M needed to hire more DCS workers

Marisa Kwiatkowski

The governor will be requesting an additional $7.5 million from the legislature to hire 117 more employees for the Indiana Department of Child Services, according to a news release.

The request comes at the heels of DCS officials receiving the results of a workload study conducted by Deloitte Consulting. The study was commissioned, after DCS Chief of Staff Doris Tolliver told the State Budget Committee in November that only one of DCS' regions — the agency's central office — was in compliance with mandated caseload standards. State law requires DCS family case managers to average no more than 12 initial assessments or 17 ongoing cases per worker per region.

During her presentation, Tolliver said the agency would need 77 more employees to meet that requirement. But DCS officials didn't ask for more funding at that time. Instead, Tolliver said the agency planned to "promote quality leadership" and conduct a field workload study to determine whether the 12/17 standard was still appropriate.

The agency's decision to pay more than $500,000 for the study, in lieu of immediately requesting more funding, drew criticism from state officials and advocates who expressed concern for the safety of children.

"Commissioning a study, as the department stated they intend to do, is not enough," Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, wrote in a letter to Pence. "Our state's most vulnerable deserve a guarantee that we are doing everything in our power to protect them."

Deloitte Consulting's report, which was completed earlier this month, included 10 recommendations for DCS, including additional staff, enhanced staff training, expanded use of data, a staff recruitment and retention plan, and techniques to close cases more quickly, according to the news release.

"Our FCMs are on the front lines and in the trenches each day helping the thousands of children and families that come to us in crisis," DCS Director Mary Beth Bonaventura said in the release. "It is my responsibility to make sure they have the resources they need to protect Hoosier children from abuse and neglect. The recommendations from this report validate some steps we have initiated to address this issue, as well as system enhancements to better protect Hoosier children from abuse and neglect."

This article will be updated.

Pence picks Valpo to go all the way, sort of

NWI Times, Dan Carden

INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence is rooting for Valparaiso University to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament -- along with a few other Indiana schools.

"We have more teams in the big show than any other state in America, and I couldn't be more proud," Pence said. "I'm filling out five brackets."

In addition to the Crusaders, the men's basketball teams from Notre Dame, Purdue University, Butler University and Indiana University are competing, starting Thursday, for a trip to the Final Four in Indianapolis.

However, the NCAA placed all five Indiana schools in the tournament's Midwest Region, so only one state team ultimately might make it to the championship at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Pence said he is confident whichever Indiana team that is, will win it all.

Governor Requests Funds to Hire 117 More DCS Workers

Indiana Public Media, Brandon Smith

Governor Mike Pence announced Wednesday he's asking the General Assembly to give more money to the Department of Child Services for additional case workers.

The request comes from recommendations made by an independent study of the agency.

DCS aims for each of its case managers to handle, on average, 12 active cases and 17 cases that still need some supervision. But the agency told lawmakers back in November only one of 19 regions across the state meets the so-called "12/17" standard.

The state hired an independent consulting firm and it's recommending adding 100 new case managers and 17 new supervisors.

Governor Pence says the legislature will need to appropriate $7.5 million each year in the next budget.

"We just simply want to do right by our kids," Pence says. "We want to make sure that we have the proper amount of personnel that can be both investigating and providing the appropriate accountability and supervision."

Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane – one of the loudest voices calling for more DCS case managers – says the state needs to help improve the agency however it can.

"Whether it's trying to make sure our case workers are compensated fairly, that we try to minimize the turnover that exists in the department," Lanane says.

Lanane says he didn't think the state needed an independent study but is glad the result – more case workers – is the same.

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GOVERNOR

Governor's son set for commissioning as Marine officer

SFGate

Gov. Mike Pence's son is set to become a Marine Corps officer. Pence and his wife, Karen, plan on going to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, on Friday for the ceremony at which their son is to be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Gov. Pence picks every Indiana hoops team to win NCAA

Indy Star

Ever the politician, Gov. Mike Pence has filled out five Final Four brackets this year — each one predicting a different Indiana team to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Students recognized at JAG State Finals

WBIW

More than 300 high school students and staff gathered at Ivy Tech's Corporate College in downtown Indianapolis to take part in Indiana's annual Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Career Development Conference, which was held on Friday, March 13.

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000

Evansville Courier & Press

Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has enrolled more than 100,000 new people in the two months since it received federal approval.

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New COP chief brings people together

Indy Star
Jeff Cardwell might be the least political person whom Gov. Mike Pence could have selected as the Republican Party's new state chairman.

Public Transportation budget finally breaks four-year cap
The Herald Tribune
Since the state capped spending on public transportation six years ago, Catch-A-Ride in rural southeast Indiana has scrambled to keep up service for elderly, disabled and carless passengers who have no other way to get around. Mass transit dollars were first frozen in 2009, when the General Assembly stopped using sales tax revenues to fund public transportation. Sales tax revenues were plunging at the time, due to the recession, but have since recovered…Public transportation systems across Indiana have similar concerns, which are heightened now that Gov. Mike Pence is proposing less funding for recipients of the state's Public Mass Transportation Fund.

Regional Cities fund doubt
South Bend Tribune
An effort to improve quality of life in Indiana's cities has created excitement among business leaders here, even though the General Assembly hasn't committed to funding the state's share of the program…Gov. Mike Pence suggested setting aside $84 million in the state's next two-year budget for Regional Cities grants, but the House of Representatives passed a budget bill last month that includes $20 million for the program. The legislation is now wending its way through the Senate, where that allocation could be changed.

Terror and the heartland
Washington Times Herald
On the February day President Obama spoke at Ivy Tech, a Bosnian man was arrested on the Ronald Reagan Parkway in Plainfield and detained on terror-related charges of funneling money and guns to ISIS fighters in the Middle East. Early this month, ISIS allegedly hacked into several Indianapolis websites, prompting a Homeland Security investigation…Since leaving Congress in December, Rogers has formed the Americans for Peace, Prosperity and Security organization that will brief the 2016 Republican presidential candidates and voters designed to "educate and identify" issues related to national security. Just prior to my interview, Rogers huddled with Gov. Mike Pence at the Statehouse.

LEGISLATURE
Bad legislation that will choke our cities
Kokomo Perspective
Legislation coursing through the Indiana General Assembly is poised to essentially starve the state's cities and towns by empowering opponents of annexation. It is legislation that, should it end up on the desk of Gov. Mike Pence, be vetoed. Senate Bill 330 would make law that for an annexation to proceed, a municipality that initiates the process must file a petition with the court signed by at least: (1) 51 percent of the owners of land (that is not exempt from property taxes) in the territory; or (2) the owners of more than 75 percent in assessed valuation of land (that is not exempt from property taxes) in the territory.

GOP rejects amendments to religion bill
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
House Republicans turned back attempts Monday to clarify how "religious freedom" protections could be used – setting up a full House vote on the measure as early as Monday.

'Right-to-try' terminal illness bill heads to Governor
NWI Times
Hoosiers with terminal illnesses are one signature away from gaining access to new drugs that have yet to be fully approved by the federal government for general use.

STATE AGENCIES
Multi-language Web created for global businesses
The Batesville Herald Tribune
InvestIndiana.com, a multi-language Web site promoting foreign direct investment in Indiana, has launched as a resource for international businesses considering Indiana for investment and job creation. "This Web site is a conversation starter," said Victor Smith, Indiana secretary of commerce. "Indiana and international businesses both speak the same language, and that's a language of growth and opportunity. This site acts as an online resource, showing just how committed we are to helping international businesses meet their goals in Indiana, joining the hundreds of others currently dotting our state."

Funds to boost school tech programs
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Department of Education awarded more than $1.8 million in Digital Learning Grants to select Hoosier school corporations today.

Replacing hundreds of manhole covers with safer ones could take years
Indy Star
A utility consultant warned three years ago that manhole explosions would continue to rock Downtown Indianapolis three to five times a year and that Indianapolis Power & Light Co. should install newly designed manhole covers to prevent injuries.

Chief Justice to speak at equality day luncheon
Evansville Courier & Press
Loretta Rush, chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, is the keynote speaker for this year's Women's Equality Day event, set for Aug. 26.
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AROUND INDIANA
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Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks
Evansville Courier & Press

A school district in central Indiana is banning nutritional supplements and energy drinks from its campuses.
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JOBS/ECONOMY
Lowe's holding hiring event
Inside Indiana Business
The event runs 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Glendale Public Library on Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis.

EDITORIAL
Connections raise questions about incentives
Courier & Post
Decades of disinvestment have left Camden with a serious shortage of jobs needed to sustain healthy families, thriving neighborhoods and a self-supporting tax base. So it's hard not to get our hopes up when we hear one company after another announcing plans to move to the city.

Electronic sunshine
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Open government is such a simple concept. And yet so many government officials at the state and federal levels struggle to grasp the concept or abide by it.

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000
The Associated Press
Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has enrolled more than 100,000 new people in the two months since it received federal approval.
Gov. Mike Pence said Wednesday that sign-ups for the new Healthy Indiana Plan are off to a good start.
Those new enrollees are in addition to some 180,000 people who were already part of the previous HIP or Hoosier Healthwise programs and were converted to the new plan. Officials estimate 350,000 Indiana residents might be eligible for the program.
The Indiana program uses Medicaid funding but federal officials in January waived some rules to allow Pence's proposal to require some payments from those receiving coverage.

Chief Justice to speak at equality day luncheon
Abbey Doyle
Loretta Rush, chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, is the keynote speaker for this year's Women's Equality Day event, set for Aug. 26.
Jennifer Briggs, co-chair for the planning committee, said they wanted the speaker to be representative of strong female leaders in the community.
"This seemed like a natural fit," she said of Rush. "We looked at some national names but decided we wanted someone who our members could connect with, someone working and raising a family that is more like us, not on a national stage. We wanted someone that would really connect with our community."
Rush was appointed to the state Supreme Court by Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2012. She became the first female chief justice in 2014. Before her appointment to the state Supreme Court she was elected Tippecanoe Superior Court 3 judge and served for 14 years, according to Rush's biography on the Supreme Court's website.
Rush serves on the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana and the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity as well as liaison to the Division of Supreme Court

Administration, the Division of State Court Administration, the Indiana Judicial Center and the Indiana Judges Association. She chairs the Judicial Nominating/Qualifications Commission as chief justice and has represented the state at the National Judicial Leadership Summit on the Protection of Children several times.
Briggs said Rush's commitment to women and children was also a factor in her selection. Rush played a vital role in creating Tippecanoe County's Court Appointed Special Advocate program. There she also implemented a certified juvenile drug treatment court and 24-hour assessment center for youth. Rush earned her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and graduated cum laude from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington.
She is married and has four children.
"It's an honor to have her as our speaker," Briggs said. "She is serving a key role in the state."
Women's Equality Day commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that granted women the right to vote.
"Imagine a time when we couldn't vote," Briggs said. "We need to celebrate this because it wasn't that long ago that we couldn't. This celebration is a chance for us to come together and push for more women in leadership roles and a part of decision making."
A big part of the August event is recognizing a local woman with the Albion Fellows Bacon award. Those interested in nominating a local woman, or to purchase a ticket, should visit womensequalitydayevansville.com.
Ark Crisis Child Care Center is the featured organization and the University of Southern Indiana the main sponsor.

State superintendent requests shift in House budget funds
LAURYN SCHROEDER Associated Press
Indiana state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz has proposed diverting state funds from charter schools and changes to student testing to cut its cost.
Ritz told the Senate Appropriations Committee Thursday that nearly $60 million in the proposed House budget could be diverted toward additional funding for local school districts.
Her proposals included eliminating $40 million that's been proposed in additional grants for charter schools.
Ritz says she would also like to eliminate the IREAD test in 3rd grade and the 11th grade college and career readiness test. Her total testing plan could be delivered for about $75 million over two years, which is almost half of what she originally estimated in December.
Legislators are currently considering a proposal that would replace the ISTEP with a national exam.

Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks
A school district in central Indiana is banning nutritional supplements and energy drinks from its campuses.
The Western Boone County Community School Corporation held separate meetings for parents and students on Wednesday to inform them of the new districtwide policy.
School district officials tell WRTV-TV that they were becoming increasingly concerned about students' health. The athletic director at Western Boone Junior-Senior High School says many students who participate in weight training classes have been seen drinking supplement shakes and using energy boosters.
The district says the ban specifically targets products with creatine and nitric oxide, which can cause heart irregularities, problems with the central nervous system and even strokes.
Students who bring any of the now-banned items will face suspension.

Ivy Tech trustees pass resolution in support of Downtown med school
Megan Erbacher

In a resolution unanimously approved by Ivy Tech Community College Southwest Board of Trustees, the seven board members "fully" supported the proposed Downtown medical education center request for 223,000 gross square feet, designating 60,000 of it plus Simulation Center space to Ivy Tech.

At a Thursday afternoon meeting, Board Chair David Gunn presented information to other members about the resolution. Gunn said the 60,000 gross square feet would provide space for Ivy Tech's Health Sciences and School of Nursing programs to grow. There are 1,000 students enrolled in programs that could benefit from the medical campus, including registered nurse, medical assistants, paramedics, surgical technologists and certified nursing assistants.

First-year Ivy Tech nursing student Nick Reed spoke to the board about his excitement over the opportunities the Downtown medical education center will provide.

"Having this multidisciplinary building in Downtown, the heart of Evansville ... the excitement to have all these disciples come together in one school — EMTs, doctors, CNAs, nurses — we get to come together and work together," Reed, 20, said.

In its resolution, Ivy Tech states the medical campus "will be an immediate boost to the economy as well as to the atmosphere in Downtown Evansville."

Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs projects that, by 2020, two of the top four jobs will be in health care fields, and both will require an associate degree, Gunn said. And the shortage of registered nurses and skilled health care workers has been a challenge statewide for many years, he said.

Ivy Tech officials estimate to see an increase of almost 1,600 students enrolled in programs through the new medical education center, as well as additional students for other institutions.

When the Downtown facility is finished, Ivy Tech plans to relocate all health-field programs to the medical education center.

The current 52,000 square feet of the main campus facility will then be used for other high-demand programs such as welding, automotive, technology and business. It will also allow Ivy Tech to expand community collaborations with WorkOne and high school Career and Technical Education programs.

Ivy Tech Southwest Chancellor Jonathan Weinzapfel gave an update to board members on funding for the project. Weinzapfel said the City Council unanimously committed a $57 million bond. Gov. Mike Pence included $19 million for the project in his budget, which the House increased to $37 million. And now the Senate will consider the biennial state budget. Weinzapfel said he expects the Senate version of the budget to be released the week of April 6.

"Then we'll know whether they are building upon the funding already provided by the House for this project. ... So roughly a $50 million investment by the state to leverage a $125 million investment overall. Seems to me that is a good deal. ... I'm optimistic that in the end it will be included in the budget," he said.

Weinzapfel noted consequences if the project is not fully funded. Those include less of an economic impact, less project student enrollment and not the same level of programming.

Partners in the medical education center are Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Evansville. Partner hospitals are Evansville's Deaconess and St. Mary's, Memorial of Jasper and Good Samaritan of Vincennes.

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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

First Lady Pence coming to Goshen

Goshen News

Indiana First Lady Karen Pence will be in Goshen Monday to kick off a tour of locations part of the state's 2016 bicentennial celebration.

Unemployment rate falls to eight year low

Greensburg News

Decatur County's unemployment rate in April fell to a post-recession low of 4 percent. Indiana Economic Development Corp. said Wednesday that the number of private sector jobs in the state was just 7,800 below Indiana's peak employment of 2,612,600 in March 2000. Gov. Mike Pence said in a press release that "Indiana's economy continues to gain momentum."

IPS approach to school improvement could expand statewide

WFYI

Indianapolis Public Schools likes to brag these days about Project Restore, a home-grown school improvement plan invented by two of its teachers that has helped turn schools around. Gov. Mike Pence this morning held a signing ceremony for House Bill 1009, which allows for "innovation network schools" anywhere in Indiana, at the second Project Restore site, School 88, to highlight the newfound flexibility he touted to teachers everywhere.

Indiana Toll Road under new management

WFYI

Gov. Mike Pence says Hoosiers should be encouraged about the Indiana Toll Road's future as a new company officially takes over management of the highway.

Major Bicentennial project to be unveiled
Inside IN Business
Lt. Gov. Ellspermann is scheduled to make an announcement this week regarding what is being called a major Indiana Bicentennial Legacy project. In 2011, then Governor Mitch Daniels appointed a fifteen member commission to oversee a statewide celebration for the state's 200th birthday. Numerous events are being planned and legacy projects are being identified in several Hoosier counties.

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Chalkbeat
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Getting ready to kick the coal habit at IPL's Harding Street Station
Indy Star
Gov. Mike Pence has joined 10 other GOP governors in asking the EPA to stick with the current rules, calling the proposed standards "job-crushing."

LEGISLATURE
Unfazed by boycotts, Indiana won't even study LGBT protections
Governing
Lawmakers on Thursday released some 40 topics they plan to study before the General Assembly returns to the Statehouse in 2016. Senate President Pro Tem David Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, said he still anticipates a legislative proposal on those protections during the 2016 General Assembly. He said lawmakers will talk about and analyze the matter in the interim.

Discrimination against gays won't be part of summer study committee roster
The Statehouse File
State lawmakers will not conduct a public study of gay rights issues in Indiana in advance of the 2016 legislative session.
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BMV, smoking, student testing among topics for study committees
The Statehouse File
Indiana legislators will spend part of the summer studying how to restore the public's trust in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, an agency that's charged with mismanagement and overcharging customers.
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State names ethics office Chief Counsel
Inside IN Business
Rudolph currently serves in the Office of Bill Drafting and Research for the Legislative Services Agency. He has served the state as a licensed attorney since 1989.

STATE WIDES
Umbarger reflects on more than 45 years in the military

Wish TV
If you saw Martin Umbarger in civilian clothes, you probably wouldn't guess what he's done for the last eleven years. A picture of him with Governor Frank O'Bannon who presented Umbarger's first star. A picture with Governor Joe Kernan who promoted him to Adjutant General, and pictures with the Governors who kept him there, Mitch Daniels and current Governor Mike Pence. "I've been very fortunate to work for three great leaders."

More than 1,00 school safety specialists graduate program
Statehouse File
More than 1,000 additional Hoosiers are now certified to handle crisis and emergencies in state schools. The Indiana Department of Education graduated 1,200 people from the School Safety Academy Basic Training and Advanced Academy last week.
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AROUND INDIANA
IUPUI to host 'Girls in STEM' conference
Inside IN Business
More than 100 high school girls from 10 Midwestern states will attend an inaugural conference at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis designed to inspire them to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics in college and pursue a STEM career.

Best Bloomington businesses honored
Inside IN Business
Visit Bloomington is excited to celebrate the accomplishments of its 2015 Tourism Award Winners. Winners were honored at a ceremony on May 21, 2015. Honorees included:

Butler adds to board of trustees
Inside IN Business
Bryan Brenner '95, founder and CEO of the Indianapolis-based strategic business advisory FirstPerson, has been elected to a three-year term on the Butler University Board of Trustees.

Indianapolis teachers get OK to intervene in school fights
NWI Times
The Indianapolis Public Schools board has passed a new policy allowing teachers to physically intervene in fights at schools.

Presidents of 2 Indiana universities stepping down
NWI Times
The presidents of two of Indiana's universities are heading into retirement after more than a decade on the job.

Indiana's first church of pot
The Daily Beast
In the latest Unintended Consequence of the "Religious Freedom" laws now sweeping the country, an Indiana church today was granted tax-exempt status by the IRS. But not just any church: The First Church of Cannabis, which proposes to exploit Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to smoke pot at its services.

EDITORIAL

Howey: Indiana's farewell to Andrew Jackson?

Lafayette Journal & Courier

The Indiana Senate passed a resolution in the recent session by a unanimous voice vote, officially recommending that Treasury Secretary Jack Lew replace the seventh president with a female on the $20 bill.

More than 1,000 School Safety Specialists graduate program

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Staff Report

TheStateHouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 1,000 additional Hoosiers are now certified to handle crisis and emergencies in state schools.

The Indiana Department of Education graduated 1,200 people from the School Safety Academy Basic Training and Advanced Academy last week.

The basic training course covers school safety laws, storm preparedness and response, emergency response, and bullying prevention. The training is a year-long program that runs five days a week.

"On behalf of the Indiana Department of Education, I want to congratulate our recent graduates from the School Safety Academy and thank them for the work they do to keep our schools safe," said Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz in a statement.

The graduating class of 2015 includes superintendents, principals, assistant principals, transportation directors, teachers, law enforcement officers, and school counselors. The training is free to participating schools and the Advanced Academy offers additional training that excels the basic training throughout the year so School Safety Specialists can remain certified by the state.

"As a life-long educator, nothing is more important than the safety of our students," said Ritz in a statement. "This year's graduating class shows that educators throughout Indiana are committed to ensuring that our children learn in a safe environment."

Discrimination against gays won't be part of summer study committee roster

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By Keith Kassen

TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS – State lawmakers will not conduct a public study of gay rights issues in Indiana in advance of the 2016 legislative session.

Legislative leaders on Thursday approved 40 topics for work by summer study committees, but adding sexual orientation to the state's civil rights law was not one.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said that doesn't mean the issue won't be discussed; it just won't be in a public committee. Instead, the debate will "go on quietly through the summer," he said.

The leaders' decision not to move forward with a public gay rights debate comes roughly two months after a battle over the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act prompted outrage from across the country.

Critics said the law would allow businesses to discriminate against gay customers and lawmakers scrambled to try to fix it. At the time, House and Senate leaders said they would start a conversation about banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Democrats said that should occur in a study committee this summer. But on Thursday, the Legislative Council – a group of leaders from the House and Senate – decided not to formalize the discussion. That frustrated Democratic leaders.

"This isn't about politics, this is about what we are going to do public policy wise to show that Indiana is a truly welcoming state," said Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson. "Waiting another year is out of the question."

Critics of the RFRA law say that the state's reputation will not fully recover until there are statewide civil rights protections for gays.

Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican, has said putting gay rights into state law is not part of his agenda and he defended the controversial state law as a protection of Hoosiers' rights to exercise their religious beliefs.

Still, Lanane said he has a positive outlook for the future of gay rights in Indiana. "No matter how hard they try to obstruct it, our governor and his allies in the legislature cannot hold back progress any longer," he said.

"We know what everyday Hoosiers know, that there's no place for discrimination in the Hoosier state," Lanane said. "We'll continue to fight to make that a reality."

BMV, smoking, student testing among topics for study committees

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By Max Bomber

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IND ANAPOLIS – Indiana legislators will spend part of the summer studying how to restore the public's trust in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, an agency that's charged with mismanagement and overcharging customers.

It's one of 40 topics study committees will consider in advance of the 2016 legislative session. Changes to the state's smoking ban, a new testing program for students, and measures to address so-called "food deserts" will also be considered.

"Each year during the legislative session, a number of issues arise that require further in-depth study and discussion before potentially being addressed with legislation," Senate President Pro Tem. David Long said in a statement Thursday, " nterim study committees provide a valuable forum for these discussions to take place so that legislators can take more informed action in the next legislative session."

The Legislative Council – a group of eight leaders from the House and Senate – approved the study committee topics.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is among the most controversial of the issues. In a 40-page report released this month, the auditing group BKD listed eight key areas in which the BMV administration has been lacking. Most of the issues focused on ineffective or outdated technology used to manage BMV information.

In addition, BMV officials have acknowledged over charging fees to thousands of Hoosiers.

Rep. Dan Forestal, D-Indianapolis, said the study committee will give the public a chance to explain how those overcharges have affected them.

" am glad that our leaders understand that we need to play an active role in formulating the types of reforms that can help restore the public's trust," he said.

The Interim Committee on Roads and Transportation with studying three issues, he said:

- Ensuring the BMV is implementing the reforms contained in the BKD report.
- Creating a regular system of auditing done by an outside firm.
- Simplifying the BMV fee system.

Meanwhile, the Interim Committee on Public Policy will be focusing on whether to expand the state's smoking ban, which currently exempts bars, casinos and private clubs.

The committee will also consider the subject of e-cigarettes, how they affect smokers' health and whether they should be included as part of the smoking ban.
"The topic was assigned for them to make their case, which they did unsuccessfully during the session," said House Speaker Brian Bosma about the tobacco companies.
Earlier in the session, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller wrote a letter to e-cigarette marketing and advertising company Altria Group Inc. emphasizing his concern that e-cigarettes are following in the footsteps of traditional cigarettes. He said nearly 2 million middle and high school students had tried the product, which has raised concerns among some lawmakers.
The Interim Committee on Education will be focusing on school testing, and in particular, whether the ISTEP program should be replaced with a new standardized exam.
The discussion comes as the state is implementing new curriculum standards and revamping the current ISTEP test. The committee will weigh the options of revising or creating a whole new test for the state.
In addition, the Interim Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources will be talking about the local farm and food product economy – and how to prevent food deserts.
"A food desert is a part of any community where people don't have easy access to such things as fresh fruit, produce and meats, fish and poultry," said Rep. Justin Moed, D-Indianapolis, in a statement Thursday.
And he said that affects Hoosiers' health. "Indiana ranks 8th in the nation in levels of obesity among its population," he said.
The study committee will provide an opportunity to take positive steps for providing nutrition in urban communities, he said.
The Interim Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code has several key issues.
Lawmakers will look at the struggle offenders face when they are released from prison and the hardship they experience when searching for a job. The committee will study the possibility of establishing a program to encourage employers to hire them. They will also discuss retrieving DNA samples from anyone arrested for a felony.
The Committee on Government will study body camera videos on police officers and whether the resulting video should be subject to public records requests.

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Pence works hard to attract new jobs

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As Mickey Maurer pointed out, we are in tough competition for every job. With Indiana now employing more than 2.6 million Hoosiers, it's the day-to-day work of our state that has placed peak employment within reach. And that work has been led by Gov. Mike Pence. Drive through any part of Indiana, and you'll see Hoosier jobs created here because of our governor's efforts.

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Gen. Umbarger says farewell to Indiana Guard at change of command

Indy Star

Gov. Mike Pence spoke at the ceremony, praising Umbarger for his continued service and heart felt commitment to the youth within the state through the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy. He also lauded Carr for his leadership and qualifications.

First Lady Karen Pence to visit Goshen, learn about Elkhart County's Bicentennial Legacy Projects

The Elkhart Truth

First lady Karen Pence is visiting Goshen on Monday, June 1, to learn more about the city's landmarks, arts scene and community events.

Tait, Berry named to head agencies in Pence administration

WLFI

Gov. Mike Pence has appointed Sara Gonso Tait as the new executive director of the Indiana Gaming Commission and former state Republican Party Chairman Tim Berry as director of the Department of Financial Institutions.

Melton welcomes SBOE role
NWI Times
Melton is manager of federal governmental relations and community relations at Northern Indiana Public Service Co. He currently serves on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males after being appointed by Gov. Mike Pence. He also serves as Midwest regional director of the American Association of Blacks in Energy.

LEGISLATURE
Hubbard, Kittle back Rep. Young to get in Senate race
The Statehouse File
Two Republican powerbrokers are ignoring their Mitch Daniels-era political connections to one Senate candidate and instead urging Rep. Todd Young to run for the open seat.
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Secrecy Fight brews legislators
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana legislators are fighting to hide internal communications of all kinds on the heels of a recent lawsuit filed seeking access.

STATE WIDES
Business Insider: Indian's tourism budget playing catch-up
Indy Star
Indiana's budget for tourism spending will hit $7.5 million in fiscal year 2016, triple the budget for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

State schools chief Ritz to make campaign announcement
IBJ
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Ritz set to declare governor run
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz will announce her candidacy for governor this week, according to the Northeast Indiana Friends of Public Education.

Kokomo resolves stadium issues
Inside IN Business
Acting in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) today announced that issues with the Kokomo baseball stadium have been brought into compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations.

AROUND INDIANA
Greenwood mulls e-cig ban

Indy Star
Greenwood's City Council is considering a ban on electronic cigarettes in restaurants, workplaces and other public places.

South Bend mayor goes on annual 2-week military duty
NWI Times
The mayor of South Bend is spending the next two weeks on military duty as part of an annual obligation with the U.S. Navy Reserve.

"Straight Pride' club abandoned, raises concerns
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Educators and parents in southern Indiana are calling for more training and awareness of the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students after a high school's failed attempt to establish a "Straight Pride" club.

EDITORIAL
Good luck with state school board changes
Evansville Courier and Press
Gov. Mike Pence made new appointments to the often-stormy Indiana State Board of Education on Wednesday, saying that it marks "a fresh start" for the panel.
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New board has fresh eyes for schools
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Students and teachers appreciate the start of a new school year – new faces, new challenges, renewed commitment to learning. The same fresh start awaits the Indiana State Board of Education, where a newly constituted board could – and should – put political battles aside to renew its commitment to Hoosier students.

Credit where credit is –and is not- due
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Tuesday was a big day for Fort Wayne. It was also a big day for the nearly 4,000 members of UAW Local 2209 – the folks who made it a wise business decision for General Motors to invest $1.2 billion in upgrades to its truck assembly plant in southwest Allen County. It should also serve as a teachable moment about economic development strategies that actually work.

Pence works hard to attract new jobs
No matter what song you're singing, today's a great day to be a Hoosier ["Time for Indiana to sing a new song," May 23].
As Mickey Maurer pointed out, we are in tough competition for every job. With Indiana now employing more than 2.6 million Hoosiers, it's the day to day work of our state that has placed peak employment within reach. And that work has been led by Gov. Mike Pence. Drive through any part of Indiana, and you'll see Hoosier jobs created here because of our governor's efforts.
For example, before GE Aviation decided on a location last year for its $100 million jet engine assembly facility, Pence met with GE executives multiple times. With his commitment to the innovation sector, GE Aviation chose Lafayette for 200 jobs.
Or let's look at Pence's visit with Kent Corp. subsidiary Grain Processing Corp. at its headquarters last

year, where he made the case in person for why the company should invest $70 million in Indiana. The company has since decided to grow its 600-acre operations in Washington, Indiana.
Last week, General Motors announced that it is investing $1.2 billion in its Fort Wayne Assembly facility, which proudly employs 3,800 Hoosiers. To help win this competitive project, Pence met with Mary Barra, GM's CEO, at the company's headquarters in Detroit during the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January.
Pence's leadership and hands-on approach in securing jobs for Hoosiers hasn't been limited to just domestic success.
Last year, international companies committed to creating 2,785 jobs in Indiana. That includes global companies like Italy-based Sirmax in Anderson and OMR in Speedway, UK-based Tate & Lyle in Lafayette and China-based Haier America in Evansville.
Pence met with leaders from each of these companies, traveling thousands of miles to meet with many of them at their headquarters.
At the Indiana Economic Development Corp., our pipeline of job prospects remains as strong as ever. And the governor's commitment to making Inciana the best place in the nation to work and live is what's driving the growth in our pipeline.

Hubbard, Kittle back Rep. Young to get in Senate race
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TheStatehouseFile.com
IND ANAPOLIS – Two Republican powerbrokers are ignoring their Mitch Daniels-era political connections to one Senate candidate and instead urging Rep. Todd Young to run for the open seat.
Al Hubbard and Jim Kittle Jr. – both former chairs of the Indiana Republican Party – signed a joint letter that Young's congressional campaign sent to supporters on Sunday afternoon.
They urged other Republicans "to exercise patience in making a decision" regarding support for two other candidates in the race – former GOP chairman Eric Holcomb and U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-3rd District.
Their move to publicly support Young could be a grim sign for Holcomb, who has never held elected office and served most of his career as a political operative. Holcomb ran Daniels' second campaign for governor and then served as a top advisor in the governor's office.
Holcomb was expected to tap into the Daniels network for much of his financial and political support.
But Hubbard, a former George W. Bush economic adviser and long-time Daniels friend, and Kittle, who served as the former governor's finance chairman, said they think Young is a better choice.
In the email blast – paid for by the Friends of Todd Young committee – Hubbard and Kittle say Young "would be the best candidate because he's never shied away from making tough choices during his time in office."
"Put simply: We believe Todd Young is a proven conservative leader and would be the strongest candidate and office holder Republicans could field in 2016," the pair wrote.
But Holcomb's campaign spokesman said that while "others engage in lengthy contemplation about whether to wage a campaign, Eric's list of supporters grows every day."
"Asking people to 'exercise patience' is another way of acknowledging that Eric has been racking up endorsements and support in every corner of the state," spokesman Pete Seat said Sunday. "His broad statewide support is also reflected in his fundraising, which has been steady and ongoing."
he candidates are vying to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, also a Republican.
Hubbard and Kittle said in their letter that they have "high regard" for Holcomb and Stutzman.
" t's clear Republican primary voters will have a quality field from which to choose in next year's election," they wrote. "However, one potential candidate clearly stands out: Congressman Todd Young."

Young is expected to announce whether he'll run this summer. His campaign spokesman, Trevor Foughty, said Sunday that the "congressman is narrowing in on a decision."
"As we go through this process," he said, "the growing support for a potential Senate campaign – from grassroots volunteers to party stalwarts like Jim Kittle and Al Hubbard – makes it clear that we would have a lot of momentum on our side if he opts to run."
If Young ran and nabbed the nomination, he could face Democrat Baron Hill, whom he ousted from the state's 9th congressional district seat. Hill announced earlier this month that he would seek the Democratic nomination in the race.
Coats announced in March that he would not seek another term in the Senate.
Just a few days later, Holcomb – who had been working as Coats' state director – announced he would seek the GOP nomination. Holcomb's announcement was packed with former Daniels' staffers and supporters.
In what was left of the first quarter fundraising period, which ended March 31, Holcomb received $125,000 in contributions for the race.
Stutzman formalized his candidacy earlier this month and has not yet had to report any fundraising for the Senate race. But he reported nearly $424,000 in cash in his congressional campaign committee as of March 31. That included about $123,000 in contributions during the first quarter of the year.
Young had $1.1 million in his campaign report as of March 31, including $410,000 he raised during the first quarter of the year.

State schools chief Ritz to make campaign announcement
May 31, 2015
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, who has said she's considering a run for governor, is expected to make a campaign announcement this week.
Ritz's campaign Facebook page posted a series of messages Sunday saying she would make a "special campaign announcement" Thursday at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis. The posts didn't give any further details. Announcements also were planned for Terre Haute and Evansville later Thursday and in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Hammond on Friday, according to the page.
Ritz, a Democrat, couldn't immediately be reached for comment Sunday.
A former school librarian, Ritz defeated former Superintendent Tony Bennett's re-election bid in 2012 using a powerful grass-roots campaign. She said earlier this year she was considering running for governor after months of battles with a State Board of Education appointed by Gov. Mike Pence — a Republican who's expected to announce he's running for re-election later this month — and after attempts by the Republican-dominated General Assembly to divert power from the Department of Education to the education board.
Ritz would join a Democratic field that already includes former Indiana House Speaker and 2012 nominee John Gregg and state Sen. Karen Tallian of Portage.
Current Indiana House Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said last week that he would not seek the party's nomination for governor.
Pence captured only 49 percent of the vote in 2012 in defeating Gregg, who received 46 percent of the vote. Many observers regard Pence as vulnerable over his handling of a religious freedom law this spring that critics viewed as discriminatory against gays. Members of the business community were vocal in their opposition to the measure.
Ritz's position as superintendent also is up for election in 2016. But the Democratic nominee is chosen at a summer convention, so Ritz could still seek re-election to that office if she loses in the May gubernatorial primary.

Good luck with state school board changes

Gov. Mike Pence made new appointments to the often-stormy Indiana State Board of Education on Wednesday, saying that it marks "a fresh start" for the panel.

Our response is, good luck.

As of Thursday, a spokesman for state Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz had declined to comment. Of course, it was disagreements between Ritz, Pence, and other members of the board that created much of the turmoil in the first place.

What happened on Wednesday is that Pence reappointed five state board members, while another five members were appointed, two by legislative leaders.

From Evansville's standpoint, Pence reappointed B.J. Watts, an Evansville schoolteacher, and a good choice to remain on the board.

Another good choice — really, an excellent choice — for a new board member was former Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. Superintendent Vincent Bertram, who left his post here in 2011. Bertram stepped down as superintendent to become president and chief executive officer of Project Lead the Way in Indianapolis. The organization concentrates on developing curriculum in science, technology, engineering and math.

Bertram had quite an impact on public school education in Evansville. Recall that he created the strategic plan, which included new schools and improving existing schools, establishing preschools, developing an emphasis on technology, and a variety of programs, including early college.

So yes, we believe that Bertram has something to offer the State Board of Education. The question is whether the new board will be able to move beyond the fighting.

At one point, Republicans attempted to take Democrat Ritz's chairwoman post on the board away from her. The post was provided for the superintendent by state law, but the turmoil was such that Republicans attempted to change the law. However, late in the legislative session, lawmakers agreed to allow her to remain as the board chair until her current term expires next year. Of course, it has been rumored that Ritz might challenge Pence and others for governor next year.

The new law created a new vice chairman position, giving that person joint responsibility with Ritz for the board's agenda. It is a decision that could fire up the board again in short order, if Ritz and the new vice chairman don't see eye to eye.

However, the intent of the legislature's work in reconstituting the board is to bring a measure of peace to board. Let's hope it happens, but if it doesn't then legislators should take a serious look at making the superintendent an appointee of the governor.

The new board is to meet on Wednesday at Purdue, and as we said above, good luck.

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Gov. Mike Pence wants more money for charters, vouchers
Indy Star - Tony Cook
Gov. Mike Pence today unveiled a two-year state budget plan that calls for $200 million more in standard K-12 funding, including significantly more money for charter schools and public vouchers for students to attend private schools.
The proposal, submitted today to the State Budget Committee, would provide a 2 percent increase in K-12 funding for the 2015-2016 school year and 1 percent more the following year.
The governor calls for charter schools to receive an additional $1,500 per pupil on top of the tuition support they already receive from the state. That would account for $41 million of the $200 million increase over two years.
Charter schools receive state per-pupil funding but do not receive local property tax dollars that traditional public school districts receive for transportation and building costs.
Pence also wants the cap on vouchers, now set at $4,800 per student in grades 1-8, to be eliminated. The move could increase the percentage of private school tuition the state would cover at some schools. The cost would be about $4 million a year.
The governor's proposal will serve as a starting point as state legislators began to negotiate and craft the state budget over the next several months in a legislative session set to end April 29.
Star reporter Stephanie Wang contributed to this report.

Pence unveils 2-year state budget
FW Journal Gazette - Niki Kelly
INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Mike Pence unveiled a proposed two-year state budget Thursday that would

modestly increase education funding, maintain state reserves and fund a number of new initiatives. Chris Atkins, head of the Indiana Office of Management and Budget, said the focus of the budget is education and expanding educational opportunities for Hoosiers.

The average increase in the budget is 1.34 percent each year. Reserves would drop to about $1.9 billion a year -- slightly lower than the current level.

About $200 million in new dollars would go to K-12 tuition support during the two years -- though $41 million would directly benefit only charter schools by adding $1,500 to the per pupil grant for charters. Atkins said charter funding is lower than per pupil funding for traditional public schools largely because they can't levy property taxes. He hopes increasing the base amount will attract high-quality charter operators.

The budget also increases Department of Correction operational spending by $43 million and includes $51 million to build new prison units. And it sets aside $300 million in additional highway funding money during the two-year period.

Another key new program is the Regional Cities initiative, which would be a partnership with local communities to improve the quality of life in regional cities and attract top-tier talent.

The state would contribute about $42 million a year, and local units would also contribute local dollars for special projects.

Pence's budget includes $19.2 million for med school

Evansville Courier & Press – Chelsea Schneider

INDIANAPOLIS — The medical school campus planned for Downtown Evansville cleared a hurdle Thursday when Gov. Mike Pence included funding for the project in the budget proposal he sent to state lawmakers. But the level of funding proposed by Pence — $19.2 million — is just more than a third of what project partners have requested from the state to build the campus.

Pence's budget fully funds the Indiana University School of Medicine portion of the project, but doesn't include the combined $30.2 million in funding sought by the University of Southern Indiana and Ivy Tech Community College to locate programs at the campus.

That means if the General Assembly maintains Pence's funding level, the building likely would be smaller in size. The timeline for construction could also move back due to the governor's proposal to fund the project with cash provided during the fiscal year beginning in July 2016.

Debate on the project is just beginning this legislative session, and state lawmakers could opt to put funding for Ivy Tech and USI in the budget.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke called the proposal a "great starting point." Winnecke attended the State Budget Committee meeting Thursday at the Indiana Statehouse, where Pence's proposal was unveiled.

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The House Ways and Means Committee will open formal budget hearings on Monday.

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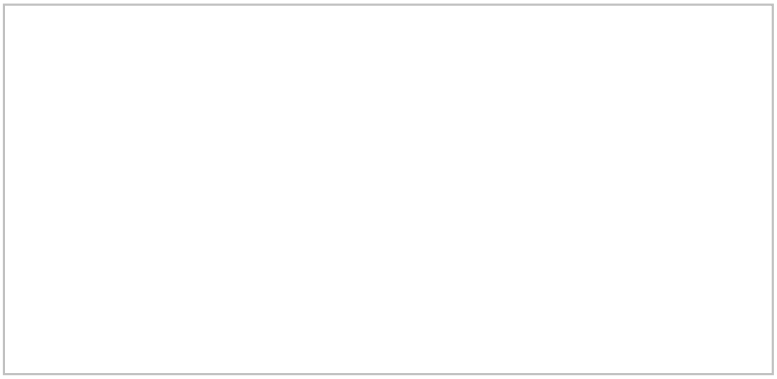

OMB Director Chris Atkins presents Gov. Mike Pence's second biennial budget Thursday morning at the Indiana Statehouse. It was well-received by Republican budget leaders. (HPI Photo by Matthew Butler)
By MATTHEW BUTLER

INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Mike Pence is requesting a budget that will grow state government spending 1.34% over the next two years. The details were outlined by Director of the Office of Management and Budget Chris Atkins before the State Budget Committee Thursday morning. As the governor promised in early December, his budget prizes a balance with a surplus and a variety of education initiatives.

“The first priority of the governor is to pass an honestly balanced budget,” Atkins told the bicameral committee. He added the governor’s outlays have a structural surplus, which keeps spending under the rate of inflation (roughly 2%). Such “a healthy cushion” is worthwhile, Atkins remarked, as proven during the last biennium budget when spending cuts were not needed after a shortfall in predicted

revenues. Volatile revenue growth characterized the state's last two years.

The governor also calls for maintaining the state's approximately $2 billion in reserves above the targeted goal of 12.5% of total annual spending. Atkins told the committee this surplus would only fund state government for some 50 days but believed it adequate protection. Senate Appropriations Chairman and State Budget Committee Chairman Luke Kenley mentioned that reserves can be exhausted quickly and Indiana's reserves were crucial to protecting K-12 and higher education funding during the last recession.

Overall, Republican fiscal leaders were generally pleased with proposed budget. "It's a night and day comparison where they were a couple years ago. And they should be better," Kenley remarked of the governor's budget presentation. "I feel real good going to work on this. I don't feel uncomfortable at all. I think we can get there by the end of April. I got so snakebit when the budget fell apart six or eight years ago that even though those revenue forecasts that they have, which are, I think 2.4% and 3.2% over the next two years, I'm not even sure I feel comfortable with those. I tend to favor the Pence approach that we're actually going to appropriate less than that coming out of the front door. I'm just not sure the revenues are going to be there or not."

"I think this is a prudent, honest responsible step forward," said House Ways & Means Chairman Tim Brown.

"This is the beginning of a three and half month process," Kenley wanted to emphasize. "The governor's folks have indicated they are perfectly engaged in that [discussion]."

Education Spending

K-12 tuition support will increase $201 million over the next two years, $134 million (2%) for FY 2016 and $67 million (1%) for FY 2017, if the governor gets his way. Not all of this funding is directed toward traditional public schools, however. Both the state's burgeoning charter school and voucher programs are included. As the governor outlined in early December, he is calling to eliminate the $4,800 scholarship voucher cap for grades 1-8 along with a tax credit increase for scholarship granting organizations.

Democrats believe the fiscal impact of yet more voucher expansion is being underestimated. "There's a lot of fuzzy math going on here," Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Ogden Dunes, said to Atkins during the hearing. Tallian contended the growing voucher program was going to take an ever-greater share of overall education funding in the next two years and that it was getting an additional cut of the new $200 million general increase proposed Thursday. Removing the cap on vouchers, she worried, would only accelerate this problem. "There is nothing in these numbers to show there is any end in sight to this," Tallian said. "How is $200 million added to the pot, barely keeping up with inflation, going to cover this?"

"There ought not to be a limit on quality schools and educational opportunities," Atkins responded.

Democrats in both chambers are pushing to separate charter and voucher school funding from the general K-12 tuition support appropriation. Republicans argue that would needlessly silo off what are really education dollars following pupils wherever they might be studying.

Democrats were not alone in having concern over whether the $201 million K-12 request was sufficient. On this point Sen. Kenley remarked, “I’m a little nervous that the money isn’t going to stretch as far as we need for it to stretch, particularly in respect to the public school formula. If you take those other amounts off the top [appropriations for charters and vouchers] of the formula then that squeezes the formula down that I’m not sure if we’re doing a good enough job or not.” ??Chairman Brown seemed less concerned. “We set a level of spending and then try to decide how to divide it out and that’s the way to budget,” the Crawfordsville Republican said. “If you go backwards, your unending obligation becomes unfunded.” Brown noted that Pence’s budget gives education higher than inflation increases in its first year.
?Another element likely to be divisive is a call to grant charter schools an additional $1,500 per pupil. Since charters do not have the same operational funding per pupil as public schools, this will help correct the imbalance Republicans argue. Moreover, the governor’s proposed Freedom to Teach initiative will be granted $2 million per year and fall under the direction of the State Board of Education, not the Department of Education. Atkins said the goal of this program was to provide “a shot in the arm” to traditional public schools. Ten million dollars are earmarked for supporting turnaround initiatives for failing public school districts.

For teachers, the budget proposal includes a 10% increase in the Teacher Performance Grants program, which would then total $63 million over the next two years. Teachers’ pension obligations will reportedly be fully funded by a $64 million infusion. ??Whereas both Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and Democratic lawmakers have been advocating an elimination of the so-called “textbook tax,” the governor’s budget does not include any appropriation for directly alleviating textbook costs. “We did not increase funds for textbook reimbursement in this budget,” said Atkins told reporters. However, he added increased funding to schools would empower them to provide textbook assistance if they so desired. Sen. Kenley noted the state already provides roughly $39 million in textbook assistance. “I assume there’ll be discussion,” he said. “But, I don’t sense any urgency in moving forward on that point.”??
Higher Education

For higher education the governor is requesting a 1% increase over the next two years for state universities’ operating and line item funds. This exceeds $40 million over the biennium. The top capital projects for every state university are allocated cash funding as well. For example, there is $19 million to fund the construction of the IU Medical School branch in Evansville. Over the next two years student scholarship funding will increase almost $39.7 million. Regarding a program that has repeatedly not met demand and exhausted its funding, Pence is calling for an additional $500,000 for the National Guard Scholarship fund.

The governor also wants to tweak the Career and Technical Education funding formula to be encourage better performance and will increase funding for facilities by $20 million per year through the Indiana Works Council. There is also $14 million more for adult high school programs.

Transportation

There is increased funding for road construction but not road maintenance. Gov. Pence is calling for additional $300 million for the Major Moves 2020 fund over the next two years. This comes on the heels of the Governor requesting the fulfillment of a conditional $200 million appropriation from the same fund for this current fiscal year. The plan is to add additional lanes to I-65 and I-69 in several locations across the state. “I would like to applaud you on the $300 million for transportation,” Rep.

Sheila Klinker said during the hearing. “It’s well needed.”
?“We still have a lot of potholes out there,” Chairman Brown said of road maintenance. “The need is so, so great we would never fund it. We just have to find out how much of a priority it is and how much we can fund.” Brown said interest off the Next Generation Trust Fund would provide a one-time infusion of $120 million over the next two years to be dedicated toward road maintenance. The Department of Transportation has told lawmakers an additional $60 million each year will be needed to simply maintain the state’s current behind schedule maintenance status for roads and bridges. ??As for other investment priorities, the Gov. Pence is requesting $84 million for the Regional Cities Initiative. The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns has said this urban renewal program is their top priority for this budgetary session. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation believes the program will need hundreds of millions of dollars by the end of the decade to effective statewide.

Agencies and The Bicentennial

The governor’s budget request does not include funding for community corrections. Last year the General Assembly created that unfunded liability through a drastic overhaul of the criminal code, which stressed keeping non-violent offenders out of the state’s prison system. State budget officials said they had to prioritize statewide obligations. State prisons will get an additional $43 million. However, both Miami and Wabash will receive a combined $51 million to expand their overcrowded jails. This will probably be of little consolation to jails across the state grappling with their own overcrowding and high mental health and drug treatment costs.

Whereas the budget does increase the State Adoption Subsidy Program under the Department of Child Services, it does not include funding to address the current lack of family case managers. Currently, DCS is exceeding legally mandated limits of caseloads per manager. This drew concerned questions from members of both parties. OMB officials said DCS was reassigning workloads and studying new staffing changes before requesting additional funds. Sen. Tallian said the Gov. should have included funding for an additional 77 DCS case managers in order to comply with state law. DCS has said it will know by March, which is relatively late in the session, whether request more staff funding.
“Cash funding of all of these capital projects, I can’t believe we’re doing that instead of funding our agencies,” Tallian said during the hearing. “I don’t see this as holding the line on spending; you’re spending the money.” Rep. Terry Goodin concurred, labeling some proposals as a “spending spree.” Both contended that bonds should finance large capital projects, especially at universities, and that cash on hand would be better spent on agencies and infrastructure.

Other projects that raised eyebrows throughout the room were appropriation requests for the state’s bicentennial celebrations for 2016. These totaled almost $60 million but included items that will probably need to be completed anyway, such as $25 million for a new State Archives location. “I may not be as excited about the bicentennial as you are,” Kenley quipped about the total amount. “The governor is spending money here like it’s the last year we’re going to be a state,” Goodin followed.

Pence budget keeps state spending on tight leash

Northwest Indiana Times – Dan Carden

INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence delivered state lawmakers a thrifty two-year budget proposal Thursday that limits annual spending increases -- including on education -- to 2 percent or less, and cuts agencies and programs to pay for new construction and bicentennial events.

Overall, the Republican proposed spending $31.1 billion between July 1 and June 30, 2017. That's about $781 million more than the current two-year budget approved in 2013.

In line with Pence's call to make this year's meeting of the Republican-controlled Legislature an "education session," most of his proposed new spending is directed at schools.

Specifically, he wants $200 million over the next two years added to the school funding formula that supports public schools, charter schools and private school vouchers, though $41 million of that would be paid off the top directly to charter schools.

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The governor's budget does not eliminate textbook rental fees, what state Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Ogden Dunes, and others call the textbook tax, nor does it establish separate pools of money for public, charter and private schools, as requested by House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City.

"The governor had an opportunity to signal his support for working families. He could have proposed ending textbook fees or boosted funding for public schools significantly," Tallian said. "Instead, he’s choosing to hold public schools hostage by redirecting tax dollars supporting public schools to private schools."

As previously announced, Pence's budget continues funding at current levels Camp Summit, the LaPorte County paramilitary-style youth offender rehabilitation center the Department of Correction proposed closing last year.

The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority was not included in the governor's budget, though Atkins said the RDA's request to continue its $10 million in annual state support may ultimately be funded by Pence's proposed $42 million a year Regional Cities Initiative.

Tallian said she didn't really expect the governor to include the RDA in his budget proposal, but is optimistic money for the infrastructure and economic development agency will be added as the General Assembly crafts the final budget law over the next four months.

At the same time, Tallian is furious Pence wants nearly all state agencies and programs to work with subinflation-level budget increases, effectively budget cuts, so Indiana can pay approximately $700 million cash for new prison cell buildings, university construction projects and additional highway capacity.

"The governor’s approach to spending – using the state’s new revenue to pay for cash projects – is akin to a family buying a new house and car but having nothing left to pay the bills and buy gas," Tallian said. "Bond rates are at an all-time low. If we want to build, we can do it in the traditional way."

While pleased with the budget overall, state Sen. Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was skeptical of Pence's desire to spend $56.1 million constructing a new

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State Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, declared the governor's plan "prudent, honest and responsible," and said it provides a good start for the budget legislation, House Bill 1001.

Brown's committee is set to review the needs of each state agency over the next six weeks and will write a budget for the full House to consider in late February. That measure then will be modified by Kenley's committee en route to a Senate vote.

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You can hear audio from the various parties below.

Leon-Tailored Audio: State Senator Luke Kenley

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A copy of the Governor's proposal can be found **here.**

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Indy Star - Tony Cook

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Star reporter Stephanie Wang contributed to this report.

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FW Journal Gazette - Niki Kelly

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Evansville Courier & Press – Chelsea Schneider

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Governor Pence is proposing a $31 billion budget for the next two years, including a 3% increase in school funding.

Pence's budget spends about a third of expected new state revenue -- it increases state spending overall by 1.3%. Schools would receive an extra $200 million, with about a fifth of that increase going to charter schools. Office of Management and Budget director Chris Atkins says the fact most charters lack the authority to levy property taxes has created a funding gap.

The budget includes $90 million on top of the basic school formula for initiatives from vocational education to the state's new preschool pilot program, though it doesn't expand that program as some advocates have urged. Atkins says the administration will await the results of the pilot first.

The vocational education funding includes incentive funds linked to schools' performance. Atkins says he anticipates the legislature will make performance funding part of the basic school funding formula as well, and says the administration will support those efforts.

The budget increases a teacher merit-pay fund, and includes four-million dollars for a Pence proposal to offer incentive bonuses to teachers who go to struggling schools.

The proposal sets aside $300 million for highway construction, on top of $400 million from the current budget. Another $51 million would go to build more cells at the Miami and Wabash Valley prisons.

The budget calls for $56 million dollars for next year's bicentennial celebration. Most of that would go for a new State Archives building, and a new Bicentennial Inn at Potato Creek State Park near South Bend, the first new state park inn in nearly 80 years. The administration anticipates paying for those two projects by leasing or selling excess capacity in state-owned cell-phone towers.

The state would finish the two years with a projected $2 billion surplus, about 13% of spending. Atkins says it wouldn't trigger the state's automatic tax rebate, because the state's tuition reserve account isn't included in surplus calculations for rebate purposes.

The House Ways and Means Committee will open formal budget hearings on Monday.

Pence's 2nd budget features modest growth, reserves, ed funding

Howey Politics Indiana – Matt Butler

OMB Director Chris Atkins presents Gov. Mike Pence's second biennial budget Thursday morning at the Indiana Statehouse. It was well-received by Republican budget leaders. (HPI Photo by Matthew Butler)

By MATTHEW BUTLER

INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Mike Pence is requesting a budget that will grow state government spending 1.34% over the next two years. The details were outlined by Director of the Office of Management and Budget Chris Atkins before the State Budget Committee Thursday morning. As the governor promised in early December, his budget prizes a balance with a surplus and a variety of education initiatives.

“The first priority of the governor is to pass an honestly balanced budget,” Atkins told the bicameral committee. He added the governor’s outlays have a structural surplus, which keeps spending under the rate of inflation (roughly 2%). Such “a healthy cushion” is worthwhile, Atkins remarked, as proven during the last biennium budget when spending cuts were not needed after a shortfall in predicted revenues. Volatile revenue growth characterized the state’s last two years.

The governor also calls for maintaining the state’s approximately $2 billion in reserves above the targeted goal of 12.5% of total annual spending. Atkins told the committee this surplus would only fund state government for some 50 days but believed it adequate protection. Senate Appropriations Chairman and State Budget Committee Chairman Luke Kenley mentioned that reserves can be exhausted quickly and Indiana’s reserves were crucial to protecting K-12 and higher education funding during the last recession.

Overall, Republican fiscal leaders were generally pleased with proposed budget. “It’s a night

and day comparison where they were a couple years ago. And they should be better," Kenley remarked of the governor's budget presentation. "I feel real good going to work on this. I don't feel uncomfortable at all. I think we can get there by the end of April. I got so snakebit when the budget fell apart six or eight years ago that even though those revenue forecasts that they have, which are, I think 2.4% and 3.2% over the next two years, I'm not even sure I feel comfortable with those. I tend to favor the Pence approach that we're actually going to appropriate less than that coming out of the front door. I'm just not sure the revenues are going to be there or not."

"I think this is a prudent, honest responsible step forward," said House Ways & Means Chairman Tim Brown.

"This is the beginning of a three and half month process," Kenley wanted to emphasize. "The governor's folks have indicated they are perfectly engaged in that [discussion]."

Education Spending

K-12 tuition support will increase $201 million over the next two years, $134 million (2%) for FY 2016 and $67 million (1%) for FY 2017, if the governor gets his way. Not all of this funding is directed toward traditional public schools, however. Both the state's burgeoning charter school and voucher programs are included. As the governor outlined in early December, he is calling to eliminate the $4,800 scholarship voucher cap for grades 1-8 along with a tax credit increase for scholarship granting organizations.

Democrats believe the fiscal impact of yet more voucher expansion is being underestimated. "There's a lot of fuzzy math going on here," Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Ogden Dunes, said to Atkins during the hearing. Tallian contended the growing voucher program was going to take an ever-greater share of overall education funding in the next two years and that it was getting an additional cut of the new $200 million general increase proposed Thursday. Removing the cap on vouchers, she worried, would only accelerate this problem. "There is nothing in these numbers to show there is any end in sight to this," Tallian said. "How is $200 million added to the pot, barely keeping up with inflation, going to cover this?"

"There ought not to be a limit on quality schools and educational opportunities," Atkins responded.

Democrats in both chambers are pushing to separate charter and voucher school funding from the general K-12 tuition support appropriation. Republicans argue that would needlessly silo off

what are really education dollars following pupils wherever they might be studying.

Democrats were not alone in having concern over whether the $201 million K-12 request was sufficient. On this point Sen. Kenley remarked, “I’m a little nervous that the money isn’t going to stretch as far as we need for it to stretch, particularly in respect to the public school formula. If you take those other amounts off the top [appropriations for charters and vouchers] of the formula then that squeezes the formula down that I’m not sure if we’re doing a good enough job or not.” ??Chairman Brown seemed less concerned. “We set a level of spending and then try to decide how to divide it out and that’s the way to budget,” the Crawfordsville Republican said. “If you go backwards, your unending obligation becomes unfunded.” Brown noted that Pence’s budget gives education higher than inflation increases in its first year.

?Another element likely to be divisive is a call to grant charter schools an additional $1,500 per pupil. Since charters do not have the same operational funding per pupil as public schools, this will help correct the imbalance Republicans argue. Moreover, the governor’s proposed Freedom to Teach initiative will be granted $2 million per year and fall under the direction of the State Board of Education, not the Department of Education. Atkins said the goal of this program was to provide “a shot in the arm” to traditional public schools. Ten million dollars are earmarked for supporting turnaround initiatives for failing public school districts.

For teachers, the budget proposal includes a 10% increase in the Teacher Performance Grants program, which would then total $63 million over the next two years. Teachers’ pension obligations will reportedly be fully funded by a $64 million infusion. ??Whereas both Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and Democratic lawmakers have been advocating an elimination of the so-called “textbook tax,” the governor’s budget does not include any appropriation for directly alleviating textbook costs. “We did not increase funds for textbook reimbursement in this budget,” said Atkins told reporters. However, he added increased funding to schools would empower them to provide textbook assistance if they so desired. Sen. Kenley noted the state already provides roughly $39 million in textbook assistance. “I assume there’ll be discussion,” he said. “But, I don’t sense any urgency in moving forward on that point.”??

Higher Education

For higher education the governor is requesting a 1% increase over the next two years for state universities’ operating and line item funds. This exceeds $40 million over the biennium. The top capital projects for every state university are allocated cash funding as well. For example, there is $19 million to fund the construction of the IU Medical School branch in Evansville. Over the next two years student scholarship funding will increase almost $39.7 million. Regarding a

program that has repeatedly not met demand and exhausted its funding, Pence is calling for an additional $500,000 for the National Guard Scholarship fund.

The governor also wants to tweak the Career and Technical Education funding formula to be encourage better performance and will increase funding for facilities by $20 million per year through the Indiana Works Council. There is also $14 million more for adult high school programs.

Transportation

There is increased funding for road construction but not road maintenance. Gov. Pence is calling for additional $300 million for the Major Moves 2020 fund over the next two years. This comes on the heels of the Governor requesting the fulfillment of a conditional $200 million appropriation from the same fund for this current fiscal year. The plan is to add additional lanes to I-65 and I-69 in several locations across the state. "I would like to applaud you on the $300 million for transportation," Rep. Sheila Klinker said during the hearing. "It's well needed."

?"We still have a lot of potholes out there," Chairman Brown said of road maintenance. "The need is so, so great we would never fund it. We just have to find out how much of a priority it is and how much we can fund." Brown said interest off the Next Generation Trust Fund would provide a one-time infusion of $120 million over the next two years to be dedicated toward road maintenance. The Department of Transportation has told lawmakers an additional $60 million each year will be needed to simply maintain the state's current behind schedule maintenance status for roads and bridges. ??As for other investment priorities, the Gov. Pence is requesting $84 million for the Regional Cities Initiative. The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns has said this urban renewal program is their top priority for this budgetary session. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation believes the program will need hundreds of millions of dollars by the end of the decade to effective statewide.

Agencies and The Bicentennial

The governor's budget request does not include funding for community corrections. Last year the General Assembly created that unfunded liability through a drastic overhaul of the criminal code, which stressed keeping non-violent offenders out of the state's prison system. State budget officials said they had to prioritize statewide obligations. State prisons will get an additional $43 million. However, both Miami and Wabash will receive a combined $51 million to expand their overcrowded jails. This will probably be of little consolation to jails across the state grappling with their own overcrowding and high mental health and drug treatment costs.

Whereas the budget does increase the State Adoption Subsidy Program under the Department of Child Services, it does not include funding to address the current lack of family case managers. Currently, DCS is exceeding legally mandated limits of caseloads per manager. This drew concerned questions from members of both parties. OMB officials said DCS was reassigning workloads and studying new staffing changes before requesting additional funds. Sen. Tallian said the Gov. should have included funding for an additional 77 DCS case managers in order to comply with state law. DCS has said it will know by March, which is relatively late in the session, whether request more staff funding.

“Cash funding of all of these capital projects, I can’t believe we’re doing that instead of funding our agencies,” Tallian said during the hearing. “I don’t see this as holding the line on spending; you’re spending the money.” Rep. Terry Goodin concurred, labeling some proposals as a “spending spree.” Both contended that bonds should finance large capital projects, especially at universities, and that cash on hand would be better spent on agencies and infrastructure.

Other projects that raised eyebrows throughout the room were appropriation requests for the state’s bicentennial celebrations for 2016. These totaled almost $60 million but included items that will probably need to be completed anyway, such as $25 million for a new State Archives location. “I may not be as excited about the bicentennial as you are,” Kenley quipped about the total amount. “The governor is spending money here like it’s the last year we’re going to be a state,” Goodin followed.

Pence budget keeps state spending on tight leash

Northwest Indiana Times – Dan Carden

INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence delivered state lawmakers a thrifty two-year budget proposal Thursday that limits annual spending increases -- including on education -- to 2 percent or less, and cuts agencies and programs to pay for new construction and bicentennial events.

Overall, the Republican proposed spending $31.1 billion between July 1 and June 30, 2017. That's about $781 million more than the current two-year budget approved in 2013.

In line with Pence's call to make this year's meeting of the Republican-controlled Legislature an "education session," most of his proposed new spending is directed at schools.

Specifically, he wants $200 million over the next two years added to the school funding formula that supports public schools, charter schools and private school vouchers, though $41 million of that would be paid off the top directly to charter schools.

Chris Atkins, director of Pence's Office of Management and Budget, said the governor wants charter schools to get $1,500 per student above what traditional public schools receive to attract additional charter school operators to Indiana.

"We're concerned that some higher-quality charter operators are not willing to look at locating here or investing here because of our charter financing system," Atkins said.

Pence also proposed increasing Teacher Performance Grants by 10 percent, to $63 million over the two-year budget period, and spending $20 million more a year for career and technical education programs.

An additional $4 million would be spent to increase the value of vouchers students use to attend private elementary schools, and the state's pre-kindergarten pilot program, which begins this year in Lake and four other counties, would continue operating at $10 million a year.

The governor's budget does not eliminate textbook rental fees, what state Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Ogden Dunes, and others call the textbook tax, nor does it establish separate pools of money for public, charter and private schools, as requested by House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City.

"The governor had an opportunity to signal his support for working families. He could have proposed ending textbook fees or boosted funding for public schools significantly," Tallian said. "Instead, he’s choosing to hold public schools hostage by redirecting tax dollars supporting public schools to private schools."

As previously announced, Pence's budget continues funding at current levels Camp Summit, the LaPorte County paramilitary-style youth offender rehabilitation center the Department of Correction proposed closing last year.

The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority was not included in the governor's budget, though Atkins said the RDA's request to continue its $10 million in annual state support may ultimately be funded by Pence's proposed $42 million a year Regional Cities Initiative.

Tallian said she didn't really expect the governor to include the RDA in his budget proposal, but is optimistic money for the infrastructure and economic development agency will be added as the General Assembly crafts the final budget law over the next four months.

At the same time, Tallian is furious Pence wants nearly all state agencies and programs to work with subinflation-level budget increases, effectively budget cuts, so Indiana can pay

approximately $700 million cash for new prison cell buildings, university construction projects and additional highway capacity.

"The governor’s approach to spending – using the state’s new revenue to pay for cash projects – is akin to a family buying a new house and car but having nothing left to pay the bills and buy gas," Tallian said. "Bond rates are at an all-time low. If we want to build, we can do it in the traditional way."

While pleased with the budget overall, state Sen. Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was skeptical of Pence's desire to spend $56.1 million constructing a new state archives building, a Bicentennial Inn at Potato Creek State Park and for 2016 state bicentennial events, including a torch relay ($1.6 million) and Statehouse plaza ($2 million).

Under Pence's budget proposal, Indiana would spend $648.5 million less than it takes in over the next two years and maintain a budget reserve of approximately $2 billion.

State Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, declared the governor's plan "prudent, honest and responsible," and said it provides a good start for the budget legislation, House Bill 1001.

Brown's committee is set to review the needs of each state agency over the next six weeks and will write a budget for the full House to consider in late February. That measure then will be modified by Kenley's committee en route to a Senate vote.

Ultimately, a House-Senate conference committee will decide the state's final spending plan in late April, subject to approval by both chambers.

Let the $31 billion budgeting begin

Abdul Hakim-Shabazz

Indiana lawmakers seem cautiously optimistic about Governor **Mike Pence's** budget which increases school funding while maintaining a nearly $2 billion surplus, but still leaves some areas up for discussion.

The Governor's budget includes nearly $200 million in new money for schools, gives charter schools an additional $1500 in per pupil funding and increases the amount available for school vouchers.

It also provides $20 million in more funds for career and technical education while providing $20 million more for pilot pre-K.

The state surplus is maintained to the tune of about $2 billion, while the budget, the Pence administration says, meets or increases its obligations in areas of health, domestic violence and pursuing economic development. It also includes $50 million towards marking the state's 200th anniversary in 2016. Those funds would come from the one-time sale/lease of some of the state's cell phone towers. Pence says the budget also continues to pay down state debt and allows for it to pay for new capital projects with cash.

Despite that, lawmakers say they have concerns about increasing funding for some charter schools without the necessary accountability measures. And the budget does not include new funding for local community corrections which will be needed due to changes in the criminal code.

The Governor's Office say it plans to work out those issues with lawmakers over the next three and a half months.

You can hear audio from the various parties below.

Leon-Tailored Audio: State Senator Luke Kenley

Leon-Tailored Audio: State Representatives Dr. Tim Brown (R) & Terry Goodin (D)

Leon-Tailored Audio: OMB Director Chris Atkins

A copy of the Governor's proposal can be found **here.**

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Governor: Starting Sunday afternoon, there is a potential for snow in North Central Indiana (2-4 inches), a wintry mix in Central Indiana and freezing rain and sleet across Southern Indiana. We expect the system to leave Indiana Monday afternoon. INDOT is already preparing for it. With the event starting Sunday, there should be plenty of road treatment applied before rush hour on Monday morning.

Earlier today, IDHS has issued three press releases to alert motorists with the following topics:

1) Prepare Now for Possible Power Outage
2) Encourage Hoosiers to Check on Neighbors
3) Take Extra Care If Travel is Necessary

We have notifications from the utility companies in place for any developing power outages. However, we do not expect significant ice accumulations at this point.

Will keep you posted as developments occur.

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GOVERNOR:

Pence talks with legislators on RFRA clarification
AP
Republican legislative leaders are still working on a proposed clarification of Indiana's new religious objections law following a meeting with Gov. Mike Pence. House Speaker Brian Bosma and Senate President Pro Tem David Long spent more than 30 minutes in the governor's office Wednesday morning.

Indiana's Mike Pence takes blows, burnishes credentials in religious freedom fight
Time
Becoming a liberal pariah can be good politics for a conservative.

1. **Christie breaks with possible 2016 rivals, defends Indiana governor on religious objection law**
AP
Gov. Chris Christie has broken with some other potential 2016 Republican presidential contenders over an Indiana law that gives heightened protections to businesses or people objecting to providing certain services on religious grounds. "We should not have a situation where people perceive that anybody will be denied service," Christie said Wednesday.

SB 101:

Exclusive: 'Religious freedom' deal sets new protections

Indy Star – Tony Cook and TLo
Indiana Republican leaders are set to announce a deal Thursday morning that alters Indiana's controversial "religious freedom" law to ensure it does not discriminate against gay and lesbian customers of Indiana businesses.

Indiana lawmakers strike deal to fix religious freedom law
The Hill
Republican Indiana legislators have reportedly struck a deal to fix the state's controversial religious freedom law in order to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination.

In Indianapolis, concern that religious freedom law will harm local economy
Washington Post
With Indianapolis preparing for one of its biggest events of the year, the national uproar over the religious freedom act, which is to take effect in July, could not come at a worse time. The local economy is built on tourism, particularly sports events and conferences. Businesses across the city say they are scrambling to salvage both the Hoosier reputation and their bottom lines.

RFRA: Boycotts, bans and a growing backlash
Indy Star
The opposition to Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act includes a growing number of canceled conventions, speeches and concerts. It includes Indiana travel bans from cities and states. It includes statements from corporate leaders inside and outside Indiana. And it includes sports organizations and state universities. Here's a look at some of the backlash Indiana has already felt.

Lawmakers suggest deal close on religious-objections law
AP
Indiana's Republican legislative leaders moved toward a possible agreement Wednesday on how to clarify the state's new religious-objections law in hopes of quashing concerns that it could allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

GOP brass near deal on religion law
FW Journal Gazette – Niki Kelly
Republican lawmakers appeared to reach a tentative deal late Wednesday night to clarify a controversial religious freedom law that has led to a flurry of negative coverage and economic damage.

RFRA 'clarification' coming Thursday
Evansville Courier & Press – Chelsea Schneider
Lawmakers closed in on language to fix the state's controversial "religious freedom" law on Wednesday amid continued national uproar over fears it could be used to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

House Republicans "very close" to deal on RFRA

The Statehouse File
House Republicans say they've almost reached an agreement on language that would clarify the controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
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Silicon Valley leaders, new to social issues, come together over Indiana law
New York Times
The technology industry's leaders have found their collective voice on a social issue in the last week, rallying with great intensity against a new Indiana law that will allow businesses, they predict, to discriminate against gay couples. The heads of Apple, Salesforce.com, Yelp and Square have all publicly criticized the law, as have some leaders from other industries.

Bangert: Daniels laments RFRA damage to Indiana
Lafayette Journal & Courier
Purdue University President Mitch Daniels won't come right out and say what he thinks about the state's new religious freedom bill and the accompanying taint of gay/lesbian discrimination that has sent Indiana spiraling into a second week of boycott threats and national ridicule.

Valpo mayor, university students rally against religious freedom act
NWI Times
Nearly 200 Valparaiso University students and area residents marched to City Hall Wednesday to protest Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Earlier in the day, Mayor Jon Costas called for a full repeal of the law.

Muncie mayor says city could approve resolution against RFRA
FW Journal Gazette
The mayor of the city of Muncie says he's working on a resolution in opposition to Indiana's new religious-objections law.

NWI officials believe Indiana tourism still has a prayer
NWI Times
Two local officials whose jobs include attracting out-of-staters to Northwest Indiana said this week they're confident the region's hospitality will prevail over the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Will Indiana law force 2016 women's Final Four to relocate?
AP
As pressure builds for the repeal or revision of Indiana's new religious objection law, the NCAA faces a decision about whether to look for a new venue for next year's women's Final Four.

Indiana Catholic bishop: No one should face discrimination
AP

Indiana's five Catholic bishops are reacting to the state's religious objections law with a statement saying no Hoosiers should face discrimination, whether it's over their sexual orientation or for living their religious beliefs.

LEGISLATURE:

Senate committee guts state takeover bill
Chalkbeat
The Senate Education Committee amended and passed House Bill 1638, 9-2, at its meeting today. It originally was written to establish "transformation zones" that would have allowed schools or groups of schools to try out innovative plans at schools with students consistently getting low test scores as an alternative to state takeover. The bill last month passed the House 66-31

AGENCIES:

State board to lawmakers: Pay up for new ISTEP
Chalkbeat
The Indiana State Board of Education is calling on the legislature to find the money to fund a pricier future state testing program — whatever the cost.

State board rules IPS can manage Arlington, share Donnan
Chalkbeat
It's going too far to say that IPS gets the schools back. The Indiana State Board of Education made clear in its meeting today that it considers Arlington High School and Emma Donnan Middle School still technically separate from the district and under state takeover even while approving the district's proposals to help run them.

Politicians need to get over their squeamishness about needle exchange
Washington Post
A drug-related HIV outbreak in rural Indiana has prompted Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to declare a public health emergency and take the unusual step of instituting a 30-day needle exchange program in the hardest-hit area. Needle exchanges allow intravenous drug users to trade in used needles for sterile ones. There's widespread evidence going back decades that such programs are effective at preventing the spread of HIV and other blood-borne diseases, that they encourage drug users to seek treatment for their addictions, and that they do not promote or encourage drug use overall.

Suspension sought for Gary funeral director
AP

The Indiana attorney general has filed a petition asking a state agency to suspend the license of a Gary funeral home director accused of hiding the remains of two babies in boxes above ceiling tiles during an inspection.

Final Four, spring break to bring heavy traffic to Indiana
AP
The Indiana Department of Transportation is warning motorists that college basketball fans headed to Indianapolis and spring break travelers will both be hitting the state's roads this weekend.

AROUND THE STATE:

Assistant fire chief demoted for fire station noose incident
AP
An assistant fire chief in north-central Indiana has accepted a demotion after tying a rope into a noose in the presence of a black firefighter whose wife belongs to the family of a lynching victim.

Dunes State Park Among Nation's Best
Inside Indiana Business
Indiana Dunes State Park is on a national publication's list of the best in the country. Winners of the *USA Today* honor were selected by a web vote featuring 20 state parks.

JOBS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Steel tubing manufacturer relocating to Gary from Illinois
NWI Times
A steel tube manufacturer plans to be operating in Gary by the end of the year, and hopes to create as many as 100 new jobs over the next two years. With the assistance of an incentive package from the city, state and NIPSCO, T&B Tube Co., currently based in South Holland, will move to a 196,000-square-foot building at 4000 E. 7th St.

Out-of-State Company Acquires Aparatus
Inside Indiana Business
Massachusetts-based Virtusa Corporation has acquired Apparatus in a more than $34 million cash deal. The Indianapolis company provides consulting, service design and I-T infrastructure management services and has more than 200 employees. Apparatus founder and Chief Executive Officer Kelly Pfledderer says the deal is a "tremendous opportunity" to globalize its business, and adds Virtusa is committed to the company's presence in Indianapolis. The Indiana company celebrated its fifteenth anniversary in October.

USDA Loan Could Lead to Whitley County Jobs

Inside Indiana Business
Two northeast Indiana businesses have received federal rural economic development loans totaling nearly $1.4 million. The money will support expansion and around 90 new jobs in Whitley County.

Indy to host video game tournament
Inside Indiana Business
More than 60 teams of competitive video gamers will take part in a major tournament this summer in Indianapolis. Organizers of the Pro Gaming League's Halo Championship Series estimate the event will have an economic impact of nearly $1 million.

EDITORIALS:

Dunes will be an even bigger lure
NWI Times
The Indiana Dunes is a top tourist draw, not to mention a favorite spot for locals. It's a treasure that should be enjoyed throughout the year.

RFRA law puts Indiana back in 19th century
NWI Times
The bad news is Indiana's governor and legislative leaders are scurrying like scolded children, attempting to fix a freshly minted law that smacks of discrimination and alienates people, harms businesses big and small and potentially stymies revenue flowing into Indiana.

*House Republicans "very close" to deal on RFRA
The Statehouse File
House Republicans say they've almost reached an agreement on language that would clarify the controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said his party is "very close" to reaching an agreement on the new bill.
Republicans in both the House and Senate first met in caucus to discuss the bill Wednesday afternoon. Bosma then met with Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, and both chambers returned to caucus at 5 p.m.
"We had a very productive discussion in the House Republican caucus, and it's my hope that we meet our goal tomorrow of coming to a successful conclusion," Bosma said.
Bosma said there are "still some discussions to take place," and that he needs to meet with Long again before the language of the bill is finalized.
Tuesday, state Democrats called for a total repeal of RFRA, an action Bosma said is not likely.
"I think repeal is a mistake," Bosma said. "It infers that there's something wrong with the RFRA law, and I don't think there is."
Bosma also said he thinks the language in the new bill will appease businesses that have threatened to take their work out of the state because of the law.

Despite objections from Democrats, Bosma said he's confident the Republican Party will stand behind the new legislation.

"My goal here was to make sure the House Republican caucus was very closely united, and we are," Bosma said.

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Thank you, Arthur, thank you for that very kind introduction. And thank you for the hospitality of the American Enterprise Institute. I am genuinely grateful to you and the AEI family, not just for your hospitality today, but for really keeping the twin lights of freedom and enterprise burning brightly in a city that too often seems committed to extinguishing those lights in our nation. AEI's mission, as I see it, is about keeping the hope of opportunity of a better life and a more vibrant society alive and well in this country – and promoting empirically grounded fresh ideas to make that possible. So it's an honor for me to be with you today, and please join me again in thanking the American Enterprise Institute and Arthur Brooks for his great leadership.

Like many other admirers of yours and of your work here at AEI, Arthur, I have been influenced by your writings and your sense of the term "earned success." I come from a state that works. It's a state where people value hard work. And so I see the principle of earned success lived out every day across the 92 counties of Indiana.

As I travel across my home state, I see it in the school teacher who helps at-risk kids after school to help them graduate and go to college; I see it in the entrepreneurial business owner who started a business in their living room and now employs 50 people; or the police officer who takes pride in keeping the peace on our streets each and every day. I see it in cities large and small all across the state of Indiana that principle that you've articulated so well, that people are happier and more motivated when they build something of their own. When they take greater ownership in their lives and they earn the success,

whatever level of success that is. And that principle is much of what brings me here today.

What I'm here to talk about today is related to that point, and it concerns the future of health care in America. And particularly how Indiana has been leading the way for the kind of reform that I would submit respects the dignity of every person regardless of their income and honors the aspiration of every person for a better life. I agree with the thinking of those here at American Enterprise Institute who have made the case that reform-minded conservatives need to ensure that the safety net is well-designed and strong to provide a firm basis for those starting out on life's ladder. I cite none other than President Ronald Reagan, who would say in New York City in 1979 these words. President Reagan said, "We have long since committed ourselves as a people to help those among us who cannot take care of themselves." But he added, "The federal government has proven to be the costliest and most inefficient provider of such help we could possibly have." I would submit once again Reagan was right.

The truth is the safety net doesn't need to be expanded, as some in this town argue incessantly, and it doesn't need to be abolished, as some also argue. It needs to be reformed. It needs to be made better, and I believe that can best happen in the laboratories of innovation and democracy at the state level. If you think of what President Reagan said so many years ago, that we have long-since committed ourselves to help people who can't help themselves, but that the federal government itself was the least suitable to do that.

I come before you today to really say that when it comes to the issue of health care, I believe that people in my party need to be "solutions conservatives," offering real alternatives to the big government answers of the liberal establishment that are grounded in respect for the aspiration of every person to earn their own way, to succeed, to

achieve self-sufficiency, and to do that in the best way possible with the kind of innovation that can happen all across the country on a state-by-state level.

Now I say all of this recognizing that this is the very antithesis of the approach embodied in the Affordable Care Act. Ordering every American to buy health insurance whether they want it or need it or not is not the answer to expanding access to affordable health care in America.

I've said it before and I'll say it again -- Obamacare must be repealed. And Obamacare must be replaced with market-based reforms and, as I'll elaborate more today, with a flexible Medicaid block program that allows the states to create innovative solutions at the point of the need. I have and will continue to advocate for a Congress and a President that have the political will to repeal Obamacare so we can do even more to improve health access and outcomes. Some of you who have known me for a while in this town know I was a pretty vocal opponent of Obamacare when I was in the Congress. I said then that this law will not stand, and I believe that more today than ever before.

Even though Obamacare's architects and boosters are breathing a little easier it seems these days, the program is still terribly flawed and should be repealed. It's bad for families. It's bad for business. And it's bad for America. And despite the great progress we have been making in our economy in the state of Indiana, there's not a day that goes by that I don't travel across the Hoosier state and hear people tell me that the implementation of the Affordable Care Act has a dampening effect hanging over Indiana's economy and our nation's economy. It's truly stifling growth in America.

Early in our administration against that backdrop, I made it clear that Indiana would not establish a state-based exchange, and I stand by that

decision.

Everyone knows the fiscal position of these exchanges is untenable even if they won't admit it. And come November, when the rates rise again, I predict you'll see another big drop in public support.

It was a government takeover of health care and the overly-regulated, top-down, command-and-control structure of the law will never allow the exchanges to operate freely as they should. And as a result, access will stay the same or get worse as costs go up.

I always thought that was the fundamental flaw of the argument on the other side. Most people back home I talked to when I was serving in the Congress would say they were most concerned about the cost of health insurance. But the focus in the Congress wasn't on lowering the cost of health insurance, it was about growing the size of government. And that's how the Affordable Care Act came to be.

So Obamacare needs to be repealed for all these reasons and, I would submit to you, for one more, because it's pushing a massive, flawed Medicaid program on the states.

I believe a plan for state-based Medicaid reform is not only entirely consistent with the repeal of Obamacare, but I believe it helps make the case for why repeal is needed.

Republicans in Congress have long argued for reforming Medicaid into a block grant so the states have the flexibility to design better programs. I can't think of a budget I voted for during my years in Congress that didn't include block granting Medicaid back to the states. And I submit to you today that in the debate over health care reform, states need to lead the way – like Indiana is doing.

Last week I announced that the State of Indiana will seek to do just that, to seek flexibility from the federal government to close the

coverage gap by expanding our own homegrown health care solution known as the Healthy Indiana Plan.

Honestly, I have been talking about using the Healthy Indiana Plan as the basis for expansion of health care coverage in Indiana since even before I took office in January of 2013. Today I am pleased to have the opportunity to share with each one of you the details of our Administration's proposed waiver to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan and offer consumer-driven, private market-based health care coverage to low-income Hoosiers.

First, a little bit of background:

Today in Indiana we have some 350,000 low-income, working Hoosiers – those below 100 percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that's about $24,000 a year. These are Hoosiers who lack access to the kind of quality health insurance that many of their better-off neighbors enjoy. Experts rightly call this the "coverage gap." Many Hoosiers up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about $33,000 a year in income for a family of four, also cannot access affordable coverage and live with uncertainty in their families as well. Last week when we made our announcement, I had the opportunity to introduce the people of our state to a number of Hoosiers who fall into this coverage gap. Working men and women, who are out rolling up their sleeves oftentimes in the most difficult circumstances, but courageously moving forward in providing for their families.

People like Becky Kinkead and Beth Murphy, proud Hoosiers all, who find themselves essentially caught in that gap where their income simply doesn't give them the ability to purchase health insurance for themselves or for their families.

Some of our neighbors across the Midwest have chosen to address the coverage gap by expanding traditional Medicaid. I respect the decisions that others have made, but I'm here to talk about Indiana's decision. From the beginning of my tenure as Governor, we have been saying no to Obamacare in Indiana. We declined a state based exchange, and I have made it clear from the outset that we will not expand traditional Medicaid on my watch.

Medicaid is not only broke, it's broken. Medicaid is not a program we need to expand. Medicaid is a program we need to reform. It was nobly created some 50 years ago to help the poor and those with disabilities access quality health care. Truth be told, Medicaid has morphed into a bureaucratic and fiscal monstrosity that does less to help low-income people than its advocates claim.

And Obamacare advocates continue to promote Medicaid expansion despite the overwhelming evidence that the program doesn't work as it is supposed to. As a highly anticipated study in Oregon showed just last year, Medicaid actually increased emergency room use by enrollees and produced health outcomes that were no better than being uninsured. Other studies have also shown that health outcomes are no better, and sometimes even worse, for people covered by Medicaid compared to those with no coverage at all.

Last year's Oregon study should have sent shockwaves through the ranks of public health policy experts and advocates across the country. For some reason it didn't do that. It should have caused people to pause and ask themselves how expanding a program that doesn't improve health outcomes was the right approach for America, or how it's just and fair and right to do that.

If you care about low-income Americans, why in the world would you want to expand a program that provides such inadequate coverage?

The only thing Medicaid does well is make it onto the GAO's list of high-risk federal programs every year. We all know doctors who see Medicaid-eligible individuals for free rather than dealing with Medicaid. The program is bureaucratic, difficult, prone to fraud, and complicit in the growing disconnect between coverage and access in health care.

Let me say again, Obamacare needs to be repealed for many reasons, including that it's pushing a massive, flawed Medicaid program onto the states.

Medicaid expansion proponents are satisfied with covering a vulnerable population with a program that is so deeply flawed. But I'm not.

Fortunately, Hoosiers have found a better way.

In Indiana, we have learned that the way to change Medicaid is to base the program on what we know improves health and lowers costs, namely consumer-driven health care using health savings accounts.

Let me brag on the Hoosier State for just a second. We think Indiana is actually the birthplace of health savings accounts. Some of you in the policy community here in our nation's capitol remember the name J. Patrick Rooney. He was an insurance executive and a visionary. In addition to his idea he called medical savings accounts, which he, perhaps more than any other American, popularized on Capitol Hill and was able to achieve being added into the tax code as a pilot program, he also personally financed the first privately funded educational choice program in the United States of America. J. Patrick Rooney was my friend and a visionary Hoosier, and we miss him.

Beginning with his vision in the early 1990's, Indiana became a centerpiece for the discussion about consumer-driven health care. Today, Indiana has more public employees – 96 percent in our state government – enrolled in HSA plans, more than any other state, and

our private marketplace has a higher percentage of people enrolled in consumer-driven plans compared to many other states. So the Healthy Indiana Plan, built as it is on health savings accounts and on consumer-driven health care, makes most sense being launched and piloted and expanded in the state where consumer-driven health care, in many respects, was born.

Six years ago against that backdrop and progress, Indiana became the very first state to successfully create a consumer-driven health plan to expand quality health insurance coverage to the population covered in Medicaid. It was created on a pilot basis and we called it, as I mentioned, the Healthy Indiana Plan. It provides health savings accounts today to some 40,000 Hoosiers and empowers them to take ownership of their health decisions. And it works.

The Healthy Indiana Plan integrated the principles of consumer behavior within Medicaid, encouraging enrollees to take charge of their health care and empowering them to act as consumers in the health care market. Here are some of the facts.

The Healthy Indiana Plan has lowered inappropriate emergency room use by 7 percent compared to traditional Medicaid during the course of the program. Sixty percent of HIP enrollees, and that's our acronym you'll get used to, use preventive care, which is similar to the rates we see in the general commercial marketplace. HIP enrollees choose generic drugs at a much higher rate than people covered by other private insurance plans. In fact, when you think in a broad sense, consumer-driven health plans have been shown to decrease health care spending by 25 percent across the country, and those public employees that I mentioned in the state of Indiana – who have a 96 percent enrollment rate in health savings plans – save about $23 million a year for taxpayers in Indiana thanks to the adoption of consumer-driven

plans. We are also beginning to see this downward trend in health care costs within the Healthy Indiana Plan.

HIP enrollees also have a proven track record of managing their own health care decisions. Ninety-three percent of HIP enrollees make contributions to their savings accounts on time, and a third of them say they regularly ask their health care providers about the cost of services. Ninety-eight percent say they would enroll in HIP again if they were given the choice. In a word, Indiana has proven in the last six years that consumer-driven health care works. And it works for those who are starting out on the first rung on the ladder of the American Dream.

Because of this success, last week my administration announced plans to submit a waiver to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to replace traditional Medicaid in Indiana for all able-bodied adults with an expanded version of the Healthy Indiana Plan. This will go for those up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. We actually call it HIP 2.0—my kids liked that.

HIP 2.0 would offer three basic options. First, there would be a premium assistance plan that helps low-income working Hoosiers access employer coverage, and second, we have two HSA-like plans with varying degrees of coverage. It's essentially a three-legged stool for health care in Indiana.

We call it HIP Link, HIP Plus and HIP Basic. Each of these would allow people to utilize private insurance options and consumer behavior to increase access to quality health care and to manage costs and health outcomes in the long run.

Our proposed HIP 2.0 would offer HIP Link, which is a premium assistance program, and it is the first of its kind in the United States of America. This is a first in the nation. Those who qualify for HIP Link

would receive a defined-contribution from the state into what we call their POWER account that they can use for premiums, co-payments or deductibles.

Secondly, is the first of the two health savings account-like programs. HIP Plus is available to all qualified HIP members who make their POWER account contributions, which range from $3-$25 a month, based on income. The HIP Plus plan offers enhanced coverage including vision and dental services for adults and a comprehensive prescription drug program. It also covers maternity services with no cost sharing during the duration of the pregnancy.

Lastly is HIP Basic. It is something of a default plan. It is exclusively for Hoosiers that fall below 100 percent of the federal poverty level who fail to make their required contributions to their health savings account. Members of this plan must make co-pays. They will receive fewer benefits until they can begin to contribute to their health savings accounts and move back into the HIP Plus program.

Again, in summary the premium assistance program helps people who are employed but cannot afford their employer's health plan or do not have access to a plan. The enhanced health savings account plan, HIP Plus, provides incentives to save and use preventive care and offers a more generous set of benefits. The second, HIP Basic, serves as a default for those under 100 percent of poverty who fail to make their payments under HIP Plus. It contains incentives for them to re-enter the HIP Plus program. Both plans penalize inappropriate emergency room use and encourage preventive care instead.

Now contributions are required for all HIP members who choose one of the HSA plans. Those above 100 percent of FPL risk losing their coverage entirely if they do not make contributions, and those below 100 percent FPL, should they stop making contributions, as I said, must

make co-pays and receive fewer benefits until they begin to make contributions again. The contribution amounts are reasonable and fair by income level and are designed to be that way. As we have seen in our pilot program, let me say this emphatically, low-income working Hoosiers in our state take pride in managing their accounts and make contributions to their HSA consistently. And we are proud of that fact.

The plan also includes what we call a Gateway to Work referral program that will connect those who qualify for HIP coverage with job training and job search programs offered by the State of Indiana so they can move up and out of the program.

HIP 2.0 is not intended to be an entitlement. It is a safety net program that aligns incentives with aspirations. The plan also includes high co-pays for inappropriate emergency room usage to encourage enrollees to use primary care rather than emergency room care to manage non-emergent health care needs, and I am very pleased to say that HIP 2.0 will be fully funded at no additional cost to Hoosier taxpayers.

HIP 2.0 will be funded through a combination of federal funds and an agreement with Indiana's hospitals, who have partnered with us to improve access to health care coverage within the state of Indiana. This means, if approved by the federal government, our waiver will allow us to expand health care coverage to hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers with no new state spending and no tax increases required.

Now if I haven't thoroughly confused you, or if I have, you can go to our website and read all about HIP 2.0 to your heart's content. Visit HIP.in.gov to learn more about this program.

You know I think HIP 2.0 maintains the emphasis on the principles that animate my political career, and I think are at the very heart of the people of our state and the people of this country. They put the

emphasis on personal responsibility and they also represent continuing efforts in Indiana to find innovative, fiscally responsible ways to get people the care they need. Reforming traditional Medicaid through this kind of market-based, consumer-driven approach is essential to creating better health outcomes for the people of our state and curbing the dramatic growth in Medicaid spending.

I truly believe that once Obamacare is repealed, the consumer-driven plan that we're proposing in the Healthy Indiana Plan will serve as a model for what block-granted Medicaid programs could be in states across the country.

With this I will close and be pleased to take some questions

I believe there are only two futures for health care in America today. There is government-driven health care or consumer-driven health care. Years ago, when the Healthy Indiana Plan was first adopted, Indiana chose the better portion by embracing consumer-driven health care, giving eligible Hoosiers the power to make their own health care decisions. And now we are seeking permission from the federal government in a form of a waiver to build on that choice by expanding the Healthy Indiana Plan for even more working Hoosiers.

HIP 2.0 takes consumer-driven Medicaid reform to the next level by replacing traditional Medicaid in Indiana for all non-disabled adults and offering instead a health care culture that is built on healthy, cost-conscious decision making.

Again let me say, HIP 2.0 is not intended to be a long-term entitlement program. Our hope is that people will not be on it very long at all, but will transition into the private insurance marketplace. Taking greater ownership of their own health care will lay a foundation for good health and prosperity for their families as they move up and out of the program and are able to obtain insurance in the marketplace. HIP 2.0 is

a safety net that aligns incentives with earned success; hope and opportunity.

The truth is the soft paternalism of the modern welfare state has failed to honor the dignity of the working poor in many ways, by failing to give them the benefit of the doubt and by failing to believe in them. In Indiana, we believe in our people, regardless of their income, regardless of where they find themselves on the path to success, and HIP 2.0 is really designed and built with that faith and confidence in the people of Indiana and their ability to take hold of their futures if given the opportunity to prosper.

Now lastly let me close, here at this policy group surrounded by so many think tank leaders. Let me ground this a little bit more in the world in which I work every day. Now I think as we talk about policies and coverage and health care reform, the debates that take place on cable television on the airwaves across the country, we must never forget that we are talking about real people, working people who deserve a better way. HIP 2.0, in our proposal to reform traditional Medicaid in Indiana, is about reaching out to people that are working hard to build a better future, but who simply don't have the ability or the means in the health insurance economy that we have today to be able to provide coverage for themselves or for their family. These are real Hoosiers, and I've talked to many of them across our state since I began serving as Governor and one of them, I'll close with, was named Diana.

I met Diana at a visit to Community Hospital East in Indianapolis, just a few weeks back. She was in with a heart condition, but she said it was okay if I came in her room anyway. She was self-conscious about how she looked and I tried to set her at ease, I told her, "You look great." I sat down next to her bed, took her hand and she told me her story. Diana had lost her job and shortly thereafter she started having chest

pain and, even though she knew she could go to the emergency room and get treatment, she waited.

Sitting up in her bed, she said, “The doctors told me I put off coming in a little too long, but I didn’t want to come in because I was embarrassed because I didn’t have insurance.”

Now thank God she is okay, and I prayed for her more than once since that day at her bedside, and she remains in our prayers.

But she touched my heart. I mean here is a hard-working woman who just wanted to find a way to pay her own way and not rely on the free access of a public hospital.

You know I think Diana is like a lot of working Hoosiers, people who don’t want a hand out, but want a hand up.

In Indiana, we have long-cherished the principle that we must “love our neighbor as we love ourselves,” that we must not “walk by on the opposite side of the road” when someone is hurting and in need.

I think it is what makes Indiana special.

And let me just say that’s what HIP 2.0 is really all about—respecting the dignity of every Hoosier, including our working poor, to find a way to cover themselves and their families, respecting their ability to make their own health care choices and empowering them to lead healthier and better lives.

I think the Healthy Indiana Plan is a better way—a better way to better health, to better coverage, to a better health care system, and to a better future for the working people in the state of Indiana and beyond. I hope that our success with this program will help other states, as well, and serve as yet another reason why we should start over on health care reform in America. Why we should repeal Obamacare and replace

it with a plan that includes consumer-driven health care for low-income Americans that empowers them and their families to meet their needs and make their own way.

Thank you very much, I appreciate your time and attention today.

TODAY'S EVENT DETAILS:

Location: Indiana University School of Medicine – Northwest on the campus of IU Northwest
VIPS: Chancellor William Lowe, Rep. Charlie Brown (who will be introducing you.)

SPEECH AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY:

Thank you, Dr. Anne Gilbert of IU Health, for that kind introduction. I am grateful to the staff and professionals here at IU Methodist Hospital for your hospitality and for the extraordinary work you do in these hallways every day. To our honored guests, health care professionals, and my fellow Hoosiers—thank you for coming today.

I have long believed that a society may be judged not only by how it deals with its most vulnerable, but also by how it comes alongside those often forgotten working people who are striving every day for a better life.

It is really my concern for those Hoosiers that brings us together here today.

I am here to talk not so much about the future of health care for our uninsured in Indiana, but about a better way to a better future for working Hoosiers and working families.

The facts are clear. Today we have 350,000 low-income, working Hoosiers—those below 100 percent of the federal poverty level or a family of four making about $24,000 a year or less—who lack access to the kind of quality health insurance that their better-off neighbors enjoy. Experts rightly call this the "coverage gap."

Many Hoosiers up to 138 percent of poverty, or $33,000 for a family of four, also cannot access affordable coverage and live in uncertainty.

These Hoosiers include people like:

- **Beckie Kinkead**, Greenwood, an Ivy Tech student studying health sciences. She has attempted to obtain coverage via the federal health exchange but has not been successful. WorkOne is helping her pay for her education. She is a widow with a pension, which disqualifies her for some programs. She would like to be able to afford more access to primary and preventive health coverage.
- **Suzanne Kyle**, Carmel, who recently went back to school to earn her Masters in Business Administration, but has still found it difficult to find a job matching her degree and skills. She is currently without health coverage or unemployment benefits. In the past she has had coverage through her employers, including consumer-driven health products.
- **Mark Gibson**, Greenwood, is a current Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) member and has been on the program for three to four years. He has had two recent heart surgeries covered by HIP and says he is "lucky" to have access to the program. He is a self-employed contractor who couldn't afford insurance otherwise.
- **Beth Murphy**, Indianapolis, is unable to participate in the current Healthy Indiana Plan because of her income, but she is a likely candidate for coverage under the proposed HIP 2.0. She works part time in the home health care industry, but this employment is based on need. She has had health insurance in the past but is unable to obtain a policy through her current job.

With these Hoosiers and thousands of others like them in mind, today I am pleased to announce that the State of Indiana will seek flexibility from the federal government to close the coverage gap by expanding our own homegrown health care solution: the Healthy Indiana Plan.

I have been talking about using the Healthy Indiana Plan as the basis of an expansion of health care coverage in Indiana since before I even took office in January of last year. Today, I am pleased to share with you the details of my Administration's proposed waiver to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan to offer consumer-driven, private market-based health care coverage to low-income Hoosiers.

We will submit our waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the end of June, following two required comment periods. We'll be sharing details about how to comment, and I encourage everyone to look the plan over and offer us your thoughts.

Now, some of our neighbors and neighboring states have chosen to address the issue of the coverage gap by expanding traditional Medicaid. But from the beginning of my tenure as Governor, we have been saying "no" to the Affordable Care Act in Indiana. We refused to set up a state-based exchange, and we have made it clear that we will not expand traditional Medicaid.

Medicaid is not a program we need to expand. It is a program we need to change. Nobly created 50 years ago to help the poor and those with disabilities access quality health care, Medicaid has morphed into a bureaucratic and fiscal monstrosity that does less to help low-income people than its advocates claim.

As a highly anticipated study in Oregon showed last year, Medicaid increased emergency room use and produced health outcomes that were no better than being uninsured. Other studies have also shown that health outcomes are no better, and sometimes worse, for people covered by Medicaid compared to those with no coverage at all.

Fortunately, Hoosiers have found a better way.

In Indiana, we have learned that the way to change Medicaid is to base the program on what we know improves health and lowers costs, namely consumer-driven health care.

Six years ago Indiana was the first state to successfully create a consumer-driven health plan to expand quality health insurance coverage to this population on a pilot basis. The Healthy Indiana Plan, or HIP, provides health savings accounts to nearly 40,000 people in Indiana and empowers them to take ownership of their health decisions.

The Healthy Indiana Plan integrated the principles of consumer behavior with Medicaid, encouraging enrollees to take charge of their health care and empowering them to act as consumers in the health care market. And here in 'the state that works'…it works!

HIP has lowered inappropriate emergency room use by 7 percent compared to traditional Medicaid, and 60 percent of HIP enrollees use preventive care, which is similar to the rates we see in the general commercial marketplace. HIP enrollees choose generic drugs at a much higher rate than people covered by other private insurance plans. Consumer-driven health plans have been shown to decrease health care spending by 25 percent, and Indiana's public employees have saved Hoosier taxpayers $23 million annually thanks to the adoption of consumer-driven plans. We are beginning to see this downward trend in health care costs with HIP as well.

HIP enrollees also have a proven track record of managing their own health care decisions. Ninety-three percent of HIP enrollees make contributions to their savings accounts on time, and a third of them say they regularly ask their health care providers about the cost of services.

Ninety-eight percent say they would enroll in HIP again if they were given the choice.

Because of this success, my Administration has submitted a waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to replace traditional Medicaid in Indiana for all non-disabled adults ages 19-64 with an expanded version of the Healthy Indiana Plan for those up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which for an individual is roughly $16,000 a year in income and for a family of four is about $33,000.

HIP 2.0 would offer three options: a premium assistance plan that helps low-income working Hoosiers access employer coverage and two HSA plans with varying degrees of coverage.

Our plan's three-legged stool—HIP Link, HIP Plus and HIP Basic—would utilize private insurance options and consumer behavior to increase access to quality health care and to manage costs and health outcomes in the long run.

Our proposed HIP 2.0 would offer HIP Link, which is a premium assistance program for people who have access to insurance through their employers, but who may not be able to afford it. This is a first in the nation. Those who qualify for HIP Link would receive a defined-contribution from the State into their POWER account that they can use for premiums, co-payments or deductibles.

HIP Plus is available to all qualified HIP members. It requires POWER account contributions, which range from $3-$25 a month, based on income. The HIP Plus plan offers enhanced coverage including vision and dental services for adults and a comprehensive prescription drug program. It also covers maternity services with no cost sharing for the duration of the pregnancy.

HIP Basic is a default plan for Hoosiers below 100 percent of the federal poverty level who fail to make their required POWER account contributions. Members of this plan must make co-pays and will receive fewer benefits until they begin to contribute to their accounts again.

Again, the premium assistance program helps people who are employed but cannot afford their employer's health plan or do not have access to a plan. They, too, could receive an HSA to use for premiums, co-payments or deductibles, or they could elect to have HIP pay a portion of the premium under their employer plan. Those who choose the premium assistance option would be responsible for making monthly HSA contributions on a sliding income scale.

Contributions also are required for all HIP members who choose one of the HSA plans. Those above 100 percent of federal poverty level risk losing their coverage if they do not make contributions, and those below 100 percent of federal poverty level, should they stop making contributions, must make co-pays and receive fewer benefits until they begin to contribute to their accounts again. The contribution amounts are reasonable and fair by income level. As we have seen in our pilot program, low-income residents of our state take pride in managing their accounts and make contributions consistently.

The enhanced HSA plan, HIP Plus, provides incentives to save and use preventive care, and it offers a more generous set of benefits. The second HSA plan, HIP Basic, serves as a default for those under 100 percent of poverty who fail to make their payments under HIP Plus. It contains incentives for them to re-enter the Plus program. Both plans penalize inappropriate emergency room use and encourage preventive care instead.

You can read all about HIP 2.0 at our website: www.HIP.in.gov.

The plan also includes a Gateway to Work referral program that will connect those who qualify for HIP coverage with job training and job search programs offered by the State of Indiana so that they can move up and out of the program. HIP is not intended to be an entitlement. It is a safety net program that aligns incentives with human aspirations. The plan also includes high co-pays for inappropriate ER usage to encourage enrollees to use primary care rather than ER care to manage non-emergent health needs.

And HIP 2.0 will be fully funded at no additional cost to Hoosier taxpayers. HIP 2.0 will be funded by a combination of federal funds and an agreement with Indiana's hospitals, who have partnered with us to improve access to health care coverage in Indiana. This means no new State spending will be required and no tax increases will be needed.

HIP 2.0 maintains emphasis on the principles of personal responsibility and represents our continuing efforts in Indiana to find innovative, fiscally responsible ways to get people the care they need. Reforming traditional Medicaid through this kind of market-based, consumer-driven approach is essential to creating better health outcomes and curbing the dramatic growth in Medicaid spending.

I believe there are only two futures for health care in this country– government-directed health care or consumer-driven health care. Years ago, when the Healthy Indiana Plan was first adopted, Indiana chose the better portion by embracing consumer-driven health care, giving eligible Hoosiers the power to make their own health care decisions. Today we seek to build on that choice by expanding the Healthy Indiana Plan for even more working Hoosiers.

HIP 2.0 takes consumer-driven Medicaid reform to the next level by replacing traditional Medicaid in Indiana for all non-disabled adults and offering instead a health care culture in our state built on healthy, cost-conscious decision making.

I have long advocated for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. I believe that as strongly now as I ever have. I also have long argued for reforming Medicaid into a block grant so that states have the flexibility to design better programs. Any sensible repeal of the Affordable Care Act should be replaced with market-based reforms and a flexible Medicaid block grant program.

Nearly 35 years ago, Ronald Reagan said, “We have long since committed ourselves, as a people, to help those among us who cannot take care of themselves. But the federal government has proven to be the costliest and most inefficient provider of such help we could possibly have.”

In the debate over health care reform, states need to lead the way – states like Indiana.

As the debates in Washington about the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion continue, we are reforming Medicaid here in Indiana, and hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers will have better access to quality health care as they aspire to a better life.

As we speak about policies and coverage and health care reform, we must never forget that this is about our people—hard-working Hoosiers—who deserve a better way.

People like Diana.

I met Diana at a visit to Community Hospital East in Indianapolis a few weeks ago. She was in with a heart condition and welcomed me into her hospital room. She was self-conscious about her circumstance, but I tried to set her at ease, took her hand, told her she looked well, and then she told me her story. Diana had lost her job and lost her insurance.

She started having chest pains, and, even though she knew she could go to the emergency room, she waited. She told me, “The doctors told me I put off coming in a little too long, but I was embarrassed because I didn’t have insurance.”

Thank God she made it in, and she remains in our prayers.

But Diana touched my heart. Here was a hard-working woman who just wanted to find a way to pay her own way and not rely on the free access at a public hospital.

Diana is like a lot of working Hoosiers who don’t want a hand out, but they need a hand up.

Hoosiers have long-cherished the principle that we must “love our neighbor as we love ourselves;” that we must not “walk by on the opposite side of the road” when our neighbors are hurting and in need.

That’s what makes Indiana special.

And that’s what HIP 2.0 is all about—respecting the dignity of every Hoosier, including our working poor, to find a way to cover themselves and their families, respecting their ability to make their own health care decisions and empowering them to lead better and healthier lives.

HIP is a better way—to better health, to better coverage, to a better health care system, and to a better future for working Hoosiers and our state.

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GOVERNOR

Tentative step toward saner drug policy

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

There is currently an HIV epidemic in Scott County, Indiana. Instead of the typical handful of new HIV cases per year, there have been about 80 new cases reported since December. A majority of the new cases have been in the last month. The immediate cause of this epidemic is clear since all these new cases have been linked to drug use involving needles. Gov. Mike Pence has responded with a tentative step toward a practical, real-world approach to solving the health problem. He has allowed a 30-day needle-exchange program. Unfortunately, if the program ends after only a month, it is unlikely to actually solve the problem.

House passes SB 309; Pence expected to sign

Newsbug

The Indiana House has passed a bill that would make it more difficult for city-owned electricity providers to take customers within newly annexed areas.

WaPo dumps Mike Pence from Top 10 GOP candidates for 2016

NewsMax

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has been removed by *The Washington Post* from its list of the top 10 potential Republican candidates for the presidency because of his botched handling of the state's religious freedom law.

LEGISLATURE

General Assembly in final weeks

Inside Indiana Business

The common wage in the construction industry has been on the books since the 1930s. It will go before the Senate Tax & Fiscal Policy Committee. You can read HB 1019 by clicking here.

Testing, standards up for vote
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Lawmakers will hear testimony and vote on a bill today that could mean a major shift in Indiana's K-12 testing system, toward a national focus and away from Indiana-based standards.

Adoption records proposal dies
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A proposal to expand Indiana adoptees' access to more than 50 years of sealed records appears to be dead this session, to the disappointment of some advocates.

Senate panel set to vote on repeal of construction wage law
NWI Times
An Indiana Senate panel is set to vote on a Republican-led push to repeal the state law that sets wages for public construction projects.

SB101
Pence 'fixes' religious freedom bill
Agrinews
Gov. Mike Pence signed an antidiscrimination safeguards bill on April 2 in response to growing concerns from the public about the recently passed Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Top Indiana businesses promise LGBT advocacy efforts
Indy Star
Some of the top business names in Indiana have a collective message about the amendment to Indiana's embattled "religious freedom" law:

A Majority of Americans really do support gay marriage
Politics & City Life
Last month, Indiana governor Mike Pence took a quiet moment for an off-the-record signing of the relatively innocuous-sounding Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

STATE AGENCIES
Indiana port commissioner quits over common wage law flap
Wish TV 8
A Republican member of the Indiana Ports Commission says he's resigning in protest of Gov. Mike Pence's support for a GOP-backed effort to repeal the law that sets wages for public construction projects.

Rail service to Indianapolis gets reprieve
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana state and federal agencies announced Monday a short-term deal to keep Amtrak service between Indianapolis and Chicago going and are working on a long-term agreement .

Indiana supreme court awards seed money for family courts
NWI Times

The Indiana Supreme Court has awarded $243,000 in grant money to 19 counties in support of local family court projects.

AROUND INDIANA

Southern Indiana planning meetings set

Inside Inciana Business

The Southern Indiana Regional Cities Initiative announced today the implementation of a new brand for the complete "World-Class Communities" plan for this region and the proposal, which will be submitted to the State of Indiana in July should the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative be funded. The new logo, "Our Southern Indiana," references the ownership of each citizen who chooses to be involved regardless of where he or she works or resides. The use a simple, modern font and action words to encapsulate the goals of the process illustrates the drive of the process moving forward.

Rare bird turns Indiana teacher into birding celebrity

Indy Star

Ross had spotted a black-tailed godwit, a gull-sized shorebird native to Europe and Asia. Ross' find has made the middle and high school arts teacher a celebrity of sorts among birdwatchers. After all, they might spend a lifetime tallying birds and never find one so rare.

Voter registration ends today for local primaries

Indy Star

Even with no state offices on the ballot, the controversy over the Religious Freedom Restoration Act could have ripple effects at the polls in 2015.

Overstock.com Founder to speak in Indiana

Inside Inciana Business

Anita Sarkeesian, a feminist video game blogger and media critic, and Patrick Byrne, the founcer and CEO of Overstock.com, will visit the DePauw University campus this week to speak at the Eighth Annual Undergraduate Ethics Symposium. Presented by DePauw's Prindle Institute for Ethics, the April 9-11 event will bring together more than 20 undergraduates from around the country to workshop papers and creative works that speak to issues of ethical concern.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Press Ganey plans hiring event

Inside Inciana Business

WorkOne teams with Specialized Staffing Solutions to schedule a HIRING EVENT for Press Ganey on April 9 in South Bend.

EDITORIAL

Griffin: Indiana fight opens door to wider LGBT rights

LSA Today

Headlines last week captured the genuine shock of the moment. "The political war over gay culture is over, and the gays won," read one *The Washington Post* blog post. "How Gay Rights Won in Indiana, "screamed another piece in *TIME*. For reporters and pundits, it was a great story. The civil rights equivalent of Howard Cosell shouting, "Down goes Frazier. Down goes Frazier!," when George Foreman knocked him to the mat.

150 years ago, the Confederate Constitution used Mike Pence's view of religious freedom to justify slavery

The Huffington Post

April 9, 2015 will be the 150th anniversary of Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse to Ulysses S. Grant, marking not only the end of the Civil War, but also the end of slavery. When Jim DeMint last year stated that faith did more to end slavery than the federal government, his viewpoint was obviously "mostly false" and a whitewashing of history. As I stated in my *Roanoke Times* article after DeMint's comments, the Confederate Constitution and other Southern documents from this era utilized God and religion to justify slavery, not end the practice. Only a Union victory ended the forced bondage of 4 million human beings.

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GOVERNOR

State reveals 'Stellar' finalists

Inside Indiana Business

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced today the finalists for the 2015 Stellar Communities designation program.

Governor's balanced budget amendment heads to full House

The Statehouse File

Gov. Mike Pence's proposed balanced budget amendment passed a House committee on Tuesday after two members were allowed to vote after arriving late.

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House panel approves Pence's balanced budget amendment

South Bend Tribune

Republican Gov. Mike Pence's request for a proposed balanced budget constitutional amendment cleared a legislative committee on Tuesday following a couple hours in a Statehouse rut.

Illinois has long way to go to reach Indiana's business climate

WISH TV 8

Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner says he wants "rip the economic guts out of Indiana" Kara Brooks, a spokeswoman for Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, says Indiana will put up its low corporate taxes, triple A credit rating and business climate against those of any other state. She says, "Illinois will find tough competition here in Indiana."

LEGISLATURE

Senate committee passes common construction repeal

The Statehouse File
A Senate committee revamped and then passed a common construction wage bill Tuesday that critics say will drive down worker pay and supporters argue will create more competition within the industry.
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Indiana Senate approves study of 'baby boxes' proposal
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana Senate has approved a bill calling for additional study on the possibility of setting up "baby boxes" for women to anonymously surrender their newborns.

Effort to repeal old I-69 law moves to full Senate for consideration
Evansville Courier & Press
An effort to remove a nearly decade-old state law that bars the Interstate 69 extension from entering a suburban Indianapolis township is now headed to the full Senate for consideration.
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Energy efficient bill headed to Pence for signature
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Senate sends e-liquids bill back to House legislation is just steps from law
The Statehouse File
The Senate passed a bill on Tuesday that places new security requirements on e-liquid producers and bans retailers from selling them to minors.
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House committee saves ISTEP, calls for study of replacement options
A proposal to replace ISTEP with an off-the-shelf national test was derailed today as a House committee sent the idea to a summer committee for further study. A proposal to replace ISTEP with an off-the-shelf national test was derailed today as a House committee sent the idea to a summer committee for further study.

STATE AGENCIES
Rolls Royce considering major investment
Inside Indiana Business
HB 1472, which would give the Indiana Economic Development Corp. more flexibility in providing tax credits, passed unanimously out of the committee. Supporters say the measure would help the state attract major investments and strengthen its position as an advanced manufacturing leader.

AROUND INDIANA
Muncie City Council passes resolution opposing RFRA
Ball State Daily
The amendment to Muncie's human rights statutes in the city ordinance that passed at Monday night's monthly City Council meeting will go into law Tuesday, something Muncie Mayor Dennis Tyler said is "unprecedented."

Salesforce lifts travel restrictions to Indiana
Inside Inciana Business
Last month, Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff tweeted, "Today we are canceling all programs that require our customers/employees to travel to Indiana to face discrimination."

Honda hits a million
Inside Inciana Business
Associates at Honda Manufacturing of Indiana, LLC (HMIN) today celebrated a production milestone of the 1 millionth car built at the plant.

Comlux breaks ground on expansion
Inside Inciana Business
Comlux America, the Completion and Services center of the Comlux Group based in Indianapolis IN, is officially breaking ground on the expansion of the current V F completion hangar to have the capability to house both narrow body and wide body aircraft simultaneously.

The real religious freedom fight is about to begin in Louisiana
The Washington Post
Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (R), a possible 2016 contender, is a relative unknown among voters; only 1 percent of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents prefer him, according to the most recent Washington Post-ABC News poll.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Vet Job Fair Set for Indy
Inside Inciana Business
Senator Dan Coats (R-Ind.) today encouraged Hoosier veterans to attend the ninth annual "Operation Hire a Hoosier Veteran" Job Fair on Wednesday, April 15 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Nearly 200 employers will be in attendance and looking to hire qualified applicants. Last year's event resulted in at least one job offer for 25% of participants.

EDITORIAL
Expand needle exchange program
South Bend Tribune
A needle exchange program that began last weekend to help end the HIV epidemic linked to intravenous drug use in southeastern Indiana was the right call.

What America thinks: Does the media make the news or just report it?
Rasmussen reports
A so-called religious freedom law in Indiana has prompted the latest media firestorm. Although laws like this have been on the books for several years in nearly 20 other states, many worry it can lead to potential discrimination toward gays and lesbians, though Indiana Governor Mike Pence has now called for further clarification. Is this kind of coverage really called for or is this just media business as usual? We decided to find out what America thinks!

Religious Freedom Restoration Act revisions and Pence's actions
Indiana Daily Student
After the recent heat Gov. Mike Pence was under due to signing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, many people are relieved these new revisions were implemented.

Hoosier State reviving its reputation for intolerance
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
It took Indiana generations to rid itself of the Ku Klux Klan image indelibly etched in the 1920s and '30s by a murderous bed sheet salesman who declared "I am the law" in the state. Even now a residue of that bigotry unfairly clings to the Hoosier reputation.

Religious freedom act is an act of intolerance
The Herald
INDIANA has come a long way in understanding and correcting discrimination. Now, when it is least expected, a setback creeps into state law that has significant legal and economic consequences.

Governor's balanced budget amendment heads to full House
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By Alec Gray
TheStatehouseFile.com
INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence's proposed balanced budget amendment passed a House committee on Tuesday after two members were allowed to vote after arriving late.
The House Judiciary Committee initially voted 5-5, which would have kept the bill from passing. Because the vote tied, the bill did not fail, but instead did not pass, meaning that other committee members could be allowed to vote.
The committee chairman, Rep. Greg Steuerwald, R-Avon, allowed Reps. Casey Cox, R-Fort Wayne, and Jud McMillin, R-Brookville, to vote after missing the discussion. They both voted yes.
Democrats objected to the chair's decision and said that the debate was crucial and members who missed it should not be given a vote.
But Steuerwald said he has always let committee members who missed parts of the meeting to come back in and vote.
"This committee has always allowed people to come in and vote," Steuerwald said. "I've been consistent over the years allowing people to vote. I don't think anybody can say I've not done that."
Senate Joint Resolution 9 would prohibit state budget appropriations from exceeding state revenues. However, the restriction could be lifted with a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate.
Pence made the amendment a part of his legislative agenda, although Indiana lawmakers have generally passed balanced budgets, except during economic downturns or when trying to cut taxes to reduce a big state surplus.
The amendment has already passed the Senate.
Steuerwald said both McMillan and Cox were confused about what time the meeting was supposed to start. The committee typically takes place later in the morning.
If approved by the General Assembly this year, the balanced budget legislation would need to be approved by the legislature again in either 2017 or 2018 before it could go on the ballot for ratification.
After the additional votes, the bill passed the committee 7-5.

Energy efficient bill headed to Pence for signature
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INDIANAPOLIS – The Senate sent a bill to the governor Tuesday that would change the energy efficiency landscape in the state.

Senate Bill 412, authored by Sen. Jim Merritt, R-Indianapolis, is meant to replace the Energizing Indiana program, which the General Assembly canceled last year over the objections of environmental groups. Energizing Indiana imposed a fee on the electric bills of all Hoosier households and businesses to pay for conservation efforts that included weatherization and other programs. Critics – including Merritt – said the program had become too expensive to administer.

The new proposal gives companies the authority to create and submit at least one energy efficiency plan to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission every three years. The bill also allows for large energy customers to opt out of the energy efficiency plan.

Merritt said changes passed by the House give the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission "more teeth" in the process by allowing them to determine whether a plan is reasonable. Previously, the bill had the commission assess if the proposed plan stacked up against the utility's consumption in the previous year and could be continued for following years.

Sen. Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis, said the bill still was a move in the wrong direction. Breaux said that eliminating statewide goals and allowing large customers to opt out is a step back from the previous Energizing Indiana program.

The Senate passed the bill 38-10 and it now moves to Gov. Mike Pence, who is expected to sign it into law.

Senate sends e-liquids bill back to House, legislation is just steps from law

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By Adam Lee

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INDIANAPOLIS – The Senate passed a bill on Tuesday that places new security requirements on e-liquid producers and bans retailers from selling them to minors.

House Bill 1432, authored by Rep. Kevin Mahan, R-Hartford City, defines e-liquid as a substance that is vaporized and inhaled by vapor pens.

The bill would require manufacturers to get a permit from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission before bottling or selling the liquid. The fee for applying for a permit would be $1,000, which would be good for five years until the manufacturer would need to pay a $500 renewal fee.

HB 1432 also requires manufactures to use specified safety equipment and use such as childproof caps and extra security where the e-liquid is manufactured so that no one can get into.

Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-Middlebury, said the bill is fair and balanced and brings security and legitimacy into the e-liquid field.

But Sen. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, spoke out against the bill saying that e-liquid manufacturers in Evansville have concerns. Becker said the people are worried the bill is a way for big companies to eliminate the competition because the requirements and permits cost a significant amount of money, something the smaller businesses may not have.

Becker also said that she contacted the ATC and said officials there do not yet know how they will enforce the law if it is passed.

However, Yoder said that he is confident the licensing fees that the bill requires will be sufficient for the commission to find a way and that he is confident in their ability to enforce the law.

The Senate passed the bill 33-15 and now moves back to the House where legislators will consider the changes in the bill.

Effort to repeal old I-69 route law moves to full Senate for consideration

Chelsea Schneider

An effort to remove a nearly decade-old state law that bars the Interstate 69 extension from entering a suburban Indianapolis township is now headed to the full Senate for consideration.

A Senate committee passed the proposal, 5-3, on Tuesday amid Perry Township business owners and school officials sharing concerns about the road following Indiana 37 north into Indianapolis.

The proposal doesn't make a recommendation on the route for the sixth and final section of the project that will take I-69 from Martinsville north to Indianapolis. But it does seek to remove a restriction placed into state law in 2006 that prohibits the road from entering Perry Township, which is just north of Johnson County.

Proponents say all routes should have an even playing field as state and federal highway officials determine the location for the sixth section.

Opponents say business decisions were made based off the law — facilitated by a group of state lawmakers whose districts cover portions of Perry Township and Marion County — and that the law needs to be honored.

State Sen. Carlin Yoder, who chairs the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee, said the proposal was difficult for him to consider, arguing the General Assembly shouldn't have placed the restriction into law in the first place. Yoder, a Middlebury Republican, and the bill's author, state Rep. John Price, pointed to a section of the Indiana Constitution that bars the General Assembly from passing local or special laws regarding the location of highways.

"Because we did horrible policy in 2006, we are left to deal with it," Yoder said.

Representatives of Hoosier Voices for I-69 and the Southwest Indiana Chamber said removing the restriction allows for the consideration of all potential routes.

"Every route should be studied and considered solely on their environmental and economic merits," said Justin Groenert, director of government relations and public policy for the Southwest Indiana Chamber.

Yet, state Sen. Patricia Miller, who advocated for the restriction in 2006, said people have made business decisions based on the law.

"We didn't do this because people just didn't want it. We did it because we had substantial evidence of the negative impact on our schools and public safety in Perry Township," said Miller, an Indianapolis Republican.

The bill passed the House earlier in the session, and now moves to the Senate floor.

Price, a Greenwood Republican, said the General Assembly needs to adhere to the state Constitution.

"How can we make a promise or commitment as a Legislature or (as) the governor for a decade down the road? I don't think we can do that," Price said. "I think that's bad policy."

The Indiana Department of Transportation is analyzing comments and suggestions provided by the public earlier this year, with plans to have public meetings again in May, said Will Wingfield, a spokesman for the department.

The state has not identified a cost estimate for funding for the sixth section. The fourth section, which extends the road from Crane to Bloomington, is expected to be completely open to traffic by the end of this year.

The fifth section, which is being paid through a public-private partnership, is set to open by the end of 2018.

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Governor,

Attached is a brief by IU Health on the need for a needle exchange program in Indiana to combat Hepatitis C. High incidences of Hepatitis C, of course, suggest that HIV is not far behind.

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Syringe Exchange:
Indicators of Need & Success

March 2015

The recent outbreak of HIV in southern Indiana among injection drug users brings attention to the lack of a strong public health system in these communities.

Syringe exchange programs (SEPs) are part of a comprehensive public health response to HIV and Hepatitis C.[1] Key indicators of need for SEPs include reported Hepatitis C, and injection drug use. CDC indicates that between 50-90% of people with HCV are co-infected with HIV.

SEPs are cost effective, because they reduce Hepatitis C and HIV among injection drug users. Evidence-based programs link SEPs tightly with HIV testing, antiretroviral treatment and substance abuse treatment.

Dr. Beth Meyerson, Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention, Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington

Hepatitis C & Heroin Use: Surrogate Indicators

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) has increased in Indiana since 2011. There have been 15,709 reported cases of acute and chronic HCV from 2011-2013.[2] Urban and rural communities are affected. Communities with state prisons may have additional public health system needs due to the number of HCV cases among prison populations.

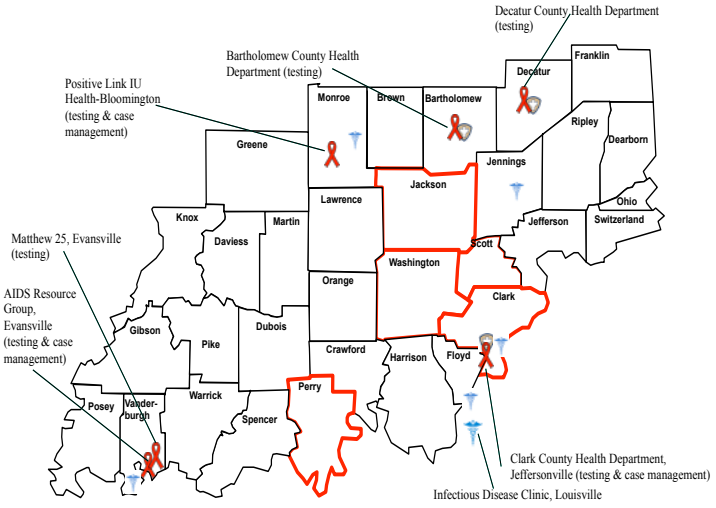
Heroin: From 2001-2011 there was a significant increase in reported heroin use among Hoosiers (most recent trend data available). Of those admitted for substance abuse treatment, 9% reported heroin as their primary drug in 2011. This is significantly higher than in 2007 (2.9%).[3]

Youth: In 2011, 2.9% of Indiana youth (9-12th grades) reported using heroin at least once.[4] Nationally, there is evidence of an increase of HCV among young, heroin-injecting drug users who first used oral prescription opioid drugs.[5]

Public Health System: Necessary for SEP Success

Preventive health services such as HIV screening, HIV treatment and substance abuse treatment are critical components to SEPs. System investment is necessary. Prior to the outbreak, southern Indiana counties had limited access to HIV testing, HIV treatment and affordable substance abuse treatment (see inset). The closest infectious disease treatment clinic is in Louisville, KY.

HIV Testing, Case Management and Treatment Resources in Region



Acute and Chronic Hepatitis C in Indiana Counties 2011-2013

An analysis of publicly available reported cases of acute and chronic HCV by county for 2011, 2012 and 2013 suggests the following: (see attached table)

- Both rural and urban communities are affected by HCV. Those in **quartile 4** merit attention to their public health systems to assure early HCV and HIV screening; and linkage to HIV, HCV and substance abuse treatment.
- Counties with state prisons that report HCV cases likely have unique public health system needs to assure coordinated services.
- Rates of HCV (cases per 100,000 population) indicate more about the impact of HCV in communities than case counts do, and they allow comparison between and among communities.
- Scott County, the center of the current HIV outbreak, ranks among the top 3 counties for rates of acute and chronic hepatitis C.
- Wayne, Fayette and Henry counties, also in quartile 4, experienced a rapid increase of acute HCV among young injection drug users in early in 2011.[6]

Methodology

The state of Indiana publishes combined reported cases for acute and chronic HCV by year for each county. While HCV case rates are usually calculated for acute HCV, both types are associated with HIV. Thus, rates for the combined acute and chronic reported cases were calculated per 100,000 population to allow for county comparison.

Recommendations

- Separate analyses of county level reported acute and chronic Hepatitis C is recommended to allow comparison with the nationally published acute HCV annual rates.
- Identification of current HCV screening and reporting systems will be necessary to understand public health system capacity and preparedness.

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Cases and Rates of Acute and Chronic Hepatitis C by Indiana County 2011-2013
(Quartiles based on 3-year county median rate)

	3-year median case rate (per 100,000 population)	2011 Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	2011 Reported Cases	2012 Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	2012 Reported Cases	2013 Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	2013 Reported Cases
Quartile 1							
Benton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	-	-	-	-	-	116.0	7
Warren	-	-	-	95.4	8	-	-
Whitley	18.1	15.0	5	33.1	11	18.1	6
Wells	19.9	21.6	6	18.1	5	-	-
Hamilton	21.5	21.5	61	28.0	81	15.2	45
Steuben	26.4	26.4	9	26.4	9	17.5	6
Noble*	27.4	29.5	14	16.9	8	27.4	13
White	28.7	-	-	24.6	6	32.8	8
Adams	28.8	32.0	11	23.3	8	28.8	10
Posey	31.3	31.2	8	31.3	8	31.4	8
Kosciusko	32.1	27.1	221	43.8	34	32.1	25
Carroll	32.3	-	-	39.8	8	24.9	5
Johnson*	32.5	32.5	46	41.8	60	30.2	44
Huntington	34.2	37.7	14	34.2	13	16.3	6
LaGrange	34.5	-	-	34.5	13	-	-
Dubois	35.5	35.5	15	38.0	16	28.4	12
Marshall	36.2	36.2	17	36.2	17	19.1	9
Elkhart	36.3	36.3	72	43.7	87	25.4	51
DeKalb	37.9	54.2	23	37.9	16	33.1	14
St. Joseph*	38.2	38.2	102	60.0	160	37.9	101
Porter	38.7	38.7	64	45.9	76	25.8	43
Quartile 2							
Pike	39.5	39.2	5	47.0	6	39.5	5
Hancock	41.2	41.2	29	53.8	38	32.4	23
Fountain	41.5	46.7	8	35.1	6	41.5	7
Jasper	41.9	41.9	14	47.8	16	36.0	12
Bartholomew	43.1	55.4	43	43.1	34	41.5	33
Daviess	43.2	68.1	22	34.2	11	43.2	14
Vermillion	43.5	43.5	7	43.9	7	37.8	6
Knox	44.7	46.8	18	44.7	17	34.2	13
Tippecanoe	44.9	53.9	93	44.9	80	24.9	45
Orange	45.7	35.2	7	45.7	9	50.6	10
Gibson	47.7	47.7	16	38.9	13	47.7	16
Spencer	48.0	52.2	11	33.6	7	48.0	10

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	3-year median case rate (per 100,000 population)	Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	Reported Cases	Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	Reported Cases	Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	Reported Cases
Quartile 2 (continued)							
Fulton	48.7	-	-	43.6	9	53.8	11
Pulaski	49.9	-	-	38.3	5	61.5	8
Clay	50.2	48.3	13	52.1	14	-	-
Allen*	51.3	51.3	184	63.2	228	39.1	142
Sullivan	51.8	75.3	16	51.8	11	33.0	7
Cass*	51.9	66.8	26	43.9	17	51.9	20
Decatur	53.7	54.1	14	53.7	14	22.9	6
Owen	54.1	-	-	56.2	12	52.0	11
Boone	55.3	55.3	32	69.4	41	44.6	27
Harrison	56.3	89.2	35	51.1	20	56.3	22
Crawford	56.6	56.5	6	93.9	10	56.6	6
Quartile 3							
Wabash*	58.6	61.0	20	58.6	19	40.2	13
Franklin	60.9	60.9	14	108.7	25	43.6	10
Warrick	62.4	62.4	29	71.2	43	52.5	32
Lake	63.1	65.7	325	63.1	311	51.5	253
Starke	64.7	60.3	14	64.7	15	68.9	16
Monroe	64.8	64.8	91	71.5	101	35.9	51
Greene	66.4	66.4	22	118.1	39	54.9	18
Shelby	67.6	67.6	30	78.9	35	44.9	20
Rush	70.5	40.4	7	75.9	13	70.5	12
Perry*	71.8	102.7	20	61.8	12	71.8	14
Floyd	73.1	81.4	61	73.1	55	71.0	54
Ripley	73.1	73.1	21	70.1	20	116.1	33
Morgan	73.4	66.5	46	85.2	59	73.4	51
Jefferson*	73.8	68.4	22	98.4	32	73.8	24
Washington	75.2	88.7	25	75.2	21	46.8	13
Switzerland	75.7	75.7	8	57.7	6	142.5	15
Howard	75.9	90.5	75	75.9	63	62.7	52
Tipton	76.0	75.7	12	76.2	12	-	-
Grant	84.0	91.9	64	62.1	43	84.0	58
Clinton	84.7	84.7	28	87.9	29	57.7	19
Lawrence	86.8	86.8	40	76.0	35	91.6	42
Marion*	87.9	94.0	856	87.9	807	54.3	504
Montgomery	89.2	140.8	54	86.4	33	89.2	34

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		2011		2012		2013	
	3-year median case rate (per 100,000 population)	Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	Reported Cases	Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	Reported Cases	Case Rate (per 100,000 population)	Reported Cases
Quartile 4							
Madison*	89.8	104.5	137	89.8	117	53.7	70
LaPorte*	90.9	98.0	109	90.9	101	55.7	62
Brown	92.9	-	-	92.9	14	-	-
Union	95.4	66.9	5	95.4	7	95.8	7
Clark*	96.6	91.5	102	99.1	111	96.6	109
Martin	107.5	116.6	12	-	-	98.4	10
Miami*	109.7	161.3	59	109.7	40	85.8	31
Jackson	110.5	142.1	61	106.9	46	110.5	48
Vanderburgh	116.2	136.5	246	116.2	210	83.2	151
Dearborn	116.5	115.8	58	166.5	83	116.5	58
Randolph	119.2	119.2	31	123.9	32	78.0	20
Jay	121.7	51.5	11	121.7	26	135.1	29
Putnam*	124.1	124.1	47	124.7	47	64.0	24
Delaware	129.5	91.7	108	130.4	153	129.5	152
Henry*	135.8	135.8	67	162.4	80	108.1	53
Jennings	141.9	141.9	40	141.9	40	74.3	21
Vigo	150.5	150.5	163	173.1	188	116.3	126
Wayne	179.5	156.9	108	190.2	103	179.5	122
Blackford	223.1	173.5	22	223.1	28	232.2	29
Fayette	250.4	302.1	73	250.4	60	213.9	51
Scott	259.9	267.3	64	176.1	42	259.9	62
Hendricks*	526.9	526.9	783	552.0	841	489.4	752
Parke*	1468.0	1413.3	242	1472.7	252	1468.0	253
Indiana	**87.5**	**87.8**	**5719**	**87.5**	**5718**	**67.6**	**4445**

*Includes cases reported from Indiana Department of Corrections facilities in these counties

**Annual rates for counties with suppressed cases (less than <5) were not calculated

***Hepatitis C case counts published by the state of Indiana include combined reported acute and chronic hepatitis C cases

From: Mike
Sent: Fri 5/01/2015 2:31 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Hill, John (GOV)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>, "Brothersbridge, Tonya J" <TBrothersBridge@lg.IN.gov>, "Keefer, Sean (GOV)" <skeefer@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Bird Flu Infecting Domestic Poultry Population

John
Thanks for the report.
Stay on it.
I want to have a strong response if this manifests in Indiana
Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2015, at 9:33 AM, "Hill, John (GOV)" <jhill@gov.in.gov> wrote:

> Governor:
> Nationally, we are seeing the return of migratory birds. These birds are infecting domestic poultry farms in 18 states (Indiana is **not yet** one of them) with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). We are monitoring this situation very closely. The LG's staff is also very engaged for the agriculture implications.
>
> - Dr. Bret Marsh, (head of the Board of Animal Health) is outstanding and is really leaning into this effort, participating in national calls and forums should Indiana be faced with the situation. David Kane is working closely with him.
> - Ted McKinney and his team are doing aggressive outreach to the poultry association and farmers in our state to keep them informed.
> - My purpose in writing you is to alert you that in Wisconsin they have activated the National Guard because resources nationwide are in very short supply to help with de-populating poultry farms with infected flocks. I've notified the National Guard of this and planning is underway should there be a need.
> - Governors in Minnesota and Wisconsin have declared a state of emergency to deal with the situation. (In MN 3.4 million bird infections and WI has 1.6 million)
> - Iowa has not declared such an emergency but has a huge effort underway with de-populating poultry farms (9.9 million birds). To illustrate the significance of this outbreak, Iowa produces 20% of all eggs consumed in the US.
> - Several of our state agencies are doing planning in the event Indiana is confronted with this problem.
> - No incidences of human infection in the US have yet been found but CDC is monitoring it closely and developing a human vaccine for this strain of the virus. There is no known ***animal*** vaccine for this virus strain.
> - Indiana's BOAH has statutory authority to indemnify producers for their losses, but the USDA is currently covering all indemnity costs.
> - At next Wednesday's meeting of the Counter Terrorism Security Council meeting, there will be a briefing given about this matter.
>
> Will keep you informed of any developments in Indiana.

John

From: Mike
Sent: Sat 5/09/2015 11:42 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "SMMB (OS/IOS)" <SMMB@hhs.gov>
Cc:
Bcc: "Jim Atterholt COS" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: Re: Just Checking In

Sylvia,

Thank you for the email and the call. I appreciate all the support which CDC=
and HHS have provided. Our team has informed me of good support and collabo=
ration from the outset of this epidemic and I am grateful for your personal a=
ttention and your prayers.

We are encouraged by the progress in identifying and treating those affected=
in Scott County but there is much work to be done.

I am enroute to China on a trade mission for the next week but am available b=
y email if you need to reach me. I just wanted to drop you a note to express=
my appreciation on behalf of the people of Indiana.

Thanks again.
Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 25, 2015, at 12:56 PM, "SMMB (OS/IOS)" <SMMB@hhs.gov> wrote:
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> Governor,
>
> I have been staying close to CDC and their work to support your team in In=
diana on the HIV issue and I thought I would just check in with you to make s=
ure that you all have all the support you need. Let me know if there is mor=
e that might help.
>
> Holding the team that is working on this and those that have contracted HI=
V in my prayers.
>
> Best,
>
> Sylvia
>
> Sent from my iPad

From: Gilson, Katie
Sent: Tue 4/14/2015 8:48 AM (GMT-04:00)
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Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Morning Clips- April 14, 2015

GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

Governor applauds announcement of career technical education summit
Green County Daily World
The Indiana Region 8 Works Council announces the First Annual CTE Summit to be held at West Gate Academy April 10. The Indiana Works councils were created to further Governor Pence's ideals of technical training options which encourage all students to achieve by providing opportunity for success whether they want to go to college, learn a trade, or start their career right out of high school. The councils work to provide a path to skill attainment and employment that involves the secondary and postsecondary educational system, which are the biggest areas of public investment producing the largest numbers of talent supply for a region.

Chicago Tech Company picks Indy
Inside Indiana Business
Geofeedia, Inc., a location-based social media monitoring platform, announced plans today to expand its operations here, creating up to 336 new jobs by 2020.
"The entrepreneurial spirt is alive and well in Indiana," said Governor Mike Pence. "That entrepreneurial spirt today is boosting a tech sector in our state that keeps adding jobs. And with Indiana adding 1,700 private sector jobs in February alone, its companies like Geofeedia that keep Indiana outpacing the nation in growth."

Pence statement portrays contention over state budgets
IN Daily Student
The Indiana Senate's recommended state budget for the next two years, released last week, has received criticism from Gov. Mike Pence for its approach to education.

Bill allowing I-69 to cut through Perry Township heads to Pence
Indy Star
A bill that would allow -69 to run through Perry Township along the Ind. 37 corridor is headed to Gov. Mike Pence's desk after the Senate approved it Monday over the objections of lawmakers from that area. Pence would not say through a spokeswoman Monday whether he plans to sign the measure.

County, state focused on prenatal care, reducing infant deaths
Shelbyville News
With one of the worst infant mortality rates in America, Indiana and Shelby County officials are looking to not only improve on that, but are informing pregnant mothers about the need for prenatal care...First Lady Karen Pence and the Indiana Department of Health kicked off its "Labor of Love" campaign earlier this year.

LEGISLATURE
State plans to spend millions to repair image after RFRA
Indy Star
Indiana's economic development and tourism agencies announced Monday they have hired global PR firm Porter Novelli to help rebuild the state's image in the wake of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act debacle.

Senate stalls discussion on repeal of construction wage law
Wane
Indiana Senate leaders chose to postpone discussion Monday on a proposal that would repeal the state's law that sets wages for public construction projects, just hours after thousands of contractors and union members rallied against the measure at the Statehouse.

Union workers fill Statehouse lawn to protest proposed common construction repeal
The Statehouse File
More than a thousand Hoosier workers and contractors showed up to the Statehouse lawn on Monday waving signs urging lawmakers to not to repeal the state's common construction wage law.
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IN senate still combing through common wage repeal; vote coming Wednesday
Evansville Courier & Press
The Indiana Senate on Tuesday is set to consider changes to a controversial proposal to repeal an 80-year-old state law that serves as a way to set wages for public construction projects.
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Workers rally against IN construction wage law repeal
San Francisco Chronicle
Indiana Senate leaders chose to postpone discussion Monday on a proposal that would repeal the state's law that sets wages for public construction projects, just hours after thousands of contractors and union members rallied against the measure at the Statehouse.

Indiana senator waters down captive deer hunt bill
Indy Star
On Monday, a state senator significantly watered down a bill that could have vastly expanded hunting of farm-raised captive deer in Indiana. Sen. Susan Glick, R-LaGrange, added amendments to House Bill

1453 that cut out a provision that would have allowed any fenced hunting preserve larger than 160 acres to open.

House rejects delaying education board control change
Evansville Courier & Press
Republicans have defeated a proposal in the Indiana House to delay when Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz could be replaced as leader of the state Board of Education.
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Indiana agency hires outside firm to boost state's image
Evansville Courier & Press
When Indiana passed its Religious Freedom Restoration Act last month, the state found itself in the national spotlight mostly from critics who said the law allowed for discrimination against gays.
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Indiana hires PR firm after religious objections law flap
Chicago Tribune
Indiana's economic and tourism development agencies hired a public relations firm Monday to repair the damage to the state's reputation from a religious objections law that raised the specter of discrimination against gays and others.

Democrats: Indiana law shows federal LGBT protections are needed
Indy Star
Indiana Rep. Andre Carson and other Democrats said Monday they will push for federal legislation to prevent discrimination against gays and lesbians in states such as Indiana that lack broad nondiscrimination laws.

STATE AGENCIES
Pennsylvania Manufacturer growing in IN
Inside Indiana Business
Union Electric Steel, a producer in hardened steel, cast iron and cast steel rolls, announced plans today to expand its operations here, creating up to 35 new jobs by 2017.

IDEM to honor Greencastle
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will present the City of Greencastle with a CLEAN Community award at a ceremony Tuesday evening at City Hall. The Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge (CLEAN) is a free voluntary recognition program that recognizes and rewards Indiana cities, towns, and counties for proactively managing environmental impacts associated with governmental operations. CLEAN stands for Comprehensive Local Environmental Action Network.

BMV reminds owners of scooters, mopeds to register vehicles
Evansville Courier & Press
Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Kent Abernathy is reminding Indiana residents that state law requires owners of low-speed mopeds and scooters to register their vehicles. The new law that went into effect Jan. 1 requires owners of mopeds or scooters with engines smaller than 50 cubic centimeters to have a registration, a license plate and an Indiana identification card. They also must pass a test

identifying street signs. Abernathy says that as of mid-April, the BMV has registered nearly 9,000 motor driven cycles. He says he expects more people to be out on the road as the weather turns warmer.

19 injured in Indiana crash involving Megabus on I-65
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana State Police say 19 people sustained non-life-threatening injuries when a Megabus collided into the back of a stopped semi-truck on Interstate 65.

AROUND INDIANA
Grocery stores to sell Holiday World ice cream
Inside Indiana Business
With only two weeks remaining until the new Thunderbird roller coaster opens at Holiday World, an edible version is rolling into grocery stores in 27 states...Farmer-owned Prairie Farms Dairy is headquartered in Carlinville, Illinois. Prairie Farms will distribute Thunderbird Ice Cream as part of its "Critics' Choice" series of specialty ice cream.

"On my way Pre K' Applications due
Inside Indiana Business
On My Way Pre-K applications are due to Community Action of Northeast Indiana (CANI) by April 30 at 5:00 p.m. in order to qualify for free prekindergarten education. Awarded grants will cover free, high-quality, prekindergarten education through the On My Way Pre-K program.

Pipeline replacement work underway
Inside Indiana Business
Vectren Energy Delivery (Vectren) crews and contract crews have begun the process of replacing gas mains and service lines throughout the state as part of the company's pipeline replacement program, which is a multi-year program to replace about 1,300 miles of bare steel and cast iron pipeline infrastructure in nearly 75 cities or towns in Indiana. This year, 31 cities will be impacted, and crews will replace 77 miles through a more than $40 million investment.

Church recommits to 2017 Indy convention after law flap
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A denomination that pulled a convention from Indianapolis amid the furor over a new Indiana religious objections law that raised the specter of discrimination against gays and others is bringing the meeting back to the city after the law was amended.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Program aims to aid rural IN communities
Inside Indiana Business
Indiana's application to become part of the national Stronger Economies Together (SET) initiative has been approved. The program is targeted primarily to rural counties and communities in the state. Overall leadership for SET is being provided by Purdue University Extension, the Purdue Center for Regional Development and the Indiana office of USDA Rural Development.

EDITORIAL
Time for IN to take next step on equal rights
NWI Times

During a second private bill signing in a week, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence approved changes to the now notorious Religious Freedom Restoration Act, finally spelling out that discrimination by businesses against homosexuals will not be condoned as part of the new law.

Union workers fill Statehouse lawn to protest proposed common construction repeal

By Andi Ten Barge

TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS – More than a thousand Hoosier workers and contractors showed up to the Statehouse lawn on Monday waving signs urging lawmakers to not to repeal the state's common construction wage law.

House Bill 1019 would eliminate a system that lets local boards set wages for contractors who work on projects worth more than $350,000. Opponents of the system say that leads to higher wages – often union wages – on projects, which costs taxpayers more money.

Supporters of the common construction wage say it ensures quality workers and helps Indiana families earn higher paychecks

"I'm here for my family and I want to make sure I can take care of them from now and into the future," Dane Yagelski, a Union Local 81 laborer said. "The training that these people get to get the jobs that they have, you can't put a price tag on that."

Yagelski was among the workers who crowded around to the south steps of the Statehouse, where inside, lawmakers have been debating the legislation since January.

They chanted and cheered as union and political leaders chastised Republicans for pushing legislation they say will hurt workers.

Later, Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, a sponsor of the legislation, said he hasn't seen evidence in other states that suggest repealing the wage would lower the quality of work. He said his caucus plans to present an amendment that will address training programs for workers.

"We think that creates a level playing field to ensure that workers remain trained on the latest techniques on building construction," Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, said.

HB 1019 was on the calendar for the Senate session on Monday, but Senate President Pro Tempore, David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said possible changes to the bill are still under discussion. The Senate will consider amendments on Tuesday.

Indiana Senate still combing through common wage repeal; vote coming Wednesday

Chelsea Schneider

The Indiana Senate on Tuesday is set to consider changes to a controversial proposal to repeal an 80-year-old state law that serves as a way to set wages for public construction projects.

Debate on a proposed repeal of the common construction wage comes as the General Assembly faces a critical deadline this week for bills to pass out of their second chamber. That means by Wednesday, House bills must pass the Senate, and Senate bills must pass the House to either go to Gov. Mike Pence for consideration or advance to a conference committee, where lawmakers decide a bill's final language.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long said on Monday that Republicans were still wading through amendments for the common construction wage repeal.

"We're talking it through right now," said Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, "so there's just more work to be done on it."

Thousands of contractors and union members stood on the lawn of the Indiana Statehouse on Monday to protest the proposed repeal of the common construction wage. The push for the repeal comes three years after Indiana became a right-to-work state, which made it illegal for a union to charge nonmembers dues and fees associated with the cost of representation.

Supporters of the repeal argue that allowing the free market to dictate wages for public projects would offer protection to taxpayers in the state. But opponents say doing away with the ability of a local board to set wages for projects would work to lower wages and detract young people from entering trades.
Participants of the Indiana Building Contractors Alliance's rally held signs and cheered as speakers, which included contractors from across the state, decried the proposed repeal. The rally brought Evansville residents to the Statehouse, including Dixie Springer, a representative of Laborers' International Union Local 561.
"What we are wanting them to do is not mess with the common wage," Springer said. "The thing is, when they reduce the common wage, we will get contractors from all over the country coming here."
Springer noted the children attending the rally, describing them as the "coming generation."
"They will be working for minimum wage if this doesn't get turned around," Springer said.
Under the law, a local board meets to determine a baseline wage for public construction projects involving local and state dollars. Membership on the board includes local residents, a representative of the AFL-CIO and the Associated Builders and Contractors.
As the rally got underway, Pence took to his campaign Twitter account to say he was leading the fight to repeal the common construction wage. The Republican governor argued that "common construction wages drive up costs for Indiana taxpayers," turning the system "into a tax dollar sinkhole."
The bill also sets a number of requirements on contractors, including barring them from paying employees in cash on public works projects.
Senators could consider a number of potential amendments to the legislation on Tuesday. One proposed amendment requires that the state study the effects of repealing the wage. Another would send the proposed repeal of the wage to a study committee, effectively pushing any talks of a repeal back.
The Senate is expected vote on the issue on Wednesday.
The Senate also will take up amendments Tuesday to the state's proposed $31 billion budget that will cover state spending for the next two years.
While the Senate moved action on the common construction wage and the budget to Tuesday, the chamber on Monday passed a bill to remove a almost decade-old state law that bars an Interstate 69 section from entering a suburban Indianapolis township. Lifting the Perry Township restriction — providing the ability for the road to follow Indiana 37 into Indianapolis — passed the chamber, 31-19, and now goes to Pence's desk.
State Sen. Vaneta Becker, an Evansville Republican, asked her colleagues to pass the bill, saying she believed the Perry Township restriction that went into law in 2006 likely went against the state's Constitution.
"This bill doesn't say 'go that route,'" Becker said. "It allows the (Indiana Department of Transportation) to do their job and to explore all options."

Indiana agency hires outside firm to boost state's image

Susan Orr

When Indiana passed its Religious Freedom Restoration Act last month, the state found itself in the national spotlight — mostly from critics who said the law allowed for discrimination against gays.
Now, the Indiana Economic Development Corp. has retained an outside public relations agency, Porter Novelli, to help bolster the Hoosier State's image.
The timing is no coincidence, says Chris Cotterill, an executive vice president at the IEDC.
Cotterill said Monday's announcement signifies that the Hoosier State will take its branding campaign "to the next level." He acknowledged that RFRA played a part in this decision.
"The debate about RFRA has affected that," he said.
"More people in Indiana are realizing that it makes sense to talk about the reputation of Indiana."

State officials had talked for a while of doing more widespread branding for Indiana, Cotterill said, and the recent RFRA debate made it clear that such a campaign is needed.
"The more recent events have put a nice solid period at the end of that sentence," Cotterill said.
The IEDC and the Indiana Office of Tourism Development will collaborate as the lead state agencies in the effort.
It's too early to say what the campaign will look like or exactly how much it will cost, Cotterill said.
Campaign costs will come out of the IEDC's budget.
" t's our intention to give a full reporting of that once we have our hands around the full scope of it."
Phil Mowrey, creative director at Evansville ad agency Daniel Burton Dean, said he'd been waiting to see who was hired to help the state recover from RFRA fallout.
" ndiana's current problem was such a shock to the national audience, and it may have reinforced some deeply held, nearly forgotten beliefs about the antique naiveté of the Midwest. Certainly,
Indiana's RFRA debacle will be less a part of the news cycle in weeks, but the lasting effects to commerce will take years to truly forget," Mowrey wrote in an emailed response to the Courier & Press.
Indiana's legislators signed a clarification to RFRA on April 2, adding language that says the law can't be used as a mechanism to refuse services to any member of the public.
That clarification helped defuse things, said Greg Wathen, the president and chief executive officer at the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana.
Even so, Wathen said, the RFRA debate might make it harder to recruit out-of-state workers or businesses.
"We may never know the full extent of the damage," Wathen said.
But now that Indiana has captured national attention, Wathen said, the state could use this to its advantage.
" t's a chance to help redefine us, or more clearly define us," said Wathen, who worked in crisis public relations earlier in his career. "Things work out in mysterious ways."
Not everyone reacted positively to Monday's news.
Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, released a statement following
the IEDC's announcement. "Here's an idea to mend our state's image that doesn't cost a dime: Outlaw discrimination and guarantee protections for sexual orientation and gender identity by amending our state's Civil Rights Act," Lanane's statement said in part.
"Tuesday, we'll offer an amendment to take the next step. We'll commit to studying how Indiana will work to make the LGBT community a protected class."

House rejects delaying education board control change

Republicans have defeated a proposal in the Indiana House to delay when Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz could be replaced as leader of the state Board of Education.
House members voted 57-36 Monday to reject a Democratic amendment that would push back any change in the board leadership until after Ritz's current elected term ends in early 2017.
Republicans have pushed to allow the 10 board members appointed by Republican Gov. Mike Pence elect their own chairman, ending a decades-old law that made the state superintendent the board's leader.
Supporters of the change say it's needed to address dysfunction between Ritz and other board members.
House Republicans on Monday also voted down a Democratic proposal for statewide election of Board of Education members.

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Preschool is expanding, but practical challenges remain
Chalk Beat
Public funding for early childhood education in Indiana expanded once again today as Gov. Mike Pence announced the state's new preschool pilot would grow by nearly 600 more seats this fall.

Mike Pence, Republican Martyr
WND
The Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., issues a biennial fiscal policy report card for the nation's governors. The report grades governors on their success in streamlining state government and increasing economic vitality by cutting taxes and spending.

Additional grants to fund 600 more on my way pre-k spots
Indiana Public Media
Despite contention in many areas of Hoosier education these days, support continues on all sides for making early education a priority throughout Indiana. During an event at Wayne Township Preschool in Indianapolis, Gov. Mike Pence announced today the addition of nearly 600 spots for low-income four-year-olds in the fall launch of On My Way Pre-K, the state's first pre-k pilot program.

Gov. Pence visit highlights annual Republican dinner
The Brazil Times
Indiana is on the road to prosperity, Gov. Mike Pence told a sold out crowd of nearly 200 at this town's United Methodist church Thursday night.

Top Hoosier leaders visit valley

My Wabash Valley
Indiana Governor Mike Pence, Congressman Larry Bucshon, State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, and State Auditor Suzanne Crouch were at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in Centerpoint, in Clay County, Indiana.

Broadband bills move forward
Inside Indiana Business
HEA 1101 sets guidelines for how the center can declare a local government unit as "broadband ready" once that municipality creates application review and permitting procedures for communications projects.

Gov. Pence expected to sign construction wage bill quickly
The Statehouse File
Republicans won another battle against unions Thursday, passing a bill they say will save taxpayers money on public projects.
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Indiana poll: Mike Pence's ratings drop after 'religious freedom' law
Politico
The "religious freedom" law signed by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has taken a toll on the potential presidential candidate's image in his home state, according to a poll released Thursday that shows most Hoosiers think the law was not necessary.

LEGISLATURE
Revenue forecast means less for budget
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana lawmakers will have to cut the proposed state budget by about $213 million after learning Thursday that state tax collections will be less than expected in the next two years.

Future of needle exchange bill is uncertain in Senate
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The leader of the Indiana Senate says he's uncertain how his chamber will vote on a proposal to legalize needle-exchange programs.

Governor gets bill offering immunity to volunteer doctors, nurses
The Statehouse File
The House sent Gov. Mike Pence a bill that provides civil immunity to volunteer healthcare workers.
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House sends wage repeal to Pence
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana House voted 54-40 after a somewhat testy debate Thursday to end Indiana's 80-year-old common construction wage law.

House sends construction wage repeal to Pence
NWI Times
Barely 24 hours after the Senate narrowly approved legislation repealing Indiana's common construction wage, the House voted 54-40 Thursday to advance the measure to Republican Gov. Mike Pence, who is expected to sign it into law.

House votes to end common construction wage law
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Sen. Long not worried about possible challenge to Gov. Pence from own party
ABC
Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long was asked if a possible run in 2016 from Angie's List CEO William Oesterle could split the Republican Party..."I think his company's not doing very well, maybe he's looking for something else to do," Long said. " don't know. But, I have no opinion on Bill. I just don't know him. And I really don't think he's any kind of a force out there in the world of the Republican Party. Maybe he's going to run as a Democrat. I don't know."

STATE AGENCIES
Crouch to deliver commencement address
Inside IN Business
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) celebrates its 177th commencement on May 2, 2015. The traditional baccalaureate mass begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Approximately 90 students are expected to participate in the commencement ceremony, which will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center, Hamilton Arena.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Gary lands hundreds of jobs
Inside Indiana Business
Today, City of Gary officials announced the expansion of Edsal, an industrial furniture manufacturer, into the Gary area. Scheduled to be located at 700 Chase St. (Chicago Steel Building), company leaders estimate that nearly 300 jobs will be available to Gary residents over the next couple of months with some slated to start as soon as May.

EDITORIAL
Multiple benefits
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
It wasn't intended as an antidote to the state's divisive religious freedom law, but House Bill 1015 can serve as one.

Sirota: Companies' pro-equality rhetoric belied by their campaign donations
Richmond Times Dispatch
Corporate America recently appeared to take a rare stand on principle. After Gov. Mike Pence, R-Ind., signed a law permitting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, various companies expressed outrage and tried to position themselves as bold defenders of social justice.

Gov. Pence expected to sign construction wage bill quickly
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IND ANAPOLIS – Republicans won another battle against unions Thursday, passing a bill they say will save taxpayers money on public projects.
Gov. Mike Pence is expected to sign House Bill 1019 into law quickly, which will eliminate an 80-year-old system that lets local governments and schools set wage floors for projects that often favored union companies.
"Here we go again," said Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, "We're talking about getting rid of something that's been fruitful for all of us in this great state…I just wonder why we're doing this."
But Republicans say the answer is easy: It will mean cheaper projects.
"This is a common sense change" that helps taxpayers, said Rep. Martin Carbaugh, R-Fort Wayne. "It's their money, not ours."
The House voted 54-40 to accept changes made by the Senate and send the bill to the governor's office.
Under current law, local governments and schools convene a five-member board to set minimum wages for projects. The board has representation from both union and non-union contractors and the wage floor is often – but not always – set at union scales.
The bill eliminates that system and instead sets some minimum state standards for contractors that include provisions for training, citizenship verification of workers, and a ban on cash payments to workers. The bill also requires companies to prequalify to bid on public projects.
Supporters say the bill should open projects to more competition from union and non-union companies and could reduce the cost of those projects by as much as 20 percent. But critics say it won't save taxpayers' money and will reduce wages at a time when Indiana's per capita income is already trailing the rest of the nation.
The bill's author, Rep. Jerry Torr, R-Carmel, said both those critiques can't be correct. He said if the bill won't save money, then workers won't be making less.
" It doesn't make any sense," Torr said. "It defies logic."
Torr acknowledged the bill has some problems with the language about the training programs and said they will be fixed in another bill, probably the budget. That prompted Democrats to call for Republicans to postpone Thursday's vote and send the bill to a conference committee to amend the language now.
Or even better, said Rep. Christina Hale, D-Indianapolis, send the issue to a summer study committee and address it next year.
"Where's the fire?" she asked. "Why do we need to push this legislation now?"
But Rep. Todd Huston, R-Fishers, said there's no reason to wait.
"This is a very, very simple important bill," Huston said. "This prioritizes our commitment to taxpayers."
Pence has already announced that he'll sign the common construction bill when it gets to his desk.

EMS workers would get death benefit under bill headed to governor
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IND ANAPOLIS – A bill that provides payments to the families of emergency medical responders who die in the line of the duty is headed to Gov. Mike Pence for approval.
The House approved the bill 85-0 on Thursday.
The bill by Rep. Karlee Macer, D-Indianapolis, establishes the Public Safety Officer Special Death Benefit Fund. It will pay $150,000 to the beneficiaries of EMS employees who lose their lives on the job.
"Current state laws are unclear as to whether or not EMS providers are eligible for the death benefit like police and firefighters," Macer said in a statement about the bill. "This legislation gives EMS workers some peace of mind knowing, that if the unthinkable were to happen, their families and children won't be left behind by the state."
EMS providers are seven times more likely to be killed in the line of duty than other public safety officers, Macer said. Violent acts and automobile accidents largely contribute to this number.
Under House Bill 1080, the employers of EMS providers would have to pay $100 annually per employee to ensure qualification for the death benefit. Payment for the coverage would then be deposited into the Public Safety Officer Special Death Benefit Fund.

Governor gets bill offering immunity to volunteer doctors, nurses

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IND ANAPOLIS – The House sent Gov. Mike Pence a bill that provides civil immunity to volunteer healthcare workers.
House Bill 1145, authored by Rep. David Frizzell, R-Indianapolis, is meant to encourage doctors, nurses and other providers to volunteer their services. The bill does not give civil immunity for events that may occur due to property or safety issues.
HB 1145 requires the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency to create a health care volunteer registry where volunteer providers will be listed and may be approved for a location where they can be immune from liability for up to two years.
Under the bill volunteers must provide certain records and results on patients, and patients must sign a document that signifies they are aware the provider has civil immunity.

Controversial vaping bill headed to Pence for consideration

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IND ANAPOLIS – The makers and sellers of e-liquids used for vaping and electronic cigarettes would face licensing and new regulations under legislation moving to Gov. Mike Pence for consideration.
House Bill 1432 bans the sale of e-liquids to minors and requires manufacturers to get a permit from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission before bottling or selling. Businesses would pay $1,000 for the permit, which would be good for five years. Renewals would cost $500.
The legislation also requires manufactures to use specified safety equipment and childproof caps and provide extra security where the e-liquid is manufactured.
Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-Middlebury, and Rep. Kevin Mahan, R-Hartford City, spent months working with e-liquid manufacturers on the bill. Yoder said last week that the final language is fair and balanced and brings security and legitimacy into the e-liquid field.
But some manufactures and retailers have said the regulations are too onerous and will drive some mom-and-pop shops out of business.
The House passed the bill 73-14 on Thursday after the Senate approved it 33-15 the previous week.
Pence can sign the bill into law, veto it or let it become law without his signature.

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WISH Honors 'I love read' challenge participants

TVNEWSCHECK

For a quarter century, Media General's CW affiliate WISH Indianapolis (DMA 27) has challenged Central Indiana students to read more through the "I Love to Read" challenge. The 2015 winners and participants will be recognized Tuesday, April 21, at The Children's Museum at 10:30 a.m. WISH anchors Eric Halvorson and Lori Wilson will emcee the ceremony with special guest, Indiana First Lady Karen Pence.

Pence signs bill to expand use of heroin overdose antidote

The Statehouse File

Gov. Mike Pence has signed a bill that's meant to help save drug users who've overdosed on heroin or other narcotic.

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Pence inks signature on new laws

NWI Times

With the Indiana General Assembly set to complete its work for the year April 29, the legislative process has begun shifting to the final step — Gov. Mike Pence signing measures approved by the House and Senate into law, or vetoing them.

LEGISLATURE

Legislators explain votes on RFRA

Goshen News

Questions regarding the state's contentious Religious Freedom Restoration Act had local legislators defending their votes during Saturday's Third House session in downtown Goshen.

State lawmakers have differing visions on ISTEP's future
NWI Times
The Indiana House and Senate are at odds over a proposal to scrap the much-maligned statewide standardized test that more than 400,000 students take each year.

Money for local corrections comes with strings
Goshen News
County officials have clamored for more money since the Legislature overhauled criminal sentencing to divert thousands of low-level offenders into local jails and corrections programs.

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STATE AGENCIES
Indiana consults with NY on HIV crisis
Capital New York
Indiana officials called New York State's health department for advice on how to deal with an H.I.V. epidemic currently plaguing Scott County, in the southeast corner of the state.

AROUND INDIANA
Indy pastor launches local 'Black Men Matter' campaign
Indy Star
In a quiet room filled with mahogany-, brown- and almond-colored faces, the men and boys — most younger than 18 — discussed their worth.

Business owners concerned over E-Cigarette regulations bill
Tristate Home Page
First of its kind legislation to regulate electronic cigarettes in Indiana is now on the desk of Governor Mike Pence. And that has some local business owners concerned.

Footwear maker wins business plan competition
Inside Indiana Business
The winning venture of the 15th annual McCloskey Business Plan Competition addressed a nearly universal need: comfortable shoes.

Joe Hogsett has $2.1 million for mayor's race. Ballard gave $400,000 to Brewer
Indy Star

Democratic mayoral candidate Joe Hogsett has a war chest of more than $2.1 million entering the May primary, dwarfing his Republican counterpart despite an injection of $400,000 from the campaign of outgoing Mayor Greg Ballard.

South Bend Cubs set attendance record
Inside Indiana Business
A franchise record crowd of 7,575 fans packed Four Winds Field to see the South Bend Cubs play the Great Lake Loons on Saturday evening, April 18 at Four Winds Field in South Bend.

EDITORIAL
LoBianco: Beneath RFRA politics, an 'unknown' challenge
Indy Star
The focus on Gov. Mike Pence's deep wounds after the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act debacle has been the clear, and properly dominant, storyline of Indiana politics the past few weeks. But whether his potential opponents (of either party) have any recognition among voters (and an ability to strike successfully next year) also bears some consideration.

People's voice on education dwindling
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The General Assembly seems determined to keep public input in check on education policy. In addition to diluting the authority of the elected superintendent of public instruction on the State Board of Education, the Senate version of the budget eliminates the once-effective Education Roundtable. Each measure diminishes the public's voice at the very time more input is needed.

Helping Indy's young black males required city- wide effort
Indy Star
Big community-wide problems require big community-wide solutions. Half measures just won't do.

Tell Pence no new building at state park
NWI Times
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources wants to put a brand new, three-story conference/banquet facility on the Indiana Dunes State Park beach right next to the iconic old pavilion building.

Rich James: 'Honest to goodness' doesn't work for Indiana
NWI Times
I knew it was a mistake a year or so ago when Indiana adopted the slogan: "Honest to Goodness, Indiana."

Pence signs bill to expand use of heroin overdose antidote

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TheStatehouseFile.com
INDIANAPOLIS Gov. Mike Pence has signed a bill that's meant to help save drug users who've overdosed on heroin or other narcotic.
Senate Bill 406 allows individuals to obtain and administer an overdose antidote known as Nalaxone or Narcan to have on hand in case a friend or family member overdoses.
Previously, the law only allowed health professional, police and emergency workers to administer the drug.
"With the rise of heroin addiction across our state, this important legislation will make available overdose intervention treatments and will save lives in Indiana," Pence said in a statement.

"Families, friends and loved ones struggling with the scourge of opioid addiction will now have access to life-saving medications that work immediately when administered and will help prevent the heartbreaking loss of life we hear about too often in the case of drug overdoses," he said.
The antidote comes in a filled syringe that doesn't have a needle and can be shot up a user's nose after an overdose.
Rep. Dan Forrestal, an Indianapolis firefighter who has seen the antidote used by first responders, has called it "nothing short of a miracle."
The drug has no known effects on someone who has not used heroin.
"The signing of this bill will save Hoosier lives," said Dr. Jerome Adams, commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health. "Many overdoses happen in the presence of others and readily available naloxone is a proven method for bystanders and loved ones provide rescue assistance. "
Data suggests that individuals whose lives are spared by overdose intervention drugs are more likely to seek treatment for their addiction, the governor's office said.

Indiana Legislature nearing deadline with unsettled issues

Indiana lawmakers face decisions on the new state budget and some other contentious issues with less than two weeks remaining in this year's legislative session.
Legislators return to the Statehouse on Monday still looking for agreements on topics such as whether to allow needle exchange programs in more counties in response to an HIV outbreak in southern Indiana.
Other unsettled issues include a proposal allowing the removal of Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz as leader of the State Board of Education and whether to allow live dealers for table games at two horse track casinos near Indianapolis.
Fiscal leaders also are working on changes to school funding that could shift money from many urban and rural districts with shrinking enrollments to those in growing suburban communities.

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Chelsea Schneider

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State Sen. Luke Kenley, the chamber's lead budget writer, said he thought the money was important in making sure the state doesn't lose its "good, strong and aggressive" image of being the right place to be.
"We thought that money would be helpful in making sure we address that issue," said Kenley, a Noblesville Republican, as he unveiled the Senate's budget plan.
While the price tag for mending the state's reputation following passage of the law is mounting, the political fallout is still a relative unknown for members of the Indiana General Assembly. However, a new poll released last week by Howey Politics Indiana begins to outline the impact for Gov. Mike Pence.

The poll by Howey Politics Indiana found 46 percent of respondents disapprove of the job Pence is doing as governor. The poll surveyed 607 registered voters in Indiana last week, following lawmakers clarifying that the law couldn't be used to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Comparatively, a poll released in the fall had Pence at a 62 percent approval rating.

But the long-term impact of the law may be too early to gauge, and could ride on lawmakers considering statewide protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Hoosiers during the next General Assembly session.

House Speaker Brian Bosma, an Indianapolis Republican, said he hasn't assessed the politica fallout, saying his focus remains on the remaining days of the legislative session.

"We are also quite a ways away from ary election in the near future," Bosma said. "So the next crisis wil occur. The next solution will be presented."

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, noted Senate Republicars have dealt with tough issues in the past and actually grew their numbers. But Long admitted he's never seen anything quite like what occurred over the "religious freedom" law.

"It's just an unfortunate circumstance that occurred," Long said. "We'll rebound from that, no problem. The whole state will. We certainly don't want to see anything like that happen again."

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Indiana First Lady Karen Pence to highlight agriculture, feed the hungry in fundraiser
CBS
Indiana First Lady Karen Pence spoke for the first time with CBS4's Debby Knox about her role she's played while her husband has been roundly criticized for several legislative burgles.

Campaign targets work force 'Surprises'
Inside Indiana Business
Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers and Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann gathered with representatives from business, higher education and the non-profit community to kick off Indiana's inaugural Career Ready campaign at the Indiana Statehouse Monday.

H.I.V. cases lead IN to extend needle exchanges
NY Times
Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana extended a needle exchange program for another 30 days on Monday as the number of H.I.V. cases linked to intravenous drug use in a rural county continued to grow, with new cases being reported almost daily.

Conservative Gov. Pence extends needle exchange in rural Indiana county with HIV outbreak
The Star Tribune
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence on Monday extended a needle exchange program in a rural, southern Indiana county to help combat an HIV outbreak, even though he generally opposes such programs.

New law allows for slower school speed zones
ABC

Drivers may soon have to hit the brakes a little harder in certain parts of the state. Governor Mike Pence signed a new law that will allow local governments to lower the speed limit in school zones.

LEGISLATURE

Miller says she's open to needle exchange legislation as So. Indiana HIV epidemic worsens
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A key Republican senator says she's open to needle exchange legislation but needs the go-ahead from her GOP caucus to sign on.
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At the Indiana Statehouse there are bills to give property tax breaks and hunting permits to veterans.
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Harris succeeds late husband in House
Inside Indiana Business
Donna Harris won approval of district precinct committee members this weekend.

Indiana legislature nearing deadline with unsettled issues
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana lawmakers face decisions on the new state budget and some other contentious issues with less than two weeks remaining in this year's legislative session.

Lawmakers still unsettled over more live casino dealers
Herald Times
The question of whether the two horse track casinos in central Indiana will be allowed to add live dealers for their current electronic table games remained unsettled Monday with little more than a week left in this year's legislative session.

Lawmaker renews efforts to require schools to teach cursive
IBJ
Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, added the measure to an education bill moving through the General Assembly last week after a cursive writing bill she sponsored earlier in the session failed.
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Students help raise awareness
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A safe-sex campaign targeting young people in Allen County comes when an HIV outbreak in Scott County is getting national attention.

STATE AGENCIES

A small railroad with big stakes in coal weighs in on Harding Street power plant
Indy Star
When Indianapolis Power & Light Co. announced plans last summer to stop burning coal at its huge Harding Street power plant, it won praise from neighbors, consumer groups and environmentalists.

Federal funds to help homeless veterans in area

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A state housing agency will receive nearly $272,000 in federal funds to find permanent homes for 55 homeless military veterans in northeast Indiana.

Plans for deadly Spencer County intersection to be unveiled
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana Department of Transportation officials plan to unveil their recommendations on how to improve a deadly Spencer County intersection during a meeting at Heritage Hills High School on April 30.
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National Guard faces lawsuit over handling of domestic abuse allegation
Indy Star
The woman who says a former top legal adviser to the Indiana National Guard broke her foot in a domestic dispute is now suing the Guard and its top commander, alleging they failed to adequately respond to her complaints.

AROUND INDIANA
Indiana donates for Afghanistan to honor boy treated in US
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The legacy of a 16-month-old Afghan boy who died a decade ago after returning home following heart surgery in Indianapolis is continuing to grow through the efforts of those who cared for him.

Firefighters convention begins in Indy
Inside IN Business
The convention is celebrating 20 years in Indianapolis. The organization first met in the city in 1995.

Program sweetens lemonade day
Inside IN Business
Ten lucky lemonade stand owners will have the opportunity to do business on Pagoda Plaza during Indianapolis 500 Qualifications Day on May 16, 2015. In partnership with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Lemonade Day Greater Indianapolis is sweetening the deal by pairing selected participants with Verizon IndyCar Series drivers, including three at the top of the current points standings.

Manchester launches women's impact project
Inside IN Business
Manchester University is offering opportunities to educate and empower women of northeast Indiana about ways to utilize their passions and leadership skills to make a difference in their businesses and communities in a speakers' series designed to fit today's busy lifestyle.

Rolls-Royce opens new facility
Inside IN Business
Rolls-Royce has opened its new advanced LiftWorks repair facility for fighter jet propulsion components in Plainfield, IN, near the company's facilities in Indianapolis, US.

Carly Fiorina visits Indy, seeks traction in crowded GOP presidential field
The Statehouse File
Possible presidential contender Carly Fiorina wouldn't say Monday how she thinks the GOP should choose which candidates will get to participate in the party's 2016 presidential debates.

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JOBS/ECONOMY

Anderson to host major job fair

Inside Inciana Business

Anderson Indiana will host the first major job fair in Madison County since 2013. The April 30th job fair will be held at Madison Park Church of God located at 6607 Providence Drive on Anderson's south side.

Bluffton Factory sells for over $20M

Inside Inciana Business

Stan Johnson Company, one of the nation's premier net lease brokerage firms, has completed the sale of a 100 percent fee simple interest in an industrial facility leased to Alexin LLC located at 1390 South Adams Street in Bluffton, Indiana to a private investment group for $20,500,000.

EDITORIAL

Howey: RFRA storm rains historic damage on Pence brand

Kokomo Tribune

Over the past several years, we have witnessed a dramatic change in polling on social issues. It has happened nationally on gay marriage, with a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll showing 59 percent now approve of gay marriage.

Miller says she's open to needle exchange legislation as So. Indiana HIV epidemic worsens

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IND ANAPOLIS – A key Republican senator says she's open to needle exchange legislation but needs the go-ahead from her GOP caucus to sign on.

Public Health Chairman Pat Miller, R-Indianapolis, said after two hours of sometimes-emotional testimony on the proposal that she wants to add a sunset to the bill, meaning that lawmakers would have to reapprove the legislation in 2017 to keep the programs in place.

But Miller – who previously opposed needle exchange programs – said the state is facing an emergency in Scott County, where roughly 130 intravenous drug users have been diagnosed with HIV. She said something needs to be done now.

" ndiana is in a terrible position. I'm heart sick about the disease and the epidemic we have in Scott County," Miller said. " I'm just sorry we have that here in Indiana. But we need to address it."

On Monday, Gov. Mike Pence extended a public health emergency for Scott County for an additional 30 days. That move allows the state to continue operating a temporary needle exchange program in the county, something the Indiana State Department of Health has said is otherwise illegal.

But Dr. Shane Avery, a physician in Scottsburg, near the epicenter of the HIV outbreak, told lawmakers Monday that a temporary program isn't enough. He said a short-term program encourages drug users to hoard clean needles rather than exchange them while a longer-term program could build trust that leads addicts to be safer.

"This HIV epidemic is not something that will go away in a few months," he said. "It's here to stay."

Avery called on the state to do more to extend health, testing and needle exchange services beyond Scott County, saying there's plenty of evidence that infected residents have left the area to use drugs in other counties or had sex with people traveling through the region.

" f Gov. Pence and the Indiana General Assembly fail to act, then God have mercy on us," Avery said.

Pence has opposed an ongoing needle exchange and has said he's only approved the targeted, temporary program to address an emergency. Avery said local health officials are grateful for the help they've received but desperate for more.
"It is the governor's refusal to address this situation that will result in Indiana's most historic failure in public health," he said.
Miller said the proposed legislation is important because Pence can only act every 30 days to extend several programs, including the current needle exchange. But she said the legislative needle proposal – crafted by Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany – needs work. She wants to change the way counties qualify to participate and let medical providers weigh in on the process.
Miller said she also has to consult the other GOP members of the Senate. Republican senators can't sign on to a legislative compromise without permission from their caucus.
"We have not had one word in my caucus yet about needle exchange," Miller said.
On Monday, at least two members of that caucus — Sens. Erin Houchin, R-Salem, and Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne – expressed concerns about the needle exchange provision.
Houchin said she's worried the legislature is "putting the cart before the horse" by creating a needle exchange program without the drug treatment services necessary to help addicts get clean. And Brown said she's concerned that a needle program might increase drug use.
But Brenda Patterson of Indianapolis said that when her daughter was battling a heroin addiction, she decided to let her have the clean needles she'd purchased for her diabetic son.
After her daughter's multiple failed rehab attempts, Patterson said it was more important that she prevent her daughter, who was also suffering from cystic fibrosis, from contracting an illness from a dirty needle.
"I'm still not past worrying about what people think of me with a daughter who has heroin and a mother who would provide the needle," Patterson acknowledged. "What I do know is this: Giving her clean needles didn't stop or not stop her from using heroin at all. Without a needle, she used dirty needles."
Patterson said her daughter is now four years sober – but it's not because she took away her needles. She urged the committee to pass a needle exchange program to help people like her daughter be safer until they can get treatment and get off drugs.

Plans for deadly Spencer County intersection to be unveiled

Richard Goetee

Indiana Department of Transportation officials plan to unveil their recommendations on how to improve a deadly Spencer County intersection during a meeting at Heritage Hills High School on April 30.
The intersection of U.S. 231 and Indiana 62 has been the site of four fatal wrecks since 2011, when U.S. 231 was widened to four lanes. Local officials have expressed concerns about the intersection since shortly after the four-lane improvements were made. The intersection is west of Dale.
Improvements were made to the intersection in 2012 to try to make the area safer, according to Will Wingfield, an INDOT spokesman.
Transportation officials had a meeting at Heritage Hills in January after 60-year Susan D. Grundhoefer, a former Heritage Hills Middle School principal, died in a crash at the intersection. Shortly after that crash, members of Grundhoefer's family contacted INDOT and urged them to take another look at improving the intersection.
During that January meeting, Grundhoefer's son, Seth Grundhoefer, said it is still difficult for motorists going east and west there to see at the intersection, despite the 2012 improvements. The highway going west from the intersection in question is actually Indiana 61 because Indiana 62 follows the same route as U.S. 231 for a short time starting at that junction.

Currently, east and westbound traffic at that intersection have stop signs, while U.S. 231 traffic does not stop. There are rumble strips and oversized stop signs at the intersection for approaching Indiana 62 traffic.
Wingfield declined to disclose what transportation officials have recommended for the intersection. Testimony from the January meeting, as well as public comment taken by INDOT online, was taken into consideration, he said.
The meeting is scheduled to start at 6 p.m., and will take place in the high school's auditorium. INDOT officials will be available for questioning after the plans are unveiled, according to the department news release.

Video & story: Veterans, lawmakers clash over bills—many, many bills
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IND ANAPOLIS – At the Indiana Statehouse there are bills to give property tax breaks and hunting permits to veterans.
There's legislation to pay for specialized treatment for soldiers who come home suffering from post traumatic stress.
And there are proposals to help the children of disabled veterans go to college.
"All of them are important," said Jim Bauerle, a volunteer lobbyist for the Military Veterans Coalition of Indiana.
In all, there were some four dozen bills related to veterans introduced during the 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly. Today, with just more than a week left until lawmakers go home for the year, there are just a handful still alive.
The disparity has created a clash between veteran advocates and key legislators – with veterans going on the offense to try to get their priority bills passed.
TOO MANY BILLS
Rep. Randy Frye, R-Greensburg, said legislators are doing the best they can to help veterans, but said they need to decide which pieces of legislation are most important, especially if the bills have a fiscal impact.
It's a message he's shared before. Frye said he met with veterans' organizations throughout the summer and urged them to pair some bills together and be detailed about what they wanted to accomplish.
" suggested they concentrate on four or five" bills, Frye said. "They filed 48."
A veteran fights to get therapy for fellow Hoosiers
That's important, Frye said, because every year, more than 1,000 bills are filed and the majority are killed during the legislative process. Frye said it is difficult to consider and pass so many bills from one special interest group.
"I don't think there's anyway we can hear 48 bills for one organization. That's just not realistic," Frye said. "There are just too many bills."
He also said that many of the veteran-specific bills were killed due to their fiscal impact.
"Sometimes there simply just isn't enough money to go around for everything that folks want," Frye said.
But Jason Emery, an Iraq veteran, said lawmakers should focus on the individuals who need help, not the money.
"How do you put a price on leaving a man behind in battle or leaving a man behind back here. It's the same thing," Emery said. "When they put money into it that just really hurts us."
Veterans' advocates have said lawmakers have forgotten or don't care about veterans, but Frye said legislators want to do everything they can for them.

"All of us, every legislator that I know, wants to do everything humanly possible to help our veterans, to recognize their service to our country, and to reward that," Frye said. "But we do have constraints and those constraints include funding."

WORKING THE SYSTEM

While the Statehouse hallways are filled with highly paid, highly experienced lobbyists, the men and women who advocate for former soldiers tend to be volunteers – veterans who learn the legislative and political system as they struggle through it.

Consider a Ways and Means Committee meeting in which those volunteers were tryirg to convince skeptical lawmakers to spend money on a controversial therapy for veterans with PTSD.

They wanted lawmakers to amend funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy into a bill, sponsored by Rep. Davic Frizzell, R-Indianapolis, that dealt with a spinal cord and brain injury fund unrelated to veterans.

At issue was how much the hyperbaric therapy would cost – and how much it would take from the $4 million in the bill.

Bauerle went to the podium and begin presenting his prepared remarks. After listening for a few minutes, Ways & Means Chairman Tim Brown interrupted.

"Can you bring it around to the fiscal impact of this bill please," Brown said.

"Yes sir," Bauerle replied. He then shuffled through his notes and explained that as veterans, not lobbyists, they needed the legislators help to amend the bill to provide veterans with programs that will help them.

He explained that the Department of Veterans Affairs was not helping with the problem and that the federal government would likely reimburse the state for the funds because of the state's standing.

Bauerle proposed some suggestions for a pilot program. After several minutes, he finally got around to the fiscal impact.

"It would prove once and for all that veterans can be helped in our state," Bauerle said. "That would be the fiscal impact and the reason why we bring this to this assembled body."

Brown tried again: "How much do you think the fiscal impact would be?" he asked.

"Sir, the cost of currently using Medicare rates in Indiana. I've checked with three hospitals in Indiana," Bauerle responced.

"I'm not asking about Medicare rates," Brown said. "How much do you think the fiscal will be?"

"The fiscal impact for a trial that we're asking for would be 52 million."

So, Brown said, that's all the money the bill would be available under the bill.

"I'm very sympathetic and obviously, Mr. Chairman, we welcome, once we get this started, we would welcome veterans to come," Frizzell said. "Now, their part of it, yes it would wipe out the fund unless we add more money through appropriation."

Brown turned back to Bauerle. "Is there no medical based research that shows this is effective long term?" Brown asked. Bauerle began to talk, but was cut off by Brown who asked his question again.

The disagreements continued until Brown said, "Also, didn't you come to my office and state this was an issue you weren't going to bring forward this year because the Indiana State Department of Health was not going to support it?"

"That is a true statement and afterwards I recanted that request," Bauerle said.

Brown then thanked Bauerle and the discussion was done. So was the proposed amendment.

WHAT'S WORKED

What the volunteer lobbyists lack in experience, they try to make up for in organization and energy.

Leaders of the veterans groups say they've been working together with a unified voice to try to convince lawmakers to do more than just what they call "whoop-de-do" legislation, which includes things that veterans say are common sense, such as veteran employment preference and National Guard financial aid.

But leaders say while those issues are important, there are other bills that really matter and can change lives.
The Military Veteran Coalition of Indiana is a group that meets to discuss strategies on how to deal with situations at the legislative level and promote veteran issues.
At a meeting in March, the coalition discussed how veterans have become a group that lawmakers like to be seen with, but don't actually want to support.
Ron Martin, who advocates at the Statehouse for the coalition alongside Bauerle, said veterans are sick of just being in pictures.
Politicians "stand along the highway to wave the flags, but that's all," Martin said.
HIGH PRIORITY BILLS KILLED
The veterans proposed a bill earlier in the session dealing with a Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy pilot program. House Bill 1615 would have allowed the veterans' recovery program and fund to provide treatment to veterans with PTSD and other severe brain injuries.
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy would be one of the treatments used. HBOT has not been FDA approved for treating brain injuries and is therefore not covered by a soldier's federal health plan.
However, many veterans who have been through the program say it has changed their lives.
Emery, a Greenfield resident, was wounded during his time serving in Iraq. Upon returning home, he developed PTSD, which he said he didn't realize was a problem initially and led to changes in his behavior.
He then learned the Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Association for Brain Injuries in Colorado had a program that allows veterans to come to their facilities and houses and feeds them during the time of their treatment. Nothing like that is available in Indiana.
" t should not have to be that hard for any family to get the treatment they need for these soldiers. They're our first line of defense and we're not taking care of them," said his mother, Brenda Berry.
Julie Stapleton is the medical director for the Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Association for Brain Injuries and she believes the treatment is better than taking pills alone.
" 've seen a lot of treatments come and go and I think overall this is the one treatment that I've seen that actually is therapeutic. It actually treats the symptoms. Medications manage the symptoms, they do not cure," Stapleton said in a video posted on the association's website.
The association's president, Eddie Gomez, said in the video, that the therapy should be accompanied by other treatments as well.
"Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is definitely a treatment you want to do with other therapies. It's not the end all. The psychological counseling definitely has to be in there," Gomez said.
Emery wants veterans in Indiana to receive similar treatment – without making the trip to Colorado. That's why he testified in favor of HB 1615 earlier. But the bill never made it out of committee and the later attempt to amend similar language into another bill failed too.
That wasn't the only high-priority veterans' bill that died this year.
SB 424 would make the state women's veteran coordinator a permanent position that must be filled. The law currently makes the position optional.
Lisa Wilken, who volunteers as an advocate for female veterans, said lawmakers don't understand that the position is needed by women veterans who want someone to fight for their gender-specific issues.
"Unfortunately the losers in this situation could be the women veterans in the state of Indiana," Wilken said.
This year, Frye, who chairs the committee decided not to hear the bill after hearing and supporting it last year.
"The reason that we're not hearing the bill is because I don't think it's necessary," Frye said.
Frye said lawmakers have dealt with the issue and the position is filled, so there is no need to hear it again, but Wilken said it the issue is about whether or not the position is permanent.

" f you support the legislation and you support the position always being there, then why not go ahead and complete the legislation and make this a truly permanent position here in Indiana," Wilken said.
She said veterans do not want special treatment, they just want the opportunity to have their bills heard and to be voted on based on their merit.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Throughout the process, the majority of veterans bills have been killed, especially those that had money attached to them.
Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, killed several of them in his committee early in the session. And so when he was pushed later about including the provisions in the state budget, he pointed back to those bills. "I think that shows my intention and their persistence."
Veteran advocates said that the lawmakers have forgotten about veterans and don't care about their issues. Lawmakers said they care about veterans, but sometimes they simply ask for too much and that there is not enough money to go around.
At the end of the day, both groups continue to disagree about how high on the priority list veterans issues should be.
"We want our list to be shorter," Martin said. "You gotta pass a few bills and it will be shorter."

Lawmaker renews efforts to require schools to teach cursive

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Associated Press
A longtime supporter of requiring Indiana schools to teach cursive writing is making her fifth attempt to restore the skill to Indiana's curriculum.
Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, added the measure to an education bill moving through the General Assembly last week after a cursive writing bill she sponsored earlier in the session failed.
Leising said she expects the bill, which also would replace the ISTEP+ exam, to go to a conference committee, The Indianapolis Star reported. Tory Flynn, a spokeswoman for House Republicans, said no decision had been made on a conference committee.
The Indiana State Board of Education voted in 2011 to eliminate cursive as a requirement for student instruction and told school districts that it expected students to become proficient in keyboard use. Many districts nationally did the same when they adopted the national Common Core educational standards, which omitted penmanship classes for a variety of reasons, including increasing use of keyboarding and evidence that even most adults use some hybrid of classic cursive and print.
Leising has been trying to reinstate the requirement and sponsored cursive writing bills in 2012, 2013 and 2014 that failed.
The state Senate approved a cursive measure in 2012, but it didn't advance in the House.
Adding the measure to the House bill was a last-minute effort to get it passed this year, said Leising, who worries that younger generations won't be able to write cursive or read documents like the original version of the U.S. Constitution if the requirement isn't restored.
"I still have a pad of yellow Sticky Notes, and if I write out something neatly in cursive, I expect an intern at the Senate to be able to read that," she said.

Carly Fiorina visits Indy, seeks traction in crowded GOP presidential field

By Andi TenBarge
TheStatehouseFile.com
IND ANAPOLIS – Possible presidential contender Carly Fiorina wouldn't say Monday how she thinks the GOP should choose which candidates will get to participate in the party's 2016 presidential debates.

Fiorina – in Indianapolis to speak at a GOP women's event – sidestepped the question, even though the debates could be her best shot at getting the attention she'd need to stand out among a growing Republican field.

"I am reasonably confident that if I decide to jump in the race that I will be on that debate stage," Fiorina said. "I wouldn't do this if I didn't think I would have a lot of encouragement and I wouldn't do it if I wasn't prepared."

The former CEO of Hewlett Packard is one of more than a dozen Republicans who are running or considering a bid for the party's nomination in 2016.

But Fiorina trails some those other candidates significantly. National polls show her support among GOP primary voters is less than 1 percent. That's important because those polls could determine who gets into debates that are controlled in part by the Republican National Committee.

Fiorina said after her speech to 900 people at the 25th Anniversary Lugar Series Annual Event that her business experience makes her "uniquely qualified" for the position.

" think what people are looking for is both authentic, empathetic, and will solve problems with the good of everyone in mind," she said.

But it's her ability to criticize presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton without concern about gender that could make her especially valuable within the party.

Fiorina said during an event last week that "there are a whole set of things" that Clinton won't be able to talk about if she's facing a female opponent. CNN.com reported that Fiorina said that Clinton would instead be forced to talk about "her track record, her accomplishments, her candor and trustworthiness and her policies."

"And I think that's what elections should be run on — not identity politics, not what you look like, but who you are, and what you believe, and what you've done, and what you will do," the CNN story quoted her saying.

Fiorina focused Monday in Indianapolis on foreign policy issues and her experience as a business leader, explaining how that translates to government.

"You have customers who really are very important. You have investors who are very important. You have communities who are very important. And you have employees," she said. "So in truth, a successful business leader is balancing constituencies all the time."

Fiorina said she expects to make a decision and formal announcement about running for office in the coming weeks.

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Purdue to buy Lafayette Aviation, establish Technology Park
WTHR
We all know about Purdue's proud aviation history, but President Mitch Daniels Tuesday announced plans to help continue that proud tradition long into the future.

Pence: Indiana 'Tailor-Made' for Aerospace
Inside IN Business
Pence says it's not just about higher education, citing interactions with industry leaders that lauded a renewed state focus on vocational training at the high school level.

First Lady Pence to highlight feeding Indiana's hungry at luncheon
Evansville Courier & Press
A statewide non-profit supporting food banks and food pantries will be showcased Thursday at first lady Karen Pence's annual luncheon.
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State to celebrate business longevity
Inside IN Business
Governor Mike Pence will honor seven Inciana companies for longevity and community service today by awarding them the Governor's Century or Half Century Business Awards during a ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse.

Fate of Gary gun lawsuit in Pence's hands
NWI Times

Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson is urging Gov. Mike Pence to veto legislation that retroactively terminates the city's 1999 lawsuit against gun manufacturers and retailers who allegedly sold handguns illegally.

Indiana governor extends public health emergency due to HIV epidemic
WRTV
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence issued an executive order Monday to extend a public health emergency in his state in response to a rampant HIV outbreak that first began in mid-December.

Whitestown passes inclusive resolution, Zionsville considering ordinances
Current Zionsville
The Whitestown Town Council passed a resolution promoting diversity and inclusion and updated the town's existing non-discrimination policy in the employee manual to include sexual orientation at its April 14 meeting. Both measures received applause from the audience after passing unanimously…Whitestown drafted the resolution and ordinances in response to the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which Gov. Mike Pence signed into law March 26. After the state received national criticism and boycott threats, Pence signed an amendment designed to reduce concerns that the new law could be used by businesses to discriminate based on sexual orientation.

LEGISLATURE
Lawmaker seek to drop drug testing for welfare recipients
Evansville Courier & Press
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Drug testing welfare recipients put on hold
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Efforts to drug test welfare recipients likely won't move forward this session after a lawmaker who sponsored the amendment asked Tuesday that it be removed.

Legislature looks to overhaul school intervention rules; mulls EVSC-style transformation zones
Evansville Courier & Press
A plan to move up the process of the state intervening in a failing school is in final negotiations at this year's Indiana General Assembly session.

Colts quarterback gathers support for child health program
Evansville Courier & Press
Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck threw and caught a pass Tuesday during a visit to the Indiana Statehouse during which he promoted a health and fitness initiative for children…Luck caught a pass in front of the Senate thrown by DJ Morton, a third grader from Fishers Elementary. Luck later tossed a football from the House floor that House Speaker Brian Bosma caught from behind his podium.

STATE AGENCIES
Companies growing in Central IN
Inside IN Business
Two companies today announced plans to expand their operations and create 40 new jobs in central Indiana. "When you build a business climate like Indiana's, you'll soon discover that a wide array of

industries start thriving," said Eric Doden, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "From professional service firms to natural resource processors, our low taxes, reduced regulation and climate for skyrocketing success help all companies grow and thrive here."

Unemployment drops slightly in March
The Statehouse File
Indiana's unemployment rate dropped by 0.1 percent down to 5.8 percent in March.
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State jobless rate slips
Inside IN Business
Indiana's unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percent to 5.8 percent in March. The unemployment rate in the Hoosier State is now down by 2.4 percentage points over the past two years, and the labor force has grown by roughly 72,000 individuals. Although Indiana's labor force participation rate declined by 0.2 percent to 63.6 percent in March, it continues to be nearly a full percent higher than the national average, and has exceeded the national rate for 12 months in a row.

BMV to extend hours for IN's primary election in May
Evansville Courier & Press
The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced that it will extend the operating hours of license branches on May 4 and 5 to allow state residents to obtain identification so they can vote in the primary election.
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Police cite Megabus driver for speeding in IN crash
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana State Police have cited the driver of a Megabus that crashed with a semitrailer on Interstate 65 in central Indiana last week for speeding.

ISP: Burglars targeting victims through obituaries
Indy Star
Indiana State Police Sgt. Kim Riley said troopers across the state have seen cases in which burglars apparently targeted victims based on obituary information.

AROUND INDIANA
University Expands to Indiana
Inside IN Business
Olivet Nazarene University's School of Graduate and Continuing Studies recently opened a new regional center in Indianapolis and began accepting enrollment for classes there in summer and fall 2015.

WISH TV Names news director
Inside IN Business
Les Vann, President and General Manager for WISH-TV and MyINDY-TV, today announced Elbert Tucker as News Director for 24 Hour News 8.

From Burma to Southport: Finding your way in an unfamiliar world
Chalk Beat

It never occurred to Elly Mawi that there were places where a plastic card guaranteed you unlimited access to books. For the two years she spent in a Malaysian refugee camp, school meant a dirt floor without desks or chairs. She fled there from Burma, a country wracked with civil war, after her father and grandmother were killed in a car accident. They had gone for medical care, which wasn't available in their village.

TEDx coming to Evansville
Inside IN Business
Local volunteer organizers of TEDxEvansville have announced the October 13, 2015, event held at the Evansville Museum's Koch Immersive Theater, will be built around the idea of "renaissance," a fitting topic as the Evansville community currently experiences a rebirth, revival, and amplification of energy and excitement, in many ways. Organizers seek dynamic speakers to use the concept of renaissance to inform, inspire, surprise and delight.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Indy sees long future with Firefighter Conference
Inside IN Buisness
Gahl says the ability to use the entire Indiana Convention Center and the floor of Lucas Oil Stadium has been a major attraction for the annual event. He says organizers also like the city's central location, walkability and the opportunity to "own the town" during the convention.

EDITORIAL
Smith: saving 211 hotline is right call for IN
Indy Star
For years, employees at Indiana's 211 hotline have been there to help Hoosiers in need. Day and night. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Tully: Bill Oesterle's plan to remake the IN GOP
Indy Star
Bill Oesterle was filling a to-go cup of coffee at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop on the Northside Monday morning when a worker there recognized him.

First lady Pence to highlight Feeding Indiana's Hungry at luncheon
Chelsea Schneider
A statewide non-profit supporting food banks and food pantries will be showcased Thursday at first lady Karen Pence's annual luncheon.
The Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation chose Feeding Indiana's Hungry, which locally helps to support Tri-State Food Bank in Evansville, as the major grant recipient for this year's luncheon.
Pence, who led the creation of the non-profit in 2013, announced in November the selection of Feeding Indiana's Hungry. The grant amount for Feeding Indiana's Hungry will be unveiled Thursday.
This year the foundation is focusing on agriculture in Indiana with the theme of "Hoosier Home Grown," so Pence said Feeding Indiana's Hungry was a natural choice.
" ndiana is such a fabulous (agricultural) state, and we have so many amazing farmers in our state that we decided that would be our focus," Pence said in a sit-down interview with the Courier & Press.
The luncheon serves as a fundraiser to allow the foundation to distribute grants to charities across the state.
Inspiration for the event came from the Congressional Spouse Club's First Lady's Luncheon that takes place in Washington, D.C.

The foundation also awards smaller grants throughout the year. Most recently in March, the foundation awarded $30,500 in grants to 35 organizations across the state. At the first luncheon held in 2014, the foundation gave $100,000 to the art therapy program at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.
Pence said when she became first lady, she began to hear from organizations from across the state — some she had never heard of before. Hearing from those organizations fostered the idea for the foundation.
"This foundation is a way for me to leverage the position of first lady and the fact so many groups come to me and to my office and say can you come observe ... and now I can say not only will I come and see what you are doing but you need to apply for a grant," Pence said.
"It's been a great way to applaud and encourage all the wonderful things going on in Indiana."

Unemployment drops slightly in March
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By Alec Gray
TheStatehouseFile.com
INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana's unemployment rate dropped by 0.1 percent down to 3.8 percent in March. The national average still remains lower than Indiana at 5.5 percent.
Over the past two years, the unemployment rate in the state has gone down by 2.4 percentage points. Meanwhile, the labor force has grown by about 72,000 people over that two-year period.
Steven Braun, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, said Indiana's economic indicators are still positive.
"Continued claims for unemployment insurance remain at their lowest levels in 15 years, which is also an encouraging trend as we enter the spring and summer months," Braun said.

Lawmaker seeks to drop drug testing for welfare recipients
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INDIANAPOLIS — The lawmaker behind a proposal to drug test certain welfare recipients backed away from the idea Tuesday, instead calling for further study on the issue.
Democratic Rep. Terry Goodin, of Crothersville, proposed the testing requirement in a last-minute amendment on the House floor last week, claiming it would help fight a recent HIV outbreak in Southern Indiana. He asked conference committee members Tuesday to remove the provision and require a study into Indiana's drug abuse problems this summer.
Goodin said he began to reconsider the idea after learning last week that its impact on drug use could be minimal, but said he still felt the proposal spurred serious conversations about the issue, which has been considered several times in recent years.
"Mission accomplished. We declare victory," he said. "We're going to get these folks who need the help, the help they need."
Indiana's proposal would apply only to those who receive cash benefits through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, specifically people who have been identified as high risk for drug abuse or have been charged with a drug-related crime. If recipients fail a drug test, they would have an opportunity to receive counseling, but several failed tests after counseling would make them ineligible for welfare benefits for at least three months.
More than a dozen other states, including Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, have either passed or are considering similar legislation, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration officials report that only about 3,800 adults receive TANF payments. In Scott County, where the HIV outbreak is centered, only nine adults receive TANF payments. Another 60 more receive benefits on behalf of 93 children.
Senate health committee chairwoman Patricia Miller, R-Indianapolis, said she will discuss the issue with Republican caucus members before making a decision, but said she had serious concerns about its cost: about $1.8 million to implement testing.
House Health Committee Chairman Ed Clere, R-New Albany, said he supports further study, especially if the measure could be seen as discriminatory or punitive against a certain group. He also expressed concerns about "potential unintended consequences" that could negatively impact children receiving benefits through an adult.
"We all want accountability from people who are receiving benefits but I'm not sure this is the right approach," he said. "In fact I'm pretty sure it's not the right approach."
Committee members face an April 29 deadline to reach an agreement.

Legislature looks to overhaul school intervention rules; mulls EVSC-style Transformation Zones
Chelsea Schneider
A plan to move up the process of the state intervening in a failing school is in final negotiations at this year's Indiana General Assembly session.
The bill moves up the timeline for Indiana State Board of Education intervention in a school from six to four years of consecutive "F" accountability grades. The proposal also implements the Transformation Zone — a model for improving a school's achievement that gained statewide recognition after use by the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. — as an official strategy schools can use.
Some public education groups told a panel of state legislators on Tuesday that they oppose moving up the timeline for state intervention over concerns about the current metrics used to determine school A-F accountability grades. But state Sen. Earline Rogers, a Gary Democrat, said she supported the change. Earlier interventions, Rogers said, means earlier prospects for students to begin to achieve.
" do think four years is a long time for a student to be in a failing school," Rogers said.
The shortened timeline would affect schools receiving an initial "F" letter grade after June 30, 2016. Schools currently ranked as "F" would continue with the original six-year timeline, according to the bill. Intervention options range from following the Department of Education's recommendations to closing a school.
The bill also allows school districts with a school rated "D" or "F" to immediately ask the State Board of Education for authority to turn into a Transformation Zone.
State Rep. Bob Behning, who leads education issues for the House, said the bill ultimately aims for less state intervention.
"We're giving schools the ability to turn themselves around, and Evansville was a good example where they had schools scheduled to be taken over but because they had the whole community come together, they went ahead and were able to turn around," Behning said.
In 2012, EVSC decided to contract on its own accord with a nationally recognized non-profit in school turnaround — Mass Insight Education — to build the Transformation Zone as some schools in the district came closer to a potential state takeover.
When Glenwood Leadership Academy received its sixth consecutive "F," the school became the first in the zone to trigger talks of state oversight. Lincoln School hit the same trigger in 2014. But the State Board of Education agreed to let Glenwood and Lincoln stay under EVSC control.
A few years earlier, those schools faced a greater likelihood of being assigned to an outside operator — a more drastic turnaround effort that's been marred with problems in the five schools in Gary and Indianapolis taken over under the administration of former Indiana schools chief Tony Bennett.

Some state board members regard the Transformation Zone as the answer to state oversight. Gov. Mike Pence even mentioned EVSC's efforts in rolling out his education priorities for the 2015 legislative session.

A representative of the Indiana State Teachers Association said at the legislative hearing Tuesday that she hoped lawmakers would see the union as a partner in changes they are considering for schools.

"I'm standing here asking you to give one of these or all of these school governance changes the chance to include the local association in a true partnership," said Gail Zeheralis, with the teachers union.

Lawmakers are working to finalize language for the proposal before the General Assembly adjourns by April 29.

BMV to extend hours for Indiana's primary election in May

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced that it will extend the operating hours of license branches on May 4 and 5 to allow state residents to obtain identification so they can vote in the primary election.

BMV Commissioner Kent Abernathy announced Tuesday that branches in counties that have May 5 elections will have extended hours. The branches will be open Monday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 5, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

These license branches will process only new, amended or replacement ID cards, and renewed, amended or replacement driver's licenses and learner permits.

Indiana law requires residents to show either a driver's license or a state-issued identification card at polling places before they can vote.

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INDOT leadership shuffles

Inside IN Business

Governor Mike Pence today named Brandye Hendrickson as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation, effective immediately. Governor Pence earlier today accepted Commissioner Karl Browning's resignation.

Trinkets, website part o Gov. Pence's unique lobbying effort

Indy Star

Promotional gift bags. A slick, campaign-style website. Undisclosed corporate conors. Gov. Mike Pence has employed each of those strategies in a last-ditch effort to save one of his top legislative priorities: a new $84 million "regional cities" initiative intended to boost economic development across the state.

LEGISLATURE

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Assisted living facility plan hinges on moratorium bill
The Chicago Tribune
A second developer is looking to build a skilled nursing and assisted living facility on almost 11 acres on East 93rd Avenue, provided a bill calling for a moratorium on new nursing homes in the state doesn't pass.

Push to help legalize hemp production dies in Legislature
NWI Times
Efforts to help Indiana gain federal approval to grow and sell industrial hemp have died this legislative session.

STATE AGENCIES
Artist needed for State's Bicentennial
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today that it will partner with the Indiana Bicentennial Commission to select an artist to create a commemorative medal recognizing the state's 200th anniversary.

HIV spreads beyond Scott county, officials say it's isolated
Indiana Public Media
The HIV epidemic in Southeastern Indiana has spread to a second county, but health officials say those cases are isolated and they have no plans for changing their strategy.

Mooresville could ban semis from Ind. 267 downtown
Indy Star
Mooresville is poised to ban semitrailer trucks downtown in a deal with the state.

INDOT commissioner resigns without explanation
IBJ
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Purdue creating 9780 acre aerospace district
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Purdue University plans to create a 980-acre aerospace district in West Lafayette. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. has named the site an Indiana Certified Technology Park.

2 inmates walk away from trash pickup
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Two inmates walked away from an Indiana Department of Correction work crew in Columbus, the department said today.

AROUND INDIANA

Breakfast at the Brickyard speakers announced

Inside IN Business

The 500 Festival, a nonprofit organization providing life-enriching events for Indiana and celebrating the legacy of the Indianapolis 500, will host three of the Indianapolis 500's most prolific female figures at this year's 500 Festival Breakfast at the Brickyard, presented by Midwestern Engineers, Inc. The event, open to the public, will be held on Saturday, May 16th at 8:30 a.m. at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Louisville council to vote on needle exchange program

WHAS 11

The sudden outbreak of HIV in Scott County, Indiana has garnered attention both locally and nationally. To combat the spread of the disease, Governor Mike Pence signed an emergency order allowing Scott County to create a needle exchange program.

Rolls Royce names next CEO

Inside IN Business

Rolls-Royce announces today that John Rishton has decided to retire as Chief Executive on 2 July 2015. He will be succeeded by Warren East, whose appointment follows an extensive international search.

Historic Tobacco Plant for Sale

Inside Indiana Business

A unique piece of southern Indiana history in a charming river town could be yours on May 8, the deadline for the sealed bid auction of Madison's Tobacco Prizing House. Historic Madison, Inc. owns the warehouse at 106 Elm Street, which it has used for storage of architectural salvage. The organization decided to sell the landmark as part of an effort to reduce its property holdings and focus on its museums. Historic Madison operates the Schroeder Saddletree Factory and Jeremiah Sullivan House, among others. It will use the sale proceeds for the restoration of the c.1846 Shrewsbury-Windle House, a National Historic Landmark.

Transit announcement set for Indianapolis

Inside IN Business

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx will join Mayor Greg Ballard and community leaders today in Indianapolis to make a transit program announcement.

USDOT to announce boost for Indy's rapid transit system

Indy Star

U.S. Department of Transportation Sec. Anthony Foxx will announce today that Indianapolis' planned bus rapid transportation system will receive technical assistance from several non profit organizations.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Manufacturer growing in northeast Indiana

Inside IN Business

A suspension manufacturer has received approval from Kendallville City Council for tax abatement totaling more than $11 million.KPC News reports Hendrickson USA LLC is planning to add more than 40 jobs as part of the expansion.

EDITORIAL

State presses long term solution to HIV outbreak

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

The Indiana legislature seems to be giving the HIV outbreak in Scott County the very serious attention it deserves. We will soon find out what solutions the lawmakers are willing to endorse, and what kind of emergency legislation Gov. Mike Pence is willing to sign. Dealing with the crisis adequately will require more than extending the limited needle exchanges Pence has already approved. But it must start with that.

Food organization will be first lady's major grant recipient this year

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By Erika Brock

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INDIANAPOLIS – Feeding Indiana's Hungry will be the second major grant recipient from first lady Karen Pence as part of her annual fundraising luncheon on Thursday.

The Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation's second annual fundraiser is modeled after the U.S First Lady's Luncheon. The event will have similar features, including a surprise guest entertainer, linens and bags made specifically for the event, and bi-partisan support.

The foundation's mission is to support and recognize communities and organizations that promote the well being of Hoosier children and their families.

In its first year, the foundation awarded grants to 83 additional charities helping 68 counties.

Feeding Indiana's Hungry includes 11 member food banks serving all 92 counties across the state. Pence said the group's mission and service to Indiana makes it the perfect 2015 major grant recipient.

Pence will also donate 100 potted flowers to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

Lawmakers still looking for deal on gambling bill

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INDIANAPOLIS – An always-evolving gambling bill at the Indiana Statehouse could undergo more changes after a conference committee met Wednesday and then recessed to come up with a deal behind closed doors.

Lawmakers are still trying to decide whether to authorize live dealers at the state's two horse track casinos – and if they do, how to mitigate the impact on other gambling operations. It's a sticky question because Gov. Mike Pence has said he opposes a gambling expansion and key lawmakers say his definition includes live dealers.

Rep. Tom Dermody, R-LaPorte, said lawmakers have been trying since the summer to find language that will benefit all of Indiana's casinos.

"Hopefully we can bring something that will help the industry compete with the surrounding states," Dermody said.

Rep. Terri Austin, D-Anderson, and Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said they favored the language in the original House version of the bill that allowed racinos to have live dealers at 24 table games immediately – and let them petition for more after five years.

The Senate version of the bill bans live dealers for five more years to give other gambling operations the opportunity to adjust to the future change. But then the number of games wouldn't be capped.

The live dealers provision in the bill is among the most controversial issues left for lawmakers to settle. Casino industry officials disagree about the impact, saying it would benefit some operations while taking advantages away from others.

"The House sent a very strong message when we sent this bill out 76-22, that we want to address the industry as a whole," Austin said. "We do not want to pick winners and losers."

Austin said lawmakers want to put the casinos in the "best competitive situation" in the future. The bill is meant to help the gambling industry deal with growing competition in Ohio and Illinois, as well as a possible Native American casino in northern Indiana.

But other casino operators say that adding live dealers at the race track casinos will keep Central Indiana customers from driving to their operations in more distant places.

The House and Senate versions of the bill both allow riverboat casinos to rebuild on land. However, lawmakers are still discussing whether to provide a tax credit for casino investments and extend a marketing tax break.

"There's still some tweaks that need to be done," Austin said.

Lawmakers try to finalize gambling overhauls as session nears end

Chelsea Schneider

Lawmakers are working to finalize a plan aimed at boosting the competitiveness of the state's gambling industry with a week remaining in this year's Indiana General Assembly session.

A panel of lawmakers heard again from the operators of the state's casinos Wednesday. The proposal would allow Tropicana Evansville and the state's other riverboats to move to land-based facilities.

Negotiations on the bill appear centered on another of its features — allowing the state's two race track casinos, in Anderson and Shelbyville, to have live dealers. The House plan provided for live dealers at the racinos, but the Senate plan pushed them back to 2021.

Tropicana Evansville General Manager Jason Gregorec attended Wednesday's legislative hearing and expressed his support for the bill. Gregorec said allowing the casino to build on land would help it compete with Harras Metropolis in Illinois, which recently moved to land. He noted Tropicana has made improvements in Atlantic City and at sites in Mississippi, where the company brought the operations of two riverboats onto land.

"The company is in the position to make significant improvements at our facilities," Gregorec said.

Gregorec said he hopes lawmakers add a tax credit for capital investments back into the bill. The credit would aid in Tropicana building its land-based casino, he said. The credit was in the House version but later removed in the Senate.

A key lawmaker on the bill, state Rep. Tom Dermody, said the credit came out of the House version to help casinos "improve their property and make it more of a destination point."

"This is a bill that's been worked on since this past summer," said Dermody, a LaPorte Republican. "I've appreciated all the effort and hopefully we can bring something that will help the industry compete with surrounding states."

State Sen. Luke Kenley, a Noblesville Republican, stressed to lawmakers that the state's casino industry is fluid, especially given talks of a potential casino by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Native Americans in South Bend.

Kenley said he understood the bill that cleared the Senate didn't answer all the desires and demands of the industry.

But he said, "Are we really able to do that with uncertainty that's ahead of us?"

The bill allows for casinos to move onto land within their existing footprint. For Tropicana to move onto land, the company plans to relocate a building that currently houses a temporary flood wall. The city also plans to vacate South Third Avenue, between Riverside and Northwest First Street in the area of the

proposed casino site, to make way for development. The bill allows Tropicana to build on that portion of the road.
Under the Senate version, discussion about proposed gambling taxing changes is sent to a study committee. Before passing the bill to the Senate, the House had stripped out major taxing changes, which could have cost the city of Evansville and other local governments, and the House chose not to end the $3 admissions tax casinos pay every time a patron steps onto their facilities.
The bill in its current form does exempt the French Lick casino from the admissions tax, and also allows casinos to offer complimentary beverages outside of the gaming floor.
Lawmakers face a tight deadline on deciding a final gambling proposal to forward to Gov. Mike Pence. The General Assembly set to adjourn by April 29.

INDOT commissioner resigns without explanation
April 22, 2015
Erika Brock, The Statehouse File
Karl Browning resigned his post Wednesday as commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation through an e-mail to the governor.
Gov. Mike Pence immediately named Brandye Hendrickson—who previously led the agency in an interim role—to succeed him.
The governor's office would not say whether Browning's departure had been anticipated or whether he'd been ask to leave.
"We don't discuss personnel matters," press secretary Kara Brooks said.
And Browning's resignation email offered no clues.
"While I am proud for the accomplishments I've been able to achieve in state government and am sincerely grateful to you for the opportunity to serve your administration, it is time for me to move on," the e-mail said. "Effectively immediately I resign my appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Highest regards, Karl B. Browning."
Pence appointed Browning to serve as commissioner in 2013—the second time he held the position. He also headed up INDOT from 2006 to 2009. In 2011, then-Gov. Mitch Daniels appointed Browning to be executive director of the Hoosier Lottery.
Hendrickson has served as the deputy commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation since 2007, overseeing the agency's Greenfield District Operations. In 2013, Pence named Hendrickson interim commissioner at INDOT, a role she held for seven weeks.
" appreciate the opportunity to continue my service to Hoosiers as head of the Indiana Department of Transportation," she said in a statement, "I look forward to contributing further to the accomplishments of the Pence administration."
Hendrickson also served as deputy commissioner for human resources within INDOT and was the human resources director for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for more than six years.
"With more than a decade of executive experience in state government, Brandye Hendrickson has demonstrated a commitment to public service and a nearly unmatched depth of understanding of the Indiana Department of Transportation," Pence said in a written statement. "I am confident that she will uphold the agency's mission and serve Hoosiers well as commissioner."

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Gov. Mike Pence signs bill creating unified fire training system
WTHR
A new law will give Indiana firefighters access to high-quality training and a standardized curriculum that public safety officials say is long overdue.

Charter shopping bill next heads to Pence's desk
Chalkbeat
A bill that could soon be making its way to the governor's desk would strengthen Indiana's charter school law, proponents of the idea say, if signed by Gov. Mike Pence.

LEGISLATURE

Ed department could face new rules
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Republican legislative leaders on Thursday inserted a new concept into the debate over who runs the State Board of Education – saying they want to add language expanding the role of the board when it comes to data.

Lawmakers negotiating changes to state board of education
Evansville Courier & Press
Republican legislative leaders said Thursday they were still working out a final plan for changes to the Indiana State Board of Education.
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Long seeks comprehensive needle-exchange bill

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
With only days left in Indiana's legislative session, the question of whether to legalize needle exchanges in areas of the state at highest risk for HIV outbreaks, like the one that has infected more than 130 people in a rural southern county, remains unanswered.

Kenley backs off push for off the shelf student test
The Statehouse File
Key lawmakers said Thursday they plan to move forward with a new ISTEP test – at least for the next two years – and then study whether an off-the-shelf exam could be used in the future to save money.
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WorkOne achievement award winners announced
Inside IN Business
Jessica Ford of Indianapolis was presented with the WorkOne Achievement Award for overcoming several employment barriers and pursuing a better life for himself. She received the award today in a ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse.

STATE AGENCIES
State RDA funding for South Shore expansion not yet finalized
NWI Times
Funding for the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority to expand the South Shore Line to Dyer appears to be safe as lawmakers continued negotiating Thursday the final version of the state's new two-year budget.

Republicans eye more rules on Ritz, education board
Indy Star
Legislative leaders are considering steps to broaden the Republican-backed proposal aimed at allowing the state Board of Education to replace Democratic state schools chief Glenda Ritz as its leader, they said Thursday.

Schools delay testing, seek online waivers after glitches
IBJ
School districts across Indiana are delaying the second round of ISTEP+ testing or asking the Department of Education for permission to administer the exam with paper and pencil after experiencing continuing problems with an online server.
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AROUND INDIANA
Police: stage collapses at Indiana school; more than 12 hurt
Fort Wayne Journal
More than a dozen people were injured after a stage filled with students collapsed during a musical performance at a central Indiana high school Thursday night, authorities said.

EDITORIAL
Howey: problems, sure, but Pence still OK with GOP
Lafayette Journal & Courier
Gov. Mike Pence has a plethora of political and policy problems to deal with, but a Republican gubernatorial primary isn't likely to be one of them.

Indiana needs leadership ASAP

Indiana daily Student

Indiana has had a bad few months. Its image has taken a hit so bad Gov. Mike Pence has spent $2 million on an outsice PR firm to restore our public appearance. Many will ask why this has happened, but I have one simple explanation: Pence doesn't represent our interests.

Lawmakers negotiating changes to State Board of Education

Chelsea Schneider

Republican legislative leaders said Thursday they were still working out a final plan for changes to the Indiana State Board of Education.

But the proposal could do more than effectively remove state Democratic schools chief, Glenda Ritz, from head of the state board — or change the size of the board and its appointment process. Lawmakers are discussing adding a requirement into state law that the Ritz-controlled Indiana Department of Education shares data with the state board.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long said lawmakers need to take a holistic approach in fixing the state board's tension. Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, said he's fielded concerns that even if the chairperson changes, the board will continue to experience dysfunction if there's not a free flow of information between the Department of Education and the state board.

"I would say that there's great frustration on the board right now. A lot of it comes from the fact there's a lot of data they're not being provided that historically the board has been provided, and they are very frustrated about it," Long said.

Earlier proposals to require the Department of Education to provide data to the state board died earlier in the legislative session. One bill authored by a Republican lawmaker stated, "The department shall provide any data to the state board that the state board determines is necessary to perform the state board's duties under law."

The bill also required any data sharing to be done in compliance with a federal law that governs student information.

Ritz spokesman Daniel Altman on Thursday refuted claims the Department of Education hadn't provided information. Altman said his understanding was the department has "always provided data that (the state board) asked for," subject to any prohibition.

Yet, House Speaker Brian Bosma echoed Long's comments during a media briefing, saying access to data is an issue lawmakers are currently working on.

"We want to be sure, when the General Assembly leaves town next Wednesday evening, there are statutes in place to see to it that the board functions," Bosma said.

The reintroduction of the data requirement comes in the final days of the General Assembly, where lawmakers have yet to come to a consensus on the makeup of the state board.

The bill calls for the state board to elect its own chair. Right now, the state superintendent of public instruction automatically fills that role. Even with the changes, Ritz would still remain a member of the state board through her elected office.

The Senate's original plan reduced the size of the board from 11 to nine members and also changed who makes appointments to the board. The governor currently makes all appointments, with the exception of the state superintendent of public instruction. The version that passed the House increased the board to 13 members, and while most appointments would remain with the governor, legislative leaders would make two appointments.

Changes to the state board are one of several issues lawmakers are working to finalize before the General Assembly adjourns April 29. Lawmakers also are hammering out a new, two-year state budget and potential changes to the state's gambling industry, including approval of land-based casinos.

Kenley backs off push for 'off-the-shelf' student test

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By Anci Ten Barge

TheStatehouseFile.com

IND ANAPOLIS – Key lawmakers said Thursday they plan to move forward with a new STEP test – at least for the next two years – and then study whether an off-the-shelf exam could be used in the future to save money.

Sen. Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, said he would back off his proposal to require the use of an already standardized test instead of ISTEP to measure student comprehension of the state's new curriculum standards.

Earlier this session, the Senate approved Senate Bill 566 – authored by Kenley and Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Bremen – to explore the new avenue for school testing, rather than the ISTEP.

House Republican leaders had opposed the plan and stripped it out of SB 566. On Thursday, the two sides met to try to find a compromise on the legislation.

The debate stems from increasing costs to administer various statewide student tests – a price tag that is expected to rise further as the state develops a new test to match its new standards.

Originally, the state was set to use the controversial Common Core standards – which have been adopted by dozens of states – which would have made an off-the-shelf test much more likely.

But the General Assembly ordered the State Board of Education to come up with standards written just for Indiana. That also means a customized test, state Superintendent Glenda Ritz has argued.

The Democrat asked lawmakers in December for more than $65 million to implement new tests, although she has since cut that number almost in half. Kenley had hoped to go even cheaper.

But now the issue will be sent to a legislative study committee for more review.

Schools delay testing, seek online waivers after glitches

April 23, 2015

School districts across Indiana are delaying the second round of ISTEP+ testing or asking the Department of Education for permission to administer the exam with paper and pencil after experiencing continuing problems with an online server.

Districts in Franklin, Kokomo and Columbus are among those that have received waivers from the online testing requirement. Fort Wayne Community Schools and the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. have delayed the start of testing after experiencing problems during online practice sessions.

The issues are fueling already heightened concerns over how students will perform on the high-stakes exam, which is used to evaluate schools and teachers. Outrage over changes to the exam that more than doubled its length, to about 12 hours, forced Gov. Mike Pence and lawmakers to find ways to shorten the test earlier this year.

Warrick County Superintendent Brad Schneider said practice testing in his district was an "absolute disaster" and said it's not acceptable to be experiencing problems as testing begins.

"Someone needs to answer for this simply because this is a high-stakes test. ... And if we can't provide a testing platform in which students are not disrupted ... what kind of impact will it have?" Schneider said.

The problems include students not being able to log onto the system, frames freezing, calculators and other functions not working and students only being allowed to click one answer on multiple choice questions when they are prompted to select more, the Evansville Courier & Press reported.

Lissa Stranahan, director of exceptional learners and testing at Western Schools in Russiaville, called the

testing issues a "debacle" in an email to House Speaker Brian Bosma.
"It is an embarrassment to the entire state. This assessment will not reflect the true abilities of students, teachers and schools," she wrote.
Department of Education spokesman Daniel Altman told The Associated Press on Thursday that the first day of testing was "going smoothly" and that the rate of interruptions was low.
He said the department was reaching out to schools that had reported disruptions to resolve the issues.
Educators say they're frustrated by continuing problems with the online test and vendor CTB/McGraw Hill. In the past three years, schools have had repeated problems ranging from screens freezing to seeing blank screens instead of questions. In 2013, schools statewide had multiple problems and an estimated 70,000 students experienced disruptions that included screens freezing and being kicked out of the test.
"The state should have their act together by now," Principal Mark Heiden of Creekside Elementary in Franklin told the Daily Journal. "At what point is someone going to get this under control?"

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Pence adds familiar face to staff
Inside Indiana Business
Indiana Governor Mike Pence announced today the addition of Matt Lloyd to the governor's office as Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Strategy. Lloyd will assume his responsibilities in late May.

Angst about Iran deal at GOP Jewish meeting
Star Telegram
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, center, meets with people after speaking at the Republican Jewish Coalition spring leadership meeting Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Las Vegas. Republican luminaries and presidential hopefuls reiterated their support for Israel and skepticism about President Obama's proposed nuclear deal with Iran as an influential group of Republican Jews gathered Saturday at the casino of GOP mega-donor Sheldon Adelson.

Top republicans are heading Vegas to meet Sheldon Adelson
The Market Business
Several Republican presidential candidates are heading Vegas to attend the Spring Meetings Leadership Jewish Republican Coalition on weekends. This meeting is very important for Cruz and Perry so that they will seek to reaffirm their commitment to Israel and their disapproval of Obama's policy towards Iran. Together with them, several prominent Republicans, such as Lindsey Graham, Mike Pence, and also GeorgePataki.

IN HIV outbreak triggers national alert
The Guardian

Federal health officials helping to contain an HIV outbreak in Indiana issued an alert to health departments across the US on Friday, urging them to take steps to identify and track HIV and hepatitis C cases in an effort to prevent similar outbreaks elsewhere...Indiana governor Mike Pence last month declared a public health emergency in Scott County because of the HIV outbreak that began in December and is primarily centered in Austin, a city of 4,300 people.

CDC issues alert over IN HIV boom
Gazette Review
Scott County in Indiana has been going through a huge H V outbreak, with every day more cases being confirmed, which is all tied back to intravenous drug use. Health officials in Indiana said that there are now 142 confirmed cases in Scott County, with 136 confirmed and 6 preliminary testing positive. The surge in HIV cases is huge, considering that between 2009 and 2013 there had been only three cases of HIV...Governor Mike Pence used to be strongly against a needle exchange program, but with this outbreak, he changed his tune and allowed the program to open for 30 days. The program can continue in 30 day increments, which means Pence will likely add more time to the needle exchange program 30 days at a time. Pence has already decided to add another 30 days onto the program this week, but the program is only operating in Scott County.

State to probe collapse; injuries to students minor
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is promising a thorough state investigation into a stage collapse at a central Indiana high school that left more than a dozen students with minor injuries.

Religious freedom up for debate in Mich. committee
USA Today
Despite Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's promise to veto a religious freedom bill if it reaches his desk, the state Senate Judiciary committee will consider such a bill Tuesday. The hearing on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act will come just a couple of hours after the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments on bans on same-sex marriage in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee... Opponents say the bill would legalize discrimination against the LGBT community and that protections for religious freedom already exist in the U.S. and state constitutions. The decision to address RFRA in Michigan comes after Indiana endured nearly a week of national derision last month for the religious freedom bill signed by Republican Gov.Mike Pence.

LEGISLATURE
Big items left on agenda as legislative session nears end
WISH TV
State lawmakers begin their last few days of this year's legislative session Monday. The session wraps up on Wednesday.

Lawmakers smooth over differences as end looms
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Lawmakers have three days to finish up the 2015 legislative session and there are "still a lot of balls up in the air."

Final countdown is on at the Statehouse
NWI Times
The Indiana General Assembly will adjourn for the year on Wednesday,that much is certain.

Charter school funding still a question as Legislature wraps up
Evansville Courier & Press
As lawmakers wrap up work on the state's new budget, one issue still up in the air is whether charter schools receive funding to help with facility costs.
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Republicans eye more rules on Ritz, education board dealings
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Legislative leaders are considering steps to broaden the Republican-backed proposal aimed at allowing the state Board of Education to replace Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz as its leader, they said Thursday.

STATE AGENCIES
State releases ISTEP+ testing update
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Department of Education released a testing summary from the online administration of the ISTEP+ today. The summary includes data from Thursday's administration of the ISTEP+.

Restoration set for 1880s southern Indiana covered bridge
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Work is about to start on a project to restore a historic wooden covered bridge in southern Indiana's Jennings County.

AROUND INDIANA
IPFW celebrates first science TEC Academy
Inside Indiana Business
A group of dedicated university and community partners will join with pre-college students and their parents on April 28, 2015 to celebrate the inaugural year of the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) Sci-TEC Academy. The event will take place in Walb Union Classic Ballroom from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Power to the Indiana people's party – in 1855
Indy Star
If you not only know that the answer to that question is 1855-1857, but you can also explain what the Indiana People's Party is, then your name is probably Trevor Foughty. Foughty, an aide to Rep. Todd Young, spent more than four years creating the site in his spare time. That meant not just writing the code, but also entering information on more than 2,000 candidates and listing the results of more than 600 elections.

Religious leaders plan to protest changes to RFRA
WISH TV
Pastors Alliance Executive Director Ron Johnson told The (Munster) Times the fix removes religious freedoms and the group believes Republican leaders caved to corporate threats and special interests.

Small Indiana town sued for rejecting proposed cell tower
Indy Star

A company that wants to build a cellphone tower in northeast Indiana is suing a small town, alleging the Zanesville Town Council is violating the federal Communications Act by using zoning ordinances to keep a wireless communications facility out.

Thousands honor slain IU student in 2 vigils
Indy Star
Thousands gathered Saturday in two emotional vigils to remember slain Indiana University student Hannah Wilson.

EDITORIAL
LoBiance: Another legislative session, full of surprises
Indy Star
In just a few days, state lawmakers and Gov. Mike Pence will wrap up their 2015 session, and the element of surprise has taken on sudden importance. Who's being blindsided typically determines whether those surprises make it into law.

Howey: Pence still strong with GOP, less so with women
NWI Times
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has a plethora of political and policy problems to deal with, but a Republican gubernatorial primary isn't likely to be one of them.

Tully: tax suburbanites to fix Indy infrastrucure
Indy Star
He's standing near a pond, looking into the camera. The look on his face is perfect, in that way that little kids' faces are always perfect. His mouth is either cutting a half-smile or locked in seriousness — I can't tell. He looks like a kid ready to either share a joke or announce to the world that he is in charge. Maybe both.

Smith: Why I'm leaving Indianapolis
Indy Star
You see, I am moving. Not to San Francisco, but close. About 90 minutes away, to Sacramento, Calif.

Charter school funding still a question as Legislature wraps up
Chelsea Schneider
As lawmakers wrap up work on the state's new budget, one issue still up in the air is whether charter schools receive funding to help with facility costs.
The funding would make a big difference, said Jean Hitchcock, executive director of Signature School. The Evansville charter schoo currently must raise about $250,000 in donations annually to bridge a funding shortfall.
The school relies on donations for computers, and furniture is hand-downs from the University of Southern Indiana and other sources.
But what weighs on Hitchcock the most is the list of students waiting to get into Signature School, known nationally for its high achievement.
"I hate having kids on a waitlist and turning them away, but we simply don't have the space," Hitchcock said. "My hope is they will examine it this session and will be able to find some dollars for charter schools. It's very difficult for us to operate at a deficit."

But whether those dollars end up in the final budget lawmakers forward to Gov. Mike Pence by Wednesday is still a matter of negotiations. Supporters of offering additional funding for the schools say it's needed, because unlike traditional public schools, charter schools can't collect property taxes to help pay for capital expenses. Yet, opponents say any extra funding for those schools will drain money from traditional public schools where the vast majority of Hoosier children attend.

Budget proposals released by Pence and the House and Senate all take different routes on charter school funding.

• Pence offered the most funding – a $1,500 per student grant for charter schools. The grants are expected to cost $41 million in 2016 and $45 million in 2017.

• The House plan offers $20 million per year in grants to charter schools for capital projects.

• The Senate plan pushes back any proposed changes by sending them to a summer study committee.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long said on Thursday lawmakers are working to find a "sweet spot" on charter school funding. A 2013 report by the National Conference of State Legislatures found 10 states and the District of Columbia provide direct funding to charter schools to cover facility costs.

"They are in a deficit and usually incurring pretty significant debt to be able to construct their facilities," said Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, "so do we help them find a way to improve that situation. That's the discussion right now, and I think it's a fair one."

The funding likely will be one of the last issues resolved as lawmakers make final revisions to the next state budget, said Betsy Wiley, president and CEO of Institute for Quality Education. The school choice organization continues to be hopeful, Wiley said, that per-student funding toward capital expenses is made available to all charter schools.

"I think it's a big fight ahead of us," Wiley said, "but I think it's an important one. I think it's phenomenal we are having the conversation and getting the attention we have. There are nearly 27,000 students in charter schools and they deserve to have their education funded equitably. I'm optimistic we will all work together and figure out how to get that done here before the end of session."

Wiley expects the new forecast of state revenues released this month, which showed the state had about $213 million less in spending power than anticipated for the next budget, to cause lawmakers and the Senate's lead budget architect, state Sen. Luke Kenley, concern.

"The Senate likes to be deliberative, and I don't think Sen. Kenley in particular has had the time to fully learn what our current situation is when it comes to charter school facility funding," Wiley said.

Regardless of facility money, Signature School and the area's other charter school, Joshua Academy, see different outcomes in House and Senate plans for funding K-12 schools. Joshua Academy makes slight gains in funding in both the House and Senate plans. But Signature School would lose about $162,000 in state funding over the next two years in the Senate plan, while the school would see a slighter decrease in the House plan.

State Sen. Vaneta Becker, an Evansville Republican, said she supports sending charter school funding to a study committee. Becker said she was concerned of recent A-F school accountability grades where about 45 percent of the state's 73 charter accredited schools earned either a "D" or an "F."

" just think we have a lot of traditional public schools that are struggling as well," Becker said on school finances. "So I think the study committee would be the best option at this point."

State Sen. Mark Stoops, a Bloomington Democrat and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said Pence's proposal goes against the original concept that charter schools would be more efficient to run than traditional public schools. Stoops said community-based, not-for-profit charter schools need to be separated out from those run by for-profit operators.

"Where is that money going to go? Is it going to go straight to the bottom line of these for-profit charter operators," Stoops questioned.

Deliberations on charter school funding come as lawmakers are working to settle a new, two-year budget for the state, which will cover spending from July through June 2017.

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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

Pence is headed to China for another trade mission
The Statehouse File
Gov. Mike Pence is packing his bags in anticipation of a trip to China, which will focus on creating economic opportunities and partnerships between the country and our state.
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Pence to lead jobs mission to China
Inside IN Business
Governor Mike Pence will lead a delegation of Hoosier business leaders to China next month on his sixth international jobs and economic development mission as governor.

Ethics reforms on their way to Pence
Indy Star
A package of ethics reforms is headed to Gov. Mike Pence — including a last-minute addition that would require lawmakers to disclose businesses in which they have a particularly large financial stake.

Ethics bill that requires, more financial disclosure from lawmakers heads to Pence for approval
The Statehouse File
An ethics bill that would require lawmakers to be more transparent with their business dealings and stop them from using state resources for political gain is now headed to the governor for approval.
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Pence opposes expanding exchanges
Batesville Herald Tribune

Public health experts are pushing Indiana lawmakers to pass legislation to allow for needle exchange programs in communities at high-risk for the deadly virus that causes AIDS, despite continuing opposition from Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence, GOP leaders get pastors' 'rebuke' for RFRA fix
Indy Star
A pastor who stood behind Gov. Mike Pence last month when he signed the "religious freedom" bill stood in the heart of the Statehouse on Monday and publicly rebuked Pence for the "betrayal" of signing the "fix" that quelled the national backlash.

LEGISLATURE
GOP changes plan to dilute Ritz's power
Indy Star
A Republican plan to restructure the Indiana State Board of Education announced Monday would allow Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, a Democrat, to continue to chair the board until the end of her term while limiting her agency's authority over education policy.

Ritz would keep chair for now, board gets some ISTEP authority under proposed compromise
The Statehouse File
State Superintendent Glenda Ritz would keep her position as chair of the State Board of Education through the end of her current term under a new proposal lawmakers are considering with just days left in their legislative session.
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Vets could get a leg up for jobs under bill headed to governor
The Statehouse File
A bill that would allow employers to give veterans preference when hiring for jobs passed the House and Senate on Monday.
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Proposed changes to SBOE pushes back election of chair to 2017, gives state
Evansville Courier & Press
A final deal is in the works to modify the Indiana State Board of Education that delays any changes to the board chair until after the 2016 election, but would still give the board new powers over ISTEP.
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STATE AGENCIES
Local bar's fate in state commission's hands
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A hearing judge with the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission heard evidence Monday that police runs have dropped at the embattled Sports and Spirits bar in Fort Wayne in the last six months.

Truck driver firm announces layoffs
Inside IN Business
Illinois based P.T.O. services says it is laying off 57 workers in Gary. In a notice to the DWD, the driver leasing company says the move is a result of a cancelled contract.

IOSHA to investigate high school stage collapse

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana Department of Labor spokeswoman Amanda Stanley tells WISH-TV the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration launched a formal investigation Monday into the cause of last week's stage collapse at Westfield High School. The collapse during the finale of a musical on Thursday sent 16 students plunging into the orchestra pit.

8 Applicants seek vacancy on Indiana Court of appeals
WTHR
The Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission has received eight applications for a future vacancy on the Indiana Court of Appeals.
Appellate Judge Ezra Friedlander plans to retire on August 31. Applicants seeking to take his seat include Marion Superior Court Judges Robert Altice and Gary Miller. Wabash Superior Court Judge Christopher Goff is the only applicant from outside of Indianapolis.

AROUND INDIANA
Four Indy area school districts seek tax hikes in May 5 election
Indy Star
Next week's primary election will allow voters in four Indianapolis-area school districts to decide whether they want to increase property taxes to update school facilities, boost operating budgets or provide for new construction.

Fort Wayne factory gains 'green' recognition
Inside IN Business
General Motors' Fort Wayne Assembly Plant – home of the regular and double-cab Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra – ranks No. 5 among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's top 30 generators of onsite green power. The assembly plant generates its renewable energy onsite from methane captured from decomposing trash in a nearby landfill, powering 43 percent of the building's electricity.

EDITORIAL
Swarens: A little perspective, please, on Christian 'persecution' and RFRA
Indy Star
Early morning, April 2, Muslim terrorists invaded the campus of Garissa University in eastern Kenya. They came with one intent, to kill Christians.

Pence is headed to China for another trade mission
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Staff Report
TheStatehouseFile.com
INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence is packing his bags in anticipation of a trip to China, which will focus on creating economic opportunities and partnerships between the country and our state.
Pence will leave on May 9 for a weeklong trip and will visit Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou, the capital city of Zhejiang Province, Inciana's Chinese sister state.
While away, Pence will meet with Chinese government leaders, top executives from numerous Chinese companies and potential investors. The governor will also stop at Indiana companies with operations in China, including Eli Lilly and Cummins, as well as China-based Haier Group, which is planning to locate its North American Tech Center in Evansville.
China is the state's fifth largest export partner, with exports totaling $1.4 billion in 2014.

"Indiana plays a critical role in the global economy, with thousands of Hoosiers across our state going to work daily at international companies," Pence said in a statement. "China represents the largest economy in the world. Today we see immense potential for the creation of more jobs for Hoosiers through the strengthening of ties with our Chinese partners."

The trip is Pence's sixth international trade mission since taking office. His first was in 2013 when he traveled to Japan. He has also gone on trade missions to Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada and Israel.

"The reach of Indiana's economy extends far beyond our borders," Pence said. "Hoosiers can create everything from cars to medicines that are used around the world. And with Indiana's strengths in life sciences, advanced manufacturing and aerospace, we aim to make sure Chinese business leaders know that Indiana is the ideal place to grow their companies and create great Hoosier jobs."

Private donations from the Indiana Economic Development Foundation are paying for Pence's trip. First Lady Karen Pence and Secretary of Commerce Victor Smith will also travel with the governor.

"Our universities and our communities already boast a thriving friendship with China," Pence said, "and we're looking forward to strengthening this relationship on our jobs mission next month."

Ethics bill that requires more financial disclosure from lawmakers heads to Pence for approval

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By Alec Gray

TheStatehouseFile.com

IND ANAPOLIS – An ethics bill that would require lawmakers to be more transparent with their business dealings and stop them from using state resources for political gain is now headed to the governor for approval.

House Bill 1002, which was authored and sponsored by the four leaders of the House and Senate, received final approval by the House on Monday. The bill is a response to ethical issues surrounding former Rep. Eric Turner and former state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett.

House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said the bill gives Hoosiers the chance to see the business interests of lawmakers, while also forcing those lawmakers to be transparent.

"The goal was always to have unprecedented transparency and disclosure, and I'm very confident that 1002 accomplishes just that," Bosma said.

House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said the bill was a bipartisan effort and all of the state legislative leaders contributed to the bill.

"We have plenty of things around here on which we find ground to disagree, but this is one we're all in together," Pelath said.

New language added to the bill closes a loophole that state employees have used in the past to get around a one year cooling off period. Current law allows a former employee to become a consultant and then contract with the company he or she would otherwise have been banned from working with.

The new language would ban that activity as well.

The legislation also requires lawmakers to take an ethics training course and creates an ethics office within the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency. Bosma said new ethics office would feature the same LSA employees legislators go to for ethical advice now.

The bill would require lawmakers to disclose active business investments of at least $5,000. Current law doesn't require a disclosure until the investment reaches $10,000.

The bill passed the House unanimously.

Ritz would keep chair for now, board gets some ISTEP authority under proposed compromise

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By Alec Gray
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IND ANAPOLIS – State Superintendent Glenda Ritz would keep her position as chair of the State Board of Education through the end of her current term under a new proposal lawmakers are considering with just days left in their legislative session.
The plan would still give the state board the authority to elect its own leader – but not until Jan. 1, 2017, just after the next election of the superintendent of public instruction.
Stripping Ritz, a Democrat, of her power at the state board has been a hot-button issue throughout the session with majority Republicans pushing to let the board pick its own chair as soon as this summer. They've argued that the current setup, which has Ritz chair a board of members all appointed by a GOP governor, has led to dysfunction that is unacceptable.
But Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle – who is chairing the joint House-Senate conference committee looking for an agreement on competing versions of Senate Bill 1 – said the decision to keep Ritz in her position as chair for now is a compromise that is less about political pressure and more about other aspects of the legislation that should strengthen the board's hand.
Among those provisions are some that would give the state board more control over the ISTEP exam and make the board a state educational authority, as well as the DOE, which gives both agencies standing with the federal government. The proposal also revamps the board's makeup and dictates a number of board operating procedures, including how many members must be present to act and when agendas must be prepared.
John Barnes, the director of legislative affairs at the Indiana Department of Education, said the agency is happy that Ritz will not be removed as chairman. But he said he still thinks the argument is politically driven.
Democrats and advocates for Ritz have long argued that removing her as the board chair now would disenfranchise voters.
"So from that standpoint, certainly that's better," Barnes said. "We feel like its ridiculous from the beginning to manufacture this kind of dysfunction that everybody wants to call it when in fact it all seems to be purely politics and it just doesn't make a whole lot of sense."
Since Ritz was elected more than two years ago – defeating Republican Tony Bennett – she and board members have bickered about not just significant policies involving testing and school accountability but also small, administrative issues including who gets to put items on the board agenda and when a policy is eligible for a vote. At one point, Ritz sued the board for taking action behind her back and, at another point, she walked out of a meeting.
Holdman chose not to hear public testimony on the proposal Monday, despite proposing language that had not passed the House or Senate earlier in the session. He said because of the time crunch, he only wanted lawmakers weighing in.
SB 1, in its current form, would give more power to the State Board of Education to not only set education policy in the state, but also to be more a part of the implementation of those policies, something the DOE has historically done.
Barnes said that is a dangerous idea because there are times when a quick decision must be made and the schools don't have time to wait for the DOE to consult with the board.
"We just think its always confusing if you try to put two different entities in control," Barnes said. "There isn't time for two different entities to consult about what's going on so we feel like that's a big mistake. You don't want to put a volunteer board in charge of ISTEP when it takes experts and people who are experts in student assessment."
The new proposal would also shrink the board from 11 members to 9. The governor would appoint six members to the board, with only four coming from his political party. The speaker of the House and president pro tem of the Senate would each get one appointee.

Holdman said shrinking the board would allow members to work more efficiently and work better together as a team.
"Most Hoosiers acknowledge that the current discord and dysfunction on the State Board of Education is not in the best interest of Hoosier students," Holdman said in a statement after the meeting. "As state lawmakers charged with setting state education policy, we have a responsibility to do something about it. I believe this legislation is a solid move in the right direction that will benefit our kids in the classroom."
Democrats said they were upset that the board would be stacked for the majority 6-3 and create a completely partisan system.
Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said he thinks the elected superintendent needs to have more power and is upset that language was taken out that required majority legislative leaders to at least consult with the minority leaders before selecting their appointees.
"This is going to be a completely partisan type of a board," Lanane said. "There's a good reason that the elected superintendent of public instruction serves as the chair. All those other appointments on that board are not elected, and underneath this scenario, they could have minimal qualifications.
" think it would be an excellent time to restore the power, to affirm the power of the elected superintendent of public instruction as the chair of this board," he said. "We'll put that out there. We'll see if they accept that or not."

Vets could get a leg up for jobs under bill headed to governor
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By Alec Gray
TheStatehouseFile.com
IND ANAPOLIS – A bill that would allow employers to give veterans preference when hiring for jobs passed the House and Senate on Monday.
The bill underwent minor changes that gave the preference to more veterans including former members of the Indiana National Guard and Air National Guard.
"Our hardworking Hoosier veterans often find difficulty when returning home to their families," Rep. Karlee Macer, D-Indianapolis, said. "This bill makes it easier for these veterans to obtain employment while giving employers peace of mind knowing that their workforce is comprised of our nation's heroes."
The bill would also protect employers from lawsuits if they give preference to veterans.
Both chambers passed the bill and it is now awaiting the governor's signature.

Proposed changes to State Board of Education pushes back election of chair to 2017, gives state
Chelsea Schneider
A final deal is in the works to modify the Indiana State Board of Education that delays any changes to the board chair until after the 2016 election, but would still give the board new powers over ISTEP.
The proposed plan unveiled Monday reduces the State Board of Education to nine members from the current 11-member board. However, Democratic state schools chief Glenda Ritz would remain head of the state board through her current term in office – a shift from earlier proposals that would have allowed the board to remove Ritz as chair this year.
The proposal before lawmakers also would statutorily require the Department of Education to share data with the state board in a 'reasonable time frame. It also gives the state board oversight over the content and format of the ISTEP.
Republican lawmakers involved in finalizing the changes to the state board called the deal a fair compromise on Monday. But Democrats criticized the decision not to allow public testimony at a Monday legislative hearing because some aspects of the proposal are either new concepts or ones that stalled in the legislative process earlier in the General Assembly session.

State Rep. Wendy McNamara, a Mount Vernon Republican who is serving as an advisor on the final deal, said the proposal balances concerns brought forward about the state board changes.

"I firmly believe when we really want to say what we mean, and it means we are going to take care of kids in Indiana; it's our ultimate responsibility to make sure that the highest level of education, the place that's given the governance for education, functions appropriately and functions in the best interest of our kids," McNamara said. "After months and months of discussion and compromise, this is the best thing for us."

John Barnes, director of legislative affairs for the Department of Education, took issue with the state board gaining new control over standardized tests for Hoosier students, saying putting two different groups in control of ISTEP would cause confusion.

"We feel like that's a big mistake. You don't want to put a volunteer board in charge of ISTEP when it takes experts and people who are experts in student assessment," Barnes said.

Delaying changes in the selection of the board chair until after the 2016 election eliminates the argument that the proposal would disenfranchise Indiana voters, who elected Ritz on the presumption she would serve as head of the Department of Education as well as the state board, Barnes said.

"But again, we feel like it's ridiculous from the beginning to manufacture this kind of dysfunction that everybody wants to call it when in fact it all seems to be purely politics," Barnes said.

One of the proposal's lead authors, state Sen. Travis Holdman, said lawmakers were under a "time crunch," so public testimony wasn't taken at the Monday hearing.

Holdman, a Markle Republican, said the proposed changes aim to open communication lines between Ritz's department and board members, so the date of when the board first elects its chair became "somewhat moot."

Under the plan, membership on the board would reduce to nine members this June. The governor would appoint six members. The House speaker and Senate president pro tem would hold one appointment each, and the state schools chief would still serve as an automatic member.

Then at the board's first meeting in January 2017, the board would elect its own chairperson.

Of the governor's six appointments, four must have professional education experience and four can come from the same political party.

The proposal also speaks of board operating procedures, including requiring a chairperson – in the event it's not the state schools chief – to add items to the board's meeting agenda at the superintendent's request.

The proposed deal comes in the final days of the Indiana General Assembly session that's set to end Wednesday. However, further tweaks are expected as the proposal heads to both the House and Senate for final consideration.

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IBJ
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At a glance: Indiana state budget proposal
Washington Times
Here are key points of the two-year state budget agreement released Tuesday by legislative leaders. Lawmakers must approve the spending plan Wednesday to meet the General Assembly's adjournment deadline:

RDA funding in state budget, lawmakers say
NWI Times
Multiple Hoosier lawmakers are confirming that state funding for the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority to expand the South Shore Line is included in the compromise budget set to be released late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

CDC official: HIV outbreak lessons may spur 'model response'
Sun Herald
National health officials hope to use the lessons learned from efforts to contain an HIV outbreak in southern Indiana as "a model response" for the nation in combatting future outbreaks tied to intravenous drug use, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention leader said Tuesday. Dr. Jonathan Mermin, the

CDC's HIV prevention chief, said both he and Gov. Mike Pence hope the whole nation can benefit from the lessons learned in Scott and neighboring Jackson counties, which have seen a combined 143 HIV-positive cases since December fueled by needle-sharing among drug users.

Pastors: We were betrayed by Ind. 'religious freedom' fix
USA Today
A pastor who stood behind Indiana Gov. Mike Pence last month when he signed the "religious freedom" bill stood in the heart of the Statehouse on Monday and publicly rebuked Pence for the "betrayal" of signing the "fix" that quelled the national backlash.

LEGISLATURE
Gambling, education, criminal justice bills still unresolved
IBJ
Indiana lawmakers were still working late Tuesday to make deals on key bills about gambling, education and local criminal justice programs with just one day left in the 2015 legislative session.
Lanane said Gov. Mike Pence's staff indicated the Republican would veto any measure that permitted the live dealers – which would take the place of electronic table games – anytime sooner.

Lawmakers tweak needle exchange proposal
Indy Star
Lawmakers have honed a measure that would allow counties facing hepatitis C or HIV epidemics to ask the state health commissioner to declare a public emergency, paving the way for needle exchange programs and/or additional law enforcement to help address the problem.

Legislative record concealment plan scrapped
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A last-second attempt to conceal legislative records from the public hit a wall Tuesday morning.

Budget bans state archives building on Central Canal
The Statehouse File
The Pence administration would be banned from constructing a new, $25 million state archives building along the Central Canal in downtown Indianapolis under the budget bill lawmakers plan to approve Wednesday.
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Funding in place for USI, IU portions of medical school; IVY Tech out
Evansville Courier & Press
Lawmakers neared a budget deal on Tuesday, as they came to compromises on funding for the regional medical school campus in Downtown Evansville and funding for charter schools, while preserving overall funding increases for K-12 education.
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STATE AGENCIES
Companies adding jobs in NE Indiana
Inside IN Business
Two companies today announced plans to expand their operations and create 69 new jobs in northeast Indiana.

State names four star schools
Inside IN Business
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announced Indiana's Four Star Schools for 2013-2014 today. In order to achieve this designation, a school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in two ISTEP-based categories. Additionally, a qualifying school must have earned an "A" in the state's accountability system and be accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. A total of 281 schools received the award throughout the state.

Budget, education board decisions set for session's last day
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana lawmakers are facing final decisions on several contentious issues heading into the last day of this year's General Assembly session.
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Lawmakers considering language to emphasize confidentiality of audit process
Evansville Courier & Press
Last year, an Evansville city councilwoman made headlines when she recorded and released an audio recording of a private meeting concerning the city's financial audit.
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Lawmakers reconsidering search fee for public records
IBJ
A fee for public records requests that take longer than two hours to fulfill is back on the table this session, Indiana lawmakers said Tuesday.
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Jeffersonville Port racks up record quarter
Inside IN Business
The Port of Indiana-Jeffersonville recorded the highest quarterly shipments in its 30-year history during the first quarter of 2015. Cargo volume exceeded 800,000 tons, up 10 percent from the previous record set in the first quarter of 2014.

AROUND INDIANA
Kroger to make 'Massive' announcement
Inside IN Business
At a 10:00 AM news conference tomorrow, April 29th, at Kroger's store J958 at 5350 East Thompson Road in Indianapolis, Kroger Central Division President Jeff Burt, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, Indiana Secretary of Commerce Victor Smith and Indy Chamber President Michael Huber will announce details of Kroger's massive, strategic capital investment plan for central Indiana.

Indy lands 'Promise Zone' designation
Inside IN Business
The Obama Administration announced today eight additional Promise Zones across the country, including six cities, one rural area, and one tribal community. Promise Zones are high poverty communities where the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, reduce violent crime, enhance public health and address other priorities identified by the community. Through the Promise Zone designation, these communities

will work directly with federal, state and local agencies to give local leaders proven tools to improve the quality of life in some of the country's most vulnerable areas.

Construction to begin on electric car share stations
Inside IN Business
The City of Indianapolis, Bolloré Group and Indianapolis Power & Light Company announced construction will begin soon on the first 12 of up to 200 Blue ndy electric car share stations in Indianapolis. As part of the launch effort, BlueIndy plans to hire up to 50 local employees by the end of 2015.

Indy hot-spot crime strategy has mixed early results
Indy Star
The Indianapolis Department of Public Safety strategy of flooding six crime-laden neighborhoods with city services has produced mixed results in the first three months.

Expanding LGBT rights one Indiana city at a time
Indy Star
As the U.S. Supreme Court takes up the controversial debate over state bans on same-sex marriages, the fight for gay rights in Indiana has moved on to another battleground, as more cities adopt ordinances to prohibit LGBT discrimination.

Gregg: 'Big news' to share soon
The Statehouse File
Big news is coming. Or at least that's the word from John Gregg. Gregg, 60, put the word out on Twitter encouraging people to sign up on his website, greggforgovernor.com, to be the first to know what his announcement might be. If the website is any indication, Gregg will be throwing his name into the 2016 race for governor. Gregg lost the election by a small margin to current Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican, in 2012.
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JOBS/ECONOMY
Allison Announces first quarter results
Inside Indiana Business
Allison Transmission Holdings Inc. (NYSE: ALSN), the largest global provider of commercial duty fully-automatic transmissions, today reported net sales for the first quarter of $504 million, a 2 percent increase from the same period in 2014. The increase in net sales was principally driven by the continued recovery in the North America On-Highway end market, higher demand in the North America Off-Highway end market and price increases on certain products partially offset by lower demand in other end markets.

EDITORIAL
District by District
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Is downtown Fort Wayne prospering at the expense of the city's neighborhoods? That's the question candidates for City Council district seats are debating, with the strongest candidates recognizing the balance required to support both. Among contested races for the Republican and Democratic primaries, we endorse incumbent councilmen Thomas Smith, Thomas Didier and Glynn Hines. Michelle Merritt is the best candidate in the District 2 Democratic race and Ryan Keuneke in the District 4 GOP race.

School of Medicine funding is vital for SW IN

Evansville Courier & Press

The Indiana Legislature is taking steps this week to finalize the next biennial budget, and people in this corner of the state should be concerned — and perhaps even be prepared to be angry.

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Budget deal means more for schools, less for roads

April 28, 2015

The Statehouse File

Most charter schools would get additional money, teachers would get a $100 tax credit and the governor's regional cities initiative would be funded under a budget compromise the Indiana House and Senate reached Tuesday.

The $31.3 billion, two-year plan which should be approved and sent to Gov. Mike Pence on Wednesday, the last day of the 2015 General Assembly – would mean a 2.3-percent increase in K-12 school funding in 2016 and again in 2017.

The school money will be divided among districts in a way that closes the gap between the urban districts with the state's highest per student funding and those in suburban areas with lower per student funding. But House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said the proposal also provides "a softer landing to some of the urban schools that thought they were suffering too much of a loss" under the original budget passed by the House.

Charter schools that have an A, B or C rating would get a $500 per student funding boost under the plan. Under current law, they don't share in the property tax revenue that traditional public schools receive for buildings, transportation and other costs.

Charters that have a D or F grade could obtain the additional money if they perform at or above the level of the traditional schools in their area. Charters – which are public schools generally operated outside traditional districts and with fewer rules – would also be eligible for loans from the state's common school fund to help pay for construction and other costs.

Extra funding for charter schools hac been a priority for Pence, although lawmaker had been far more skeptical.

"We're in a sweet spot where everyone can live with it," said Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne.

The budget plan creates an amnesty program that lets tax scofflaws pay up and avoid prosecution. That's expected to bring in more than $100 million that will be used in part to pay for Gov. Mike Pence's regional cities initiative, which calls on metro areas to develop and implement strategic plans for development.

Pence wanted $84 million for the plan but the Senate originally slashed the funding. Bosma said Tuesday that Pence will be happy with the compromise.

The Republican majorities in the House and Senate had originally hoped to have the final budget plan finished and posted publicly Tuesday afternoon. But Long said the usual last-minute negotiations over several issues pushed it back. The plan was expected to go online late Tuesday evening.

Meanwhile, legislative leaders spelled out some of the plan's details.

The budget will incluce a $100 tax credit for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies. House Republicans had originally sought a credit twice that size but Senate Republicans opposed the program. Still, the compromise will cost the state $10 million.

"Sometimes a half a loaf is better than none," Bosma said. "We are getting a tax credit for every teacher, which was our goal."

The budget will also include increased performance awards for teachers.

But to afford the additional money for schools anc teachers, lawmakers are pulling back on money for

roads. Both the House and Senate had put $200 million into the budget each year for special highway projects. That would be on top of the ongoing revenue stream for roads.
The compromise plan cuts that amount in half but lets the State Budget Committee authorize more later if the money is available.
" t is reduced," Bosma said, "but it's still high."
The budget plan boosts funding for higher education by about $45 million – the same amount proposed by the House but less than pushed by the Senate.
"We felt we were going to have to back up a little bit," said Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville.
The cuts from the original budget proposals became necessary after lawmakers learned earlier this month that they'll likely have fewer tax dollars to spend in 2016 and 2017 than they thought when they started working on the spending plan.
Long said lawmakers wanted to keep enough reserves in the bank to ensure the state maintained its AAA bond rating, which makes borrowing cheaper, while still boosting funding overall for a few priorities.
"We're spending a lot of money on education, which we're happy about," Long said. But the reduced revenue forecast "caused some whittling here and there."
The budget provides $80 million for local community corrections programs, which are expected to see significant increases in enrollment under sentencing changes the General Assembly made last year. But a separate bill puts considerable "checks and balances" on the way the money is obtained and spent, Kenley said.
There's no money in the budget to expand two prisons, something Pence had requested.

Lawmakers reconsidering search fee for public records

April 28, 2015
Associated Press
A fee for public records requests that take longer than two hours to fulfill is back on the table this session, Indiana lawmakers said Tuesday.
House members have approved a proposal that would allow government agencies to charge a searching fee for record requests that take over two hours. After that time, they could charge up to $20 an hour.
Lawmakers considered the fee and other public record changes earlier this session but voted to remove the language in from another bill in March.
State law currently prohibits public agencies from charging a fee to search for, examine, or review a record to determine whether or not it can be disclosed. Those requesting the documents can only be charged for the actual cost of copying a record, which is a minimum of $0.10 per page or $0.25 for color.
Supporters of the proposal argue that compensation for search times would help alleviate the burden that large requests place on government resources. But critics say the measure could discourage in-depth records requests and give officials another tool to fight transparency.
Bill sponsor Republican Rep. Dennis Zent of Argola said local governments often receive complicated requests for documents from certain individuals.
"I don't think that's a wise use of taxpayer money if that's just one individual repeatedly doing it," Zent said.
Supporters also applaud a provision that would allow a requester to receive records electronically. The search fee would apply, but the requester would not have to pay a copying cost.
Currently, an agency can refuse to provide electronic copies, forcing a requester to pick up records in person and pay a copying fee.
Hoosier State Press Association Executive Director Steve Key said the benefit of getting records in an easy format outweighs the potential negatives of a search fee.
Key said it would also save time and resources for both government agencies and records requesters.

"This is going to probably force people to be a little bit more selective when they make records requests," he said. "It will be much more of a rifle approach as opposed to a shot gun or casting a fishing net."
Democratic Rep. Matt Pierce of Bloomington criticized the measure.
"The records are created with our tax dollars; the employees and the buildings are paid for with our tax dollars. If they've got to suffer through a few people who make outrageous requests, that's kind of the price of democracy," he said.
The Senate is set to vote on the measure Wednesday, the 2015 session deadline.

Gambling, education, criminal justice bills still unresolved
April 28, 2015
Adam Lee, The Statehouse File
Indiana lawmakers were still working late Tuesday to make deals on key bills about gambling, education and local criminal justice programs with just one day left in the 2015 legislative session.
Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said a proposed agreement on the gambling bill will allow riverboat casinos to move on land but will delay letting horse track casinos have live dealers for five years.
Lanane said Gov. Mike Pence's staff indicated the Republican would veto any measure that permitted the live dealers – which would take the place of electronic table games – anytime sooner.
" t's unfortunate for the gaming industry," Lanane said. "This is our opportunity to do a comprehensive improvement of our industry to ward off the competition of other states."
Lanane said the delay will kill potential jobs in Shelbyville and Anderson, and eliminates a competitive advantage for the state.
As passed by the House, the bill would have authorized the land-based casinos and the live dealers immediately. It also provided tax breaks to help the casinos beat back competition from Ohio and Illinois. But the Senate pushed back the live dealers for five years.
Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said the gambling compromise won't likely be finalized until Wednesday, the last day for legislation to pass the General Assembly.
That's when lawmakers also expect to vote on Senate Bill 1, a controversial bill that would give the State Board of Education the authority to elect its own chair. Originally, the House and Senate voted to put that provision in place this summer, which would likely sweep state Superintendent Glenda Ritz, a Democrat, out of her role as chair.
But a new provision would let Ritz, who was elected in 2012, keep the spot until the end of her four-year term.
Lawmakers were also still working on a bill to distribute millions of dollars in grants to local community corrections programs to help pay for programs – including mental health and addiction services – to men and women convicted of lower level felonies.

Budget bans state archives building on Central Canal
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TheStatehouseFile.com
IND ANAPOLIS –The Pence administration would be banned from constructing a new, $25 million state archives building along the Central Canal in downtown Indianapolis under the budget bill lawmakers plan to approve Wednesday.
"That's green space and it's not a big enough space," said Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, who put the language into the bill. "If you build that building there now, in 20 years it's too small."
However, the budget includes $25 million to fund the building.

The proposed site – which state officials said earlier month is their preference for the project – is located across the canal from the Indiana History Center near a state parking garage.
That's also across Ohio Street from the state office building complex that includes the Statehouse.
Kenley said the Department of Administration showed him six parcels of land the state owned that could serve as locations for a new archives building. "I think others are better," he said.
Currently, many of the state's historical documents are housed in a warehouse that does not have the climate control needed to properly preserve them.
The Indianapolis Business Journal reported that the proposed site for the archives has been somewhat controversial. "We need to continually add more vibrancy to the canal with increased foot traffic," Sherry Seiwert, CEO of Downtown Indy, told the IBJ.
The budget plan also includes $2 million to renovate part of Robert Orr Plaza at the state office complex into a bicentennial plaza as well as $2.5 million for an education center that would be part of a bicentennial legacy project.

Funding in place for USI, IU portions of medical school; Ivy Tech out
Chelsea Schneider
Lawmakers neared a budget deal on Tuesday, as they came to compromises on funding for the regional medical school campus in Downtown Evansville and funding for charter schools, while preserving overall funding increases for K-12 education.
The budget proposal offers $25.2 million in state funding to construct the Indiana University and University of Southern Indiana portions of the medical school project. The IU portion is cash funded at $19.2 million, and the USI portion at $6 million. University of Evansville will fund its own portion of the project, so construction funding could reach closer to $31.2 million among the universities, organizers say.
The proposal does not offer state funding for the Ivy Tech Community College portion. The school initially requested $22.9 million
" said early on it was a high priority," Bosma said of the medical school. "I was down there (in Evansville) last Wednesday night and said it remained a high priority for me personally and for our team, and the Senate concurred it was an important regional program."
State Rep. Holli Sullivan, an Evansville Republican, said the funding is an "absolute win" for the city.
" am ecstatic that we've now got to the end of session and we have a med school coming to Southwest Indiana," Sullivan said.
Sullivan said she couldn't speak to the exact reason why Ivy Tech was left out of state funding, but she noted the strong community advocacy for the project.
" feel the project itself will grow on its own two feet, and I can see Ivy Tech joining in a different phase at a different time," Sullivan said.
On education funding, Bosma confirmed the budget deal includes a 2.3 percent increase for K-12 schools each year over the next two years, which totals about $464 million in new funding for schools.
Under the plan, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. would see a $6.8 million increase over the next two years. Warrick County School Corp. would see a $2.2 million increase, while Metropolitan School Districts of Mount Vernon and North Posey would see slight decreases.
Details of the budget come as lawmakers race to get work done before Wednesday's deadline for the General Assembly to adjourn this year's legislative session. The approximately $31 billion budget proposal lawmakers will forward to Gov. Mike Pence will cover state spending from July through June 2017. The spending proposal also maintains an almost $1.8 billion cash surplus for the state in each year covered under the budget.
The proposal also includes a $500 per student grant in additional funding for high-performing charter schools. The grant amount is lower than what Pence had hoped for, which was a $1,500 per student grant

expected to cost $86 million over the next two years. The grant amount contained in the final proposal is expected to cost about $10 million per year, Bosma said.
Charter schools rated "A," "B," or "C" would receive the full grant amount. Charter schools with "D" or "F" grades would receive a lower level of funding if they can prove they perform equal to or better than nearby schools. The proposal also allows charter schools to get loans from the common school fund for facilities.
A key state budget writer, state Sen. Luke Kenley, said lawmakers advised Pence that they were concerned about the debt some charter schools were carrying. Kenley, a Noblesville Republican, said the governor had become a champion for extra charter school funding.
"That's where I really challenged the governor," Kenley said, explaining that the issue of charter schools with high ratings and financial woes needs resolved.
Lawmakers also embraced the Senate plan to divvy out dollars to schools for at-risk students. The plan bases those dollars on students qualifying for food stamps, welfare or foster care. The spending plan also would count full-time kindergarten students as a full student for funding purposes.
On the medical school, the funding amount contained in the spending plan released Tuesday comes at the end of a long road local lawmakers and city leaders followed this session to secure construction dollars.
The Senate dealt the project a setback by lowering funding for the school after the House boosted funding from Pence's proposal. The project was envisioned as a partnership among IU School of Medicine, USI, Ivy Tech and University of Evansville. Full funding for the school was estimated at almost $50 million, but throughout the budgetary process, lawmakers endorsed a plan with less square footage.
Among other budget items, the plan includes about $100 per year in income tax credit to help educators who use personal money to purchase classroom supplies. Lawmakers also are approving a tax amnesty program to fund Pence's regional cities initiative, where communities can apply for funding for community projects. That funding is expected to reach close to $84 million.

Budget, education board decisions set for session's last day

Tom Davies

Indiana lawmakers are facing final decisions on several contentious issues heading into the last day of this year's General Assembly session.
The biggest matter on Wednesday's agenda is approval of a new two-year state budget. Other topics expected to come up for votes include a Republican-backed proposal that would shift some authority away from Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz and a bill to legalize needle-exchange programs in reaction to a southern Indiana HIV outbreak blamed on intravenous drug use.
A budget deal announced Tuesday night by legislative leaders slows down proposed funding cuts to some shrinking school districts while providing a portion of the additional money that Republican Gov. Mike Pence sought for charter schools.
Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma said the agreement reached with the Senate would keep overall school funding increases of 2.3 percent, or about $460 million, over the next two years. It would also phase in over three years a shift of money from many shrinking urban and rural school districts to those in growing suburban communities. A previous plan called for immediate cuts to more than a third of Indiana's nearly 300 school districts in order to even out the spending, a move Democrats called devastating.
"We make significant progress on the gap between the highest and lowest spending schools, but we give a softer landing to some of the urban schools that felt that they were suffering too much of a loss," Bosma said.
Lawmakers are to vote on approving the budget plan Wednesday, which is the Republican-dominated General Assembly's adjournment deadline.

The budget plan would spend about $31 billion over the next two years, leaving state reserves of nearly $1.9 billion, or 12 percent.
Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, said he discussed the reserves level with Pence on Tuesday.
"I was concerned about making sure we maintained our triple-A bond rating and he and his advisers called New York, the Standard and Poor's people, to see if they approved of that approach to our balance sheet," Kenley said. "Apparently they do."
The budget deal also gives about $10 million a year in additional charter school grants of about $500 a student, Bosma said. That's about a quarter of the $40 million a year that Pence had requested.
Pence's spokeswoman didn't immediately comment on the budget talks.
Meanwhile, an agreement had yet to be reached Tuesday night over a bill that would affect what control the Ritz-led Department of Education or the state Board of Education would have over state school policy. All members of the board besides Ritz are appointed by the governor.
Since the session's January start, Pence and GOP leaders have pushed for allowing the board to select any of its members as chairman, a move that likely would oust Ritz as the leader and end a decades-old law that makes the elected state superintendent the board's leader.
A Senate proposal released Monday would push back the change until 2017, which is after Ritz's current term ends. But it also would give the board additional authority over the ISTEP standardized test and school data.
Pence and other Republicans have said the chairmanship change is needed to address ongoing disputes between Ritz and the other board members, but Democrats and Ritz supporters have argued the move would undermine the will of voters, who elected her in 2012.
Bosma said delaying the chairmanship change wasn't his first choice, but he signaled that House Republicans might go along with it.
"It may be a shock to people, but we actually listen when people say things, when constituents express opinions, when teachers express opinions," Bosma said. " ... It was never anyone's intent here to do a, quote, 'power grab' or to strip somebody of authority. It was always about making the board functional."

Lawmakers considering language to emphasize confidentiality of audit process

Last year, an Evansville city councilwoman made headlines when she recorded and released an audio recording of a private meeting concerning the city's financial audit.
State lawmakers are now considering a proposal that makes clear, in state law, that a person attending a meeting where audit details are discussed, called an exit conference, can't electronically record.
State Rep. Gail Riecken said she introduced language concerning exit conferences to the bill, which is now in final negotiations at the General Assembly. Riecken, an Evansville Democrat, said the language was needed following the incident involving Councilwoman Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, D-3rd Ward.
The proposal also would emphasize in state law that information discussed and materials presented at an exit conference are confidential and can't be discussed publicly until the information is released. It also would allow all members of the Evansville City Council, or any other legislative body, to attend the exit conference, while keeping the meeting and its findings closed to the public.
Riecken said state law needed to be clear that the meetings are confidential and no participant can record. But she said it was also important for all council members to have the ability to attend to hear first-hand the concerns or comments surrounding an audit.
" think it's important that we expand the opportunity for legislative bodies to be accountable," Riecken said. "They should all be there."
Currently, state auditors have the meeting with the government's fiscal officer, executive and president of the legislative body. State Examiner Paul Joyce said other members can attend, but only to the point

where a quorum is not met. Joyce said the proposal allows the meeting to remain private while allowing all members of the legislative body to attend.

"I think it is a positive change and will allow all of the legislative body to participate if they want to," Joyce said in an email to the Courier & Press. "We have had issues in the past where some members wanted to participate but couldn't because of the quorum issue. This will take care of that. It is always good to hear it straight from the source rather than second hand."

Last year, a prosecutor found that Brinkerhoff-Riley's release of the audio recording did not violate the law.

Following the Evansville incident, Joyce had placed limits on attendance at exit conferences to only city clerks and clerk-treasurers. He's since reopened attendance to other designated public officials, but attendees must first agree to sign a confidentiality agreement to participate.

State education board changes expected Wednesday

House Speaker Brian Bosma said Tuesday that pushing the ability for the Indiana State Board of Education to elect its own chair back to 2017 wouldn't be his first choice.

A plan unveiled Monday billed as a compromise by Republicans would effectively keep Democratic state schools chief Glenda Ritz in the role of board chair through her current term in office. Earlier proposals had allowed the board to elect its own chair this year.

"I think we are having discussions, honest policy discussions, about what will make the board the most functional, and that's what we are all focused on," said Bosma, an Indianapolis Republican.

Bosma said lawmakers are still looking at options as they consider changes to the state board.

The proposal lowers the board's membership to nine members by June, and then allows the board to choose its own chair in January 2017. The state board also would gain new oversight powers over the ISTEP test.

Aircraft bill headed to Pence

An effort to name an official state aircraft with Evansville ties is now on its way to Gov. Mike Pence's desk. The proposal, which cleared the House and Senate on final votes this week, gives the designation to the P-47 Thunderbolt. More than 6,000 of the planes were manufactured in Evansville during World War II. The bill also specifies that the Thunderbolt is commonly known as the "Indiana Warbird."

Gregg: 'Big news' to share soon

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By Aubrey Helms

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INDIANAPOLIS – Big news is coming. Or at least that's the word from John Gregg.

Gregg, 60, put the word out on Twitter encouraging people to sign up on his website, greggforgovernor.com, to be the first to know what his announcement might be.

If the website is any indication, Gregg will be throwing his name into the 2016 race for governor. Gregg lost the election by a small margin to current Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican, in 2012.

In October of 2013, he announced he would not seek the seat in 2016 but instead, wanted to focus on family issues. He made that announcement on Facebook.

At that time Gregg wrote the decision came "despite the overwhelming support and encouragement to make another run."

No stranger to the Statehouse, Gregg is a Democrat from Sandborn. He served as a state representative from 1985-2002, including a stint as House speaker.

School of Medicine funding is vital for SW Indiana

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The Indiana Legislature is taking steps this week to finalize the next biennial budget, and people in this corner of the state should be concerned — and perhaps even be prepared to be angry.

We are standing on the precipice of taking a major step in Southwestern Indiana, with a key component being the proposed Downtown campus for the Indiana University School of Medicine.

It has been a remarkable process to build a facility that no one can argue is not needed, both for this region and the state. There has been unparalleled, complete cooperation shown by IU, the University of Southern Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College Southwest and the University of Evansville.

Visionary leaders at those schools saw the good in a combined effort to bring a full-service medical campus to Southwestern Indiana. There is no doubt that the plan of having a variety of disciplines operating in proximity — young men and women learning to be doctors, dentists, nurses and technicians — would help with teaching and training. With two first-class medical facilities in Evansville, along with smaller regional hospitals, there is no arguing the ability to train these professionals.

But some members of our Legislature, particularly in the Senate, don't appear to recognize that value.

The Indiana House of Representatives, in its budget plan, provided $36 million to get the project well underway. But the Senate, in a process led by Noblesville Republican and finance chairman Luke Kenley, pulled the number back to $19 million — basically representing the share for IU.

Nothing for USI's portion of the project. And nothing for Ivy Tech, which represents the fastest growing and most-affordable segment of higher education — but is landlocked at its North First Avenue building.

Kenley hasn't helped his standing by saying, basically, that the Evansville facility would be too nice or too big in relation to other regional medical school campuses — a statement that he made without noting that none of the other facilities are designed to include so many schools and so many students.

It's such a lack of vision that will keep Indiana behind the times in not just education, but in medical care — and precisely the lack of vision that was shown when Kenley — and most Republicans in the House and Senate — voted for a hastily-modified Religious Freedom Restoration Act that placed a scar on our state's reputation (and caused additional costs to be added to the budget for damage control).

At this point, that's how this session's legislators will be remembered — as architects of a hateful piece of legislation. Perhaps by making smart, bold moves on such long-lasting projects as the School of Medicine, they can mitigate that legacy.

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Another piece of the budget pie could help fund projects such as the School of Medicine.

If the Legislature approves land-based casinos, and Pence signs the bill, the gaming groups believe that competitive advantage will raise revenues — and the public's shares in taxes.

In Evansville, if the School of Medicine progresses, that would anchor two ends of Downtown — the school to the south and east, and a land-based casino to the north and west. That, in turn, creates space for the LST 325 to dock on the bend where the casino boat now sits, and adds another reason for folks to visit the riverfront. It's definitely a key moment for Evansville, with answers just around the corner.

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Sarah Fischer to make business announcement
Inside IN Business
Indianapolis 500 veteran Sarah Fisher and her husband, Andy O'Gara, will announce a comprehensive business development project on Main Street in Speedway, Indiana, at 1:30 p.m. (ET) Thursday, April 30. Special guests at the presentation will include Indiana Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, Speedway Redevelopment Commission

Pence, others set to mark anniversary of Lincoln showing
The Elkhart Truth
Gov. Mike Pence and others are set to mark the 150th anniversary of the day that President Abraham Lincoln's body lay at the Indiana Statehouse following his assassination.

Lawmakers approve budget at the bell
Inside IN Business
Governor Mike Pence issued the following statement at the close of the 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

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The Statehouse File
Gov. Mike Pence signed a series of bills on Wednesday all aimed at making Indiana a safer place to live and visit.
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State school board changes tilt power to Pence
NWI Times
Gov. Mike Pence looks to retain his grip on the State Board of Education, though Glenda Ritz temporarily would remain chairwoman, under legislation approved Wednesday night by the General Assembly.

State ed board gains power; Ritz still chair
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Lawmakers capped a topsy-turvy day Wednesday by passing legislation reorganizing the State Board of Education but allowing the elected state schools superintendent to keep her post as chairman.

Indiana budget, education authority changes win approval
Washington Times
An Indiana legislative session that Republican Gov. Mike Pence touted as an "education session" at its outset brought significant changes to how state education policy will be set and shifted more money to growing suburban school districts as lawmakers passed a new two-year budget.

Budget surprise moves voucher rules from Ritz to Pence
Indy Star
Gov. Mike Pence has won a last-minute power play that moves control over the state's school vouchers from Democratic Schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz to his State Board of Education, escalating an already tense power battle between the two in the final hours of the 2015 session.

Pence signs Indiana ban on powered alcohol into law
Indy Star
Indiana residents will be barred from purchasing, selling or using a powdered form of alcohol under a bill Gov. Mike Pence has signed into law.

Indiana lawmakers OK needle exchange programs
Indy Star
Lawmakers looking to prevent a repeat of an HIV outbreak that has rocked a Southern Indiana county sent Republican Gov. Mike Pence a measure Wednesday that would allow communities to implement needle exchange programs if they can prove they're in the midst of an epidemic tied to intravenous drug use.

Pence to sign limited syringe exchange program legislation
WHAS 11
Wednesday night saw the Indiana General Assembly passing Senate Enrolled Act 461 regarding the use of syringe or needle exchange programs in the case of public health emergencies like the recent HIV outbreak in Scott County.

Bill to allow search fee for public records sent to Pence
Fox 28

An Indiana bill that would allow a fee for public records requests that take longer than two hours to fulfill will be sent to Gov. Mike Pence's desk.

Governor Mike Pence to determine the future of Indiana Casino Industry
Casino News Daily
Mere hours ago, the Indiana casino-related issue was forwarded to the Governor as state lawmakers settled around the decision of moving the existing riverboat casinos to land. However, the proposal for the availability of live dealers in two Indiana racinos was rejected. Proponents of the idea insisted live dealers to be added no later than next year but during yesterday's meeting it was announced that they might be available from 2021 onwards.

LEGISLATURE
Land Based casinos win legislative approval
NWI Times
Hoosier lawmakers opened the door Wednesday to the next generation of Indiana gaming by authorizing the state's 11 riverboat casinos, which never sail, to relocate on land adjacent to their docks.

Wealthiest schools thrive under new state budget while poor ones mostly get less
Chalkbeat
The effect of the new school funding formula approved by the Indiana legislature tonight can be summed up by the effect on the richest and poorest communities.

Congress considers a bill to curb drug abuse
The Statehouse File
Legislation aimed at reducing the abuse of prescription drugs and heroin in Indiana has been re-introduced in Congress.
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Jim Banks returns to Senate for visit, will be back for good soon
The Statehouse File
Sen. Jim Banks, R-Columbia City, made his first visit Wednesday to the Senate chamber since returning from Afghanistan where he'd been deployed for the past six months.
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Indy Eleven stadium bill dies as session nears close
IBJ
A bill that would have funneled state money into a new or substantially renovated soccer stadium for the Indy Eleven has died in the legislative session's final hours.
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STATE AGENCIES
IN deer harvest down from 2 previous years

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A state wildlife biologist says Indiana's deer harvest fell last year for the second straight year, but those declines were by design and part of a long-term deer-reduction strategy.

Porter Town Council asks attorney to check on Pavilion plans following Whitlow request
Chesterton Tribune
Jackson Twp. resident Rich Whitlow made his second appearance this week at a town council meeting, asking Porter officials to send word to Governor Mike Pence and the DNR to stop work by Pavilion Partners at Indiana Dunes Pavilion.

AROUND INDIANA
Ribbon cutting set for former hospital site
Inside IN Business
City officials say it will showcase four projects. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6.

Election preview: Upset unlikely in Indy mayoral primary
Indy Star
The Indianapolis mayor's race may as well be a tree falling in a secluded forest.

Crowded primary in race for Lawrence mayor
Indy Star
Voters in Lawrence will have their pick of a variety of candidates for mayor in this year's May 5th primary, which will feature competitive races among both Republicans and Democrats.

Small group in Indianapolis protests Baltimore suspect death
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
More than two dozen protesters have gathered in downtown Indianapolis to protest police brutality and show support for Baltimore residents following the death of a suspect while in police custody.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Manufacturer Growing in River Ridge
Inside IN Business
D.A. Inc., a Japanese-owned company that manufactures plastic injection molded parts for the automotive industry, announced plans today to expand its operations here, creating up to 21 new jobs by 2016.

Gear maker invests in South Bend
Inside IN Business
Somaschini S.p.A., headquartered in Trescore Balneario (Bergamo) Italy announces it will double the investment in Somaschini North America LLC, the Group company based in South Bend (Indiana) in 2011 in order to produce gears for the North American heavy duty truck industry.

Indy casting facility to close
Inside IN Business
Pure Power Technologies was founded in 2009 by Navistar International Corp. (NYSE: NAV). The company produced compacted graphite iron cylinder blocks and other materials at the facility.

EDITORIAL

VIDEO: Brad Byrd in depth- Chris Donahue explains what's next for LST 325 if Casino Bill is signed
Tristate
The bill calls for many changes in the state's gambling industry. But most importantly, it would allow riverboat casinos like Tropicana Evansville to move to land. Other measures would help Indiana casinos compete with out-of-state competition.

Indiana suddenly crossroads of comedy
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
How do you know when you've got a PR problem? Well, when the president of the United States makes a joke about you at a nationally televised event that might be a clue.

Latest effort to undermine records law thwarted
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
If you've ever tried to follow a Quidditch tournament at Hogwarts – and what Harry Potter fan hasn't – you have an idea of how difficult it is to keep up with legislation during the final days of a session of the Indiana General Assembly.

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IND ANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence signed a series of bills on Wednesday all aimed at making Indiana a safer place to live and visit.
" ndiana should be the worst place in the nation to commit a crime," said Pence, "and the best place to get a second chance once you've done your time."
Pence signed three bills focused on law enforcement and public safety.
Senate Bill 6 outlaws the possession, purchase, sale, offer to sell, or use of powdered or crystalline alcohol. Doing so is now a Class B infraction. Specific groups, including the State Department of Health, are exempt from the law if using the substance for research. The law went into effect immediately.
Senate Bill 94 lengthens the statute of limitations for rape. SB 94 makes it possible to prosecute someone otherwise protected by the statute of limitations in certain circumstances. Charges could be brought against a suspect within five years of the state obtaining DNA evidence linking the offender, the state becomes aware of the existence of a recording that provide sufficient evidence to charge the offender or a person confesses to the offense. This law goes into effect July 1, 2015.
Pence also signed Senate Bill 193. The legislation designates the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as a criminal justice agency and specifies that it is a board-certified training center. This law also goes into effect July 1 of this year.

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IND ANAPOLIS – Republican lawmakers pulled back slightly Wednesday from a last minute effort to shift more authority away from state Superintendent Glenda Ritz even as they let her remain the chair of the State Board of Education through the end of her current term.
With the support of Gov. Mike Pence, fiscal leaders put language in the state budget late Tuesday that would have shifted oversight of Indiana's private school voucher program to the State Board of Education.

The governor – emerging from a meeting Wednesday in House Speaker Brian Bosma's office – said he supported the move. But a few hours later, Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said that language had been stripped from the bill.
"The Senate didn't know it was there," Long told reporters.
Daniel Altman, a spokesman for Ritz, said Pence "got caught with his hand in the cookie jar."
The revised budget – which lawmakers planned to approve by a midnight deadline – still gives the State Board of Education more authority to oversee Indiana's ISTEP testing program and lets the board control a new grant program that gives more money to charter schools, which are public schools freed from traditional rules and districts.
It also boosts funding for the education board.
" think that the goal here is that we would bring about a range of reforms in the State Board of Education that would make it more possible for those various initiatives to operate with more efficiency and more effectiveness for our kids," Pence said.
Legislators also approved Senate Bill 1, which will allow Ritz to keep her position as chair of the state board until December 31, 2016. After that, the board would elect it's own chair. The bill passed the House 60-38 and the Senate 31-17.
Earlier this session, the House and Senate had passed bills to remove her from the job immediately. The new provision won't take effect until after the next election.
State Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary, said Ritz deserves to keep her spot as chair of the board because she represents the will of the people.
" get so many emails, so many text messages, so many calls indicating they are supporting her even though they are of the Republican persuasion," Smith said. "They claim themselves to be Republican but still they are supporting what she is about."
But the bill's sponsor, Rep. Jud McMillin, R-Brookville, said the legislation is a compromise.
"We create a mechanism that requires more cooperation" between the state board and superintendent, he said. "We make sure our children are best served."
Under SB 1, the superintendent will remain in charge of the Department of Education, which implements policies approved by the board.
Still, Altman said the legislation is "still taking away the voice of the voters."
"When some votes for governor, they do it for a variety of reasons," he said. "When someone votes for superintendent, they're voting on education issues. This takes away their voice on the State Board of Education."
Since Ritz was elected more than two years ago – defeating Republican Tony Bennett – she and board members have bickered about not just significant policies involving testing and school accountability but also small, administrative issues including who gets to put items on the board agenda and when a policy is eligible for a vote. At one point, Ritz sued the board for taking action behind her back and, at another point, she walked out of a meeting.
" realize the shock of Superintendent Ritz's election was hard to take," said Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City. "But this bill does not have to be. It doesn't have to be because it still suffers the taint that has existed through the legislative session. It is an effort to reverse the will of the people."
And Rep. Sue Errington, D-Muncie, said the divisions between the superintendent and the board represent deep philosophical differences that should be debated.
But Rep. Tony Cook, R-Cicero, said dysfunction does exist – and he blamed both sides.
"The actions I've witnessed don't demonstrate how adults should work together," said Cook, a former school superintendent.
He called the bill "an excellent attempt" to deal with the needs of the state's education leadership structure.

SB 1 shakes up the board membership, although not as significantly as previous versions. The board would retain 11 members – with the superintendent serving as one.
Eight members would be appointed by the governor – as opposed to 10 now – and six of those must have professional experience in education. The governor could appoint no more than five from any one political party.
The leaders of the House and Senate would each get one appointment to the board.
The changes in the board composition would begin June 1.
" 'm just grateful that we are rolling our sleeves up," Pence said. "We're finding some ways to improve the functioning, provide the resources necessary for the state board of education to provide that role of oversight of education policy in the state of Indiana that it's designed to do. "

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Jim Banks returns to Senate for visit, will be back for good soon

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IND ANAPOLIS – Sen. Jim Banks, R-Columbia City, made his first visit Wednesday to the Senate chamber since returning from Afghanistan where he'd been deployed for the past six months.
Banks gave up his seat temporarily – and Democratic officials assigned it to his wife – to go to the Middle East.
" would like to thank all of you the members of the Indiana Senate," Jim Banks said. "You have no idea what it meant to me to hear from each of you while I was gone."
Banks had been reelected in November but deployed with the Navy Reserves before the session started. That's when Banks' wife, Amanda Banks, stepped forward to take over.
In adherence with state law, a caucus of Republican precinct committee officials voted to elect Amanda Banks to temporarily represent her husband.
" am proud of Amanda," her husband said. "She represents tens of thousands of spouses of military families."
Banks was away from his family for eight months. Banks said letters and messages he received from fellow senators helped him get through the toughest days.
Banks is still on active duty until Tuesday. He does not know when he will return to the Senate, but he said he is excited for the 2016 legislative session and getting back involved.

Indy Eleven stadium bill dies as session nears close

April 29, 2015

A bill that would have funneled state money into a new or substantially renovated soccer stadium for the Indy Eleven has died in the legislative session's final hours.

"We needed to get to something clear, and we kind of ran out of time," the bill's author, Rep. Todd Huston, R-Fishers, told IBJ Wednesday afternoon. "Better not to do it than to put together a bad bill." Huston said legislators could take up the issue again in the coming years.

A version of the bill that passed the Indiana Senate earlier this month called for up to $20 million in state money to help expand and renovate Michael Carroll Track and Soccer Stadium at IUPUI, where the Indy Eleven play their matches.

That was scaled back from an earlier version, passed by the Indiana House, that would have helped fund a new $82 million arena in an undetermined Indianapolis location.

The team and its lobbyists had been busy trying to shape the legislation into allowing a new stadium on the site of the existing one—a project that also would require city support.

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Ellspermann salutes cities for national honors

Inside IN Business

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann congratulates municipalities throughout Indiana who are in the national spotlight for their hard work and planning for current and future community and economic development opportunities. Indianapolis was selected as the site for a National Promise Zone and eleven other communities were named quarter-finalists in the America's Best Communities competition.

Consul General: Indiana, Israel share business 'bridges'

Inside IN Business

Today Governor Mike Pence joined business and government leaders in an Indiana-Israel Business Exchange as both states convened to discuss opportunities for economic collaboration, furthering the Governor's efforts and connections gained during his jobs mission to Israel in December.

Pence wraps up legislative session

Indiana Daily Student

With the 2015 legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly coming to a close Wednesday, many have been looking back on what was and what wasn't achieved with mixed opinions.

Governor Pence speaks about the recent legislative session

Indy Star-VIDEO

Indiana becomes 2nd state to Pass Anti-BDS resolution

Jewish Press

The Indiana General Assembly has become the second-ever state legislature to pass a resolution that formally opposes the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. Tennessee lawmakers approved a similar measure on April 21.

GOP-led session flush with Pence wins education, regional cities funded; image polished
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Gov. Mike Pence might have faltered on the national stage created by the religious freedom debacle, but he ended the legislative session with strong wins for his agenda.

Indiana lawmakers give Pence much of what he sought
Goshen News
The Republican-dominated Legislature gave GOP Gov. Mike Pence much of what he sought during this year's General Assembly session, leading the governor to declare several triumphs Thursday.

Governor says education session was a success, admits religious freedom was a sore spot
CBS
As the 2015 Indiana legislative session came to an end, state lawmakers had mixed reviews on the session's results.

Indiana governor to sign needle exchange bill to curb HIV outbreak
The Guardian
The Indiana governor, Mike Pence, is set to sign a bill passed on Wednesday by the state's assembly that will allow local governments to set up needle exchange programs in an effort to combat the spread of HIV.

Indiana leaders boost regional cities' funds
Courier & Journal
Southern Indiana leaders seeking Indiana Regional Cities' program funding were elated to find out the General Assembly restored the full $84 million recommended by Gov. Mike Pence in the upcoming biennium state budget, which was approved by both houses late Thursday.

Pence doesn't know if he'll sign gambling bill
IBJ
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence says he hasn't decided whether to sign a gambling bill into law even though legislators took steps to try to avoid a veto.
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LEGISLATURE
Woman behind rape law speaks about legislation
Wish TV
Senate Bill 94 also known as "Jenny's Law" is named after Jenny Wendt Ewing. 24-Hour News 8 talked with her over Skype about the change.

Indiana becomes second state to pass anti-BDS legislation
Israel National News
Indiana's state legislature has made it the second state to pass a resolution opposing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, Tennessee being the first as of April 21.

Senators pressing EPA on water regs
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Several U.S. senators, including Indiana Democrat Joe Donnelly, are demanding that the Environmental Protection Agency rework its proposal for regulating the nation's water.

Lawmakers attack Indian casino in South Bend
South Bend Tribune
As the Indiana General Assembly wrapped up its 2015 session Wednesday, it took two parting shots at the Pokagon Band's plans to build a casino in South Bend.

STATE AGENCIES
Ritz considers run for governor
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
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AROUND INDIANA
Gregg running for governor again
Times Herald Online
Former southern Indiana lawmaker John Gregg has announced he is running again for Governor. Gregg, from Sandborn in Knox County, says he is running for the office because "Governor Mike Pence is giving Indiana a bad name."

IUPUI project looks back at Allison Transmission
Inside IN Business
As part of ongoing efforts to preserve and share the history of Allison Transmission in honor of the manufacturer's centennial in 2015, Allison and University Library at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis have collaborated in the creation of a new digital collection.

EDITORIAL
Can Mike Pence reunite republicans?
Indy Star
Indiana Republicans have been down this road before. Frustrated with the party's direction, the business wing of the GOP steps in with energy, money and candidates to enlarge the base.

Public education
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
When the governor and General Assembly leaders said 2015 would be the education session, they weren't kidding. Although the issue consumed time and energy, it unfortunately produced little to put Indiana schools back in position to serve students and raise achievement.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Dr. Richard Coble

I am writing this letter to document the business relationship between Dr. Richard Coble and Electric Machinery Enterprises, Inc. ("EME"). During recent years, Dr. Coble provided consultation services to EME relative to electrical construction projects that were performed by EME, which projects included Universal Studios (two separate projects), the Orange County Convention Center, the Cayman Islands Westin Hotel Project, the Exuma Emerald Bay Resort Project (Bahamas), and a number of other projects, both foreign and domestic.

Dr. Coble performed his services in a professional and diligent manner, and his expertise enabled EME to achieve favorable settlements of lawsuits and arbitrations.

Sincerely,

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Re: Richard Coble PhD

Dear Dean Chen,

I am writing this letter with respect to your advertisement for the position of Associate Dean at your university. I know that Rick Coble is on a sabbatical at the University of Hawaii and I believe he would make an excellent Associate Dean.

I have known Rick for 30 years, from the days when we both worked for the Disney organization during the construction of the first Florida park. He owned part of one of ENR's top 400 construction firms that built the France, Japan, Horizons, China Pavilions, and the hardscape at EPCOT, within the Disney World complex. At that time I was the Vice President of Construction for the EPCOT project. We have interfaced on many occasions since then.

Having observed his development as a professional in our industry, I believe he is well equipped to build relations with the construction and engineering communities. He has the ability to relate well with real world professionals, because he is one of them.

I have met many of the graduates from the University of Florida who have become employed by Bovis, who had him as a teacher. I believe from my own observations, as well as talking with the students, that he has the ability to communicate well with students. I think this attribute would be particularly important in the area of recruiting new students.

He has also stayed ahead of the industry in automation, in such areas as 4D CAD and distance learning. To this end, I believe he would keep your college very much in a leadership role. We at Bovis have had considerable interest in distance learning as a way to move our managers to a higher level of competence.

In closing, I believe that you would be well served to try to convince Dr Coble to apply for the position of Associate Dean at your university. I have no doubt that his fund raising ability alone would provide multipliers of what he would be paid. Should you have any questions about my recommendation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Education

PhD
- College of Architecture 1992 University of Florida: Gainesville, FL

Master of Building Construction
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Bachelor of Science
- Department of Civil Engineering 1969 California State Polytechnic University: Pomona, CA

Certifications

Certified Class A General Contractor
#CGC0605-243393 in the state of FL (1974 - present)

Certified Underground Contractor
#CUC0610-16609The in the state of FL (1985 - present)

Certified Professional Contractor
(1998 - present)

OSHA 500 and 501 Instructor
(1992 - present)

Constructor Classification: American Institute of Constructors
(1994 - present)

Memberships

MASCE
Member American Society of Civil Engineers (1969 - present)

AIC
American Institute of Constructors (1974 - present)

AAA
American Arbitration Association (1977 - 1988) (2004 - present)

ASCE-CRC
Construction Research Council (1998 - present)

Publications

Editor for 12 Books and Reports

Reviewer for 44 Scholarly Publications

Author or Co-Author for 78 Publications

Member of Scientific Committee for 15 Conferences

Coordinator for 17 Scientific Meetings

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EDUCATION

PhD - College of Architecture: 1992
University of Florida: Gainesville, FL

Master of Building Construction - School of Building Construction: 1974
University of Florida: Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Science - Department of Civil Engineering: 1969
California State Polytechnic University: Pomona, CA

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Chair & Professor, Department of Built Environment: 2011 - Present
- ~ *Safety / Construction Management / Interior Architecture Design / Facilities Management / Risk Management*

Affiliate Research Professor at ISU College of Technology: 2009 – 2011

Consultant to the University of Florida: March 15, 2002 - December 31, 2003

Visiting Professor at the University of Salford, UK: 2002 - Present

Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii, College of Engineering: 2000 - 2001

Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China: 1997 – 2000

Associate Professor at the University of Florida: 1992 - 1996

Tenured Associate Professor at the University of Florida: 1996 - 2002
- ~ *Teacher/ Counselor of the Year at the University of Florida; 1995 College of Architecture*
- ~ *ASC 1997 Teaching Award*

Visiting Professor at the University of Florida: 1991 - 1992

UF Graduate Teaching Assistant: 1988-1992

UF Graduate Research Assistant: 1988-1992

Author on 78 Publications, Editor on 12 Books and Reports, Reviewer on 44 Scholarly Publications

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Research Assistant on Code Changes for Reinforced Masonry: 1968 - 1969

ACADEMIC CONSTRUCTION COURSES TAUGHT AT UF:

Graduate	*Advanced Construction Labor*
Graduate	*Advanced Construction Safety*
Graduate	*Advanced Scheduling*
Graduate	*Bidding Strategy (Government and Private Bidding)*
Graduate	*Construction Claims*
Undergraduate	*Construction Business Management*
Graduate	*Construction Equipment*
Undergraduate	*Construction Management I (Contracts)*
Undergraduate	*Construction Management II (People Management)*
Undergraduate	*Construction Labor*
Undergraduate	*Construction Safety (Health and Loss Control)*
Undergraduate	*Ethics in Construction*
Graduate	*GIS in Construction (Use of Digital Imaging)*
Graduate	*International Construction*
Undergraduate	*Introduction to Building Construction*
Undergraduate	*Roofing Systems (Residential and Commercial)*
Graduate	*Techniques of Construction (Horizon work)*
Undergraduate	*Utility and Plumbing Systems (Site and Building)*

CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE

CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE (INCLUDED, BUT WORK NOT LIMITED TO)

UTILITY

California, 1960-1971 - Worked in family company as pipe layer, equipment operator

~ *Foreman, Superintendent, Project Manager, and Vice President of Operations*

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

North Carolina, 1985-86- Completed two Hillsboro sections of I-40 during winter, which included rock re-busting, grading over-excavation & outer-excavation

~ *Consultant / Project Manager / Project Executive*

Florida 1986-89 - Completed projects across state

~ *Project Manager*

SITE DEVELOPMENT (CALIFORNIA & FLORIDA)

18 Commercial Projects

~ *Superintendent / Project Manager*

17 Residential Projects

~ *Foreman / Superintendent*

INDUSTRIAL

Martin Marietta Construction (10 Years)

~ *Project Management / Project Executive*

10 Years on classified government projects, over 28 projects completed

THEME PARK WORK

Walt Disney World and Buena Vista Construction (work is enumerated in other portions of this text)

~ *Safety Engineer / Project Manager, Assistant to Vice President of Construction*

Circus World, Captive Contractor (5 Years)

~ *Superintendent / Project Manager / Project Executive*

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORK

28 projects throughout USA

~ *Project Manager / Project Executive*

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

5 Projects at McDill Air Force Base and Patric Air Force Base which included commissary, dorms, officers club, paving, and two electrical projects

~ *Project Manager / Executive*

3 Projects in Hawaii

~ *Project Executive*

U.S. NAVY IN HAWAII

15 Civil and building projects in Hawaii over 4 years

~ *Project Executive / Estimator*

POSTAL WORK

4 postal facilities, worked as consultant for replacing of the equipment portion of bulk mail handling facility in Ft. Lauderdale

~ *Project Executive*

Performed all sitework on Bulk Main Handling Facility in Gainesville, FL

~ *Project Manager*

WATER TREATMENT PLANT WORK

Naples Waste Water Treatment Plant
- ~ *Project Executive*

Coral Springs Waste Water Treatment Plant
- ~ *Project Executive*

City of Laguna Beach, City Lift Stations
- ~ *Project Engineer*

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

City of Orlando. Worked on 4 streetscape projects
- ~ *Project Executive*

City of Palatka: Worked on 2 streetscape projects
- ~ *Project Manager*

City of Orlando: Orlando Arena site work
- ~ *Project Executive*

DEPARTMENT OF NAVY

Church Remodel at the Orlando Base
- ~ *Project Manager / Project Executive*

Commissary and Exchange at the Key West Base
- ~ *Project Executive*

Fire Station and Citywide Alarm System in Orlando
- ~ *Project Executive*

STATE OF FLORIDA

Environmental Kissimmee State Park
- ~ *Worked as Superintendent / Project Manager / Project Executive*

Civil work at Orlando State Building
- ~ *Worked as Project Manager / Project Executive*

Computer Science Building at UCF
- ~ *Worked as Project Manager*

Athletic Facility at UCF
- ~ *Worked as Project Manager / Project Executive*

Civil Work at UCF
- ~ *Project Manager / Project Executive*

THEME PARK PROJECTS (INCLUDED, BUT WORK NOT LIMITED TO)

1970

WDW "Safety Engineer"
- ~ *Loss Control Specialist*

1971

WDW "Trouble Shooter"
- ~ *Assistant to Vice President of Construction*

WDW World Communications Building
- ~ *Project Manager*

1972

WDW Pioneer Hall
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW Fort Wilderness Facility Building (1972-74)
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW Waste Management
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW Ferry Building
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW West Gate Building
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW Boat Ride Project
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW Main Entrance Building
- ~ *Project Manager*

1973

WDW Fort Wilderness electrical Sitework
- ~ *Project Manager*

Lake Buena Vista Site Development
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW The Wed Way
- ~ *Assistant Project Manager*

WDW General Electric Theatre
- ~ *Project Manager*

WDW Monorail Station
- ~ *Project Manager*

1975

ABC Theme Park Site Development Maryland
- ~ *Consultant*

1976

WDW Disney Clubhouse Remodel

~ *President / Owner*

WDW Circus World (All work 1976-1981)

~ *Project Executive / Project Manager Worked as Captive Contractor*

- All Buildings (including retaining walls)
  - Phase 2 Ride installation
  - Phase 2 Restaurant building
  - Phase 3 Elephant facility
  - Phase 3 Facility warehouse
- Management office building
- All Site work
  - Parking lots, roads, curbs for phase 2 and 3
- All Underground
  - Water (including backflow prevention systems)
  - Sanitary & storm. Sewer (including outfall structure)
  - Electrical boxes (both precast and poured in place)

1980

Universal Studios Original Sitework

~ *Vice President of Construction*

WDW Epcot "France" (1980-82)

~ *Project Manager*

WDW Epcot "Japan " (1980-82)

~ *Vice-President (RNR Ton 400 Contractor 15%Owner)*

WDW Epcot "China " (1980-83)

~ *Vice-President (RNR Ton 400 Contractor 15%Owner)*

WDW Epcot "Horizons " (1980-84)

~ *Vice-President (RNR Ton 400 Contractor 15%Owner)*

1981-1983

WDTT' Epcot "All Hardscape " (1981-83)

~ *Vice-President (RNR Ton 400 Contractor 15%Owner)*

WDW Epcot "Entry Fountains " (1981-83)

~ *Vice-President (RNR Ton 400 Contractor 15%Owner)*

1984

WDW Epcot "Norway"

~ *Disney Consultant / Project Executive*

WDW Pleasure Island

~ *Disney Consultant / Project Executive*

1985

WDW Lake Buena Vista Paving

~ *Disney Consultant / Project Executive*

1970

WDW Fire Station "Sitework"

~ *Project Executive*

1990'S

Universal Studios "Cat in the Hat" (1999-2000)

~ *Claims Consultant*

Universal Studios "Jurassic Park" (1999-2000)

~ *Claims Consultant*

CIVIL PROJECTS (INCLUDED, BUT WORK NOT LIMITED TO)

FLORIDA

Laying 72" storm drain in downtown Lake Wales for City of Lake Wales 1999
- ~ *Project Manager / Superintendent*

36" Fiberglass drainage systems in Daytona Beach 1987

Completed Naples wastewater treatment plant 1984
- ~ *Project Executive*

Completed Coral Springs wastewater treatment plant 1984-1985
- ~ *Project Executive*

36" Storm drain Orange County School board 1976
- ~ *Superintendent / Project Manager*

Storm and sanitary systems at Circus World 1977-1978
- ~ *Project Manager*

All hardscape for City of Orlando @ Orlando Arena 1987
- ~ *Project Executive*

All civil work around Lake Eola for City of Orlando 1986
- ~ *Project Executive*

HAWAII, 1985-1990

High security water system for fire protection around submarine fuel tanks for Department of Navy

Underwater wharf pipeline for Department of Navy
- ~ *Estimator / Project Executive*

Satellite base remodel for Corps of Engineers
- ~ *Estimator / Project Executive*

Road work at Kaneohe Marine Base for Department of Navy
- ~ *Estimator / Project Executive*

Lift station reconstruction for Department of Navy

IRAQ, 1976-1977

Sewer System for the City of Basra
- ~ *Project Manager*

Sewer Treatment Plant Facility
- ~ *Project Manager*

Material and Equipment Importing
- ~ *Project Engineer*

COLORADO, 1984-1992

Streetscape, trail development, and storm drain installation in Pagosa Springs
- ~ *Project Manager*

Geothermal water system installation for ELBOC Trust

Storm system rework for ELBOC Trust
- ~ *Superintendent / Project Manager / Project Executive*

Sanitary sewer system rework for ELBOC Trust
- ~ *Superintendent / Project Manager / Project Executive*

NEW JERSEY, 1985

Water system for community development

Deep sanitary sewer for development project

Sewer plant installation

NORTH CAROLINA, 1986

N. C. D. O. T-Hillsboro section of I-40 including extensive rock-work
- ~ *Project Manager*

N C. D. O. T - Durham section of I-40 including layered fills
- ~ *Project Manager*

N. C. D. O. T - Paving work Raleigh (Project Executive)

CALIFORNIA. 1964-1969

City of Irvine water, sewer, & storm drain
- ~ *Project Engineer / Project Manager / Superintendent*

California D. O. T. 42" cylinder pipe
- ~ *Superintendent*

City of Beverly Hills 24" water line
- ~ *Foreman*

City of Laguna Beach 36" cylinder pipe water line
- ~ *Project Engineer*

Guy F. Atkinson (D. O. T. Highway 5 Project) Water & Sewer Installation
- ~ *Project Manager*

City of Los Angeles 24" force main
- ~ *Foreman*

City of Laguna Beach lift station construction
- ~ *Superintendent*

Irvine Ranch 72" storm drain installation
- ~ *Project Manager*

City of San Diego 24" test system
- ~ *Foreman*

City of Newport Beach water system installation
- ~ *Foreman*

City of Newport Beach storm water gutter installation
- ~ *Foreman*

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Coble, Richard J. and Elliott, Brent R., "Future Construction Automation," Proceedings of CIB W82 Meeting, London, England, November 1995, pp. 1-5.

Coble, Richard J. and Elliott, Brent R., "Fighting Workers' Compensation Fraud in the Construction Industry," Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Proceedings of the 1995 Southeast Regional Meeting, Feb. 10-11, 1995, pp. 1-8.

Coble, Richard J., "A Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control," Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Proceedings of the 1995 Southeast Regional Meeting, Feb. 10-11, 1995, pp. 59-64.

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Coble, Richard J. and Wells, Charles M., "Applications of the Pen Computer with Digital Camera in the Construction Industry," CIB W82 Meeting, Futures Studies in Construction, Stockholm, Sweden, March 21, 1994, pp. 1-10.

Carpenter, Kenneth H. and Coble, Richard J., "Dealing with the Chemical Hazards in Construction," Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Proceedings of the 1993 Southeast Regional Meeting, Nov. 12-13, 1993, pp. 207-220.

Carpenter, Kenneth H. and Coble, Richard J., "The Onsite Field People Responsible for Making Construction Safety Work," Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Proceedings of the 1993 Southeast Regional Meeting, Nov. 12-13, 1993, pp. 221-224.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Coble, Richard J. and Podolsky, Michael, "Workers' Compensation Fraud," University of Florida News, News and Public Affairs, April 27, 1994, pp. 1-2.

Coble, Richard J., "Industry Aware of Workers' Comp Fraud But Lacks Means to Fight It, Study Finds," Construction Labor Report, Emplovment Developments in the Construction Industry, Bureau of National Affairs (BNA), Vol. 40, No. 1988, July 13, 1994, p.453.

"U.F. Invention Dragging Builders into the Digital Era," Palm Beach Post, October 1997.

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LECTURES, SPEECHES OR POSTERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL

2000

CIB-W99 (LONDON, U.K., JUNE 2000)

- Organizing and scientific committees
- Papers Presented
  - "Potential Contribution of Construction Foremen in Designing for Safety,"
- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

1999

CIB-W99 (MILAN, ITALY, JUNE 1999)

- Provided opening presentation
- Provided closing analysis
- Organizing and scientific committees
- Papers Presented (Invited)
  - "Safety and Health Legislation in Europe and the United States: A Comparison,"
- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

1999

CIB-W99 (HONOLULU, HAWAII, MARCH 1999)

- Keynote address - "The Three "P's" of Construction Safety"
- Papers Presented
  - "Construction Safety in Developing Countries"
  - "Colleges' Emphasis on Construction Safety"
  - "Integrating Construction Worker Protection Into Product Design"
- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)
- Organizing and scientific committees

1998

CIB-W99 (GAVLE, SWEDEN, JUNE 1998)

- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

1998

CIB-W99 (LISBON, PORTUGAL, JUNE 1998)

- Papers Presented (Invited)
  - "Minimum International Safety and Health Standards in Construction," 2) Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

1997

CIB-W99 (CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, OCTOBER, 1997)

- Keynote Speaker: "Future Trends in Construction Safety"
- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Worker Safety on Affordable Housing Projects"
  - "Occupant Safety in Affordable Housing Projects"
  - "Using Automation to Effect Safety in Affordable Housing"
  - "Future Safety Trends in the Construction Industry in the United States of America"
- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

1997

BEIJING, CHINA, MAY, 1997

- Presented to Students and Faculty at Tsinghua University's Civil Engineering Department:
  - Gator Communicator and Field Automation Technologies b) Long Distance Learning

1997

ULAAN BAATAR, MONGOLIA, MAY, 1997

- Presented to Students and Faculty at Mongolian Technical University
  - Presented to Civil Engineering Department Students on Distance Learning
  - Presented to Architecture Department Faculty on Containerized Housing
  - Presented to Architecture Department Students on Automation

1996

CIB-W82 (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA)

- Moderator
- Co-Organizer
- Other: Presentation on W-82 Activities

1996

CIB-W99 (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - Fall Protection
  - Construction S.A.F.E.
- Other: Presentation on W-99 Future Activities

1996

CIB-W99 (LISBON, PORTUGAL)

- Organizer
- Moderator
- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Workers' Compensation Short Falls in the Construction Industry"
  - "Non Verbal Communication as it Relates to Safety Management"
  - "Creating a Drug Free Culture on Construction Sites"
- "An Australian and American Perspective on Drugs in the Construction Work Place"
- Invited Panelist

1996

CSIRO (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA): FUNDED RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

- CSIRO Presentation
- Leightons Construction Company
- NEC Presentation
- Telstra Presentation
- Public Utilities Presentation

1995

CIB-W82 (LONDON)

- Paper Written (Invited):
  - "Future Construction Automation" (presented by R. Issa)

1995

CIB-W82 (TAMPA)

- Organizer
- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Researched Funding in the USA"

1995

CIB CONGRESS (AMSTERDAM)

- CIB Exhibitions

CIB-W99 (AMSTERDAM)

- Organizer
- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "The NAFTA Agreement as it Relates to Construction Safety"
- Other: Presentation on CIB

1994

RINKER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

- Organizer
- Moderator
- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Fraudulent Workers' Compensation Claims" (presented by B. Elliott)

CIB W82 INTERNATIONAL MEETING (SWEDEN)

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Applications of the Pen Computer with Digital Camera in the Construction Industry"
  - Other: Presented U.S. position for CIB W82 on research in construction

1993

CIB-W82 (FUTURE STUDIES IN CONSTRUCTION) CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Hurricane Force Winds that Require Special Construction"

CHINA

- Presented to Three University Construction Departments Regarding Field Automation Through Hand Held Computing

MONGOLIA

- Invited Panelist
- Other:
  - Presented to University Construction Departments Regarding Automation of Safety Applications
  - Met with the Minister of Construction Regarding Safety and Automation

NATIONAL

2000

ASCE CONSTRUCTION CONGRESS (CO-ORGANIZER)

NIOSH GRANT REVIEW BOARD FOR MAJOR GRANTS (CHAIRMAN)

1999

NIOSH GRANT REVIEW BOARD FOR MAJOR GRANTS (MEMBER)

NIOSH NORA GRANTS PROGRAM (MEMBER)

1997

CENTER TO PROTECT WORKERS' RIGHTS (WASHINGTON, DC, 1997)

- Presentation on safety in schedule progression

CENTER TO PROTECT WORKERS' RIGHTS (BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, JUNE, 1997)

- Attended Meetings

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Knowing Your Role in Construction Safety to Avoid Litigation"

1996

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD COMMISSION (ORLANDO)

STATE OF FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION OVERSIGHT BOARD (TALLAHASSEE)

ASCE (SEC) MEETING (LAS VEGAS, NEVADA)

- CIB Presentation (overview)

1995

ASCE 2ND CONGRESS ON COMPUTING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (ATLANTA)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Expanding Pen Computing to Include More Effective Field Applications"
  - "Augmenting Pen Computers with Two-Dimensional Bar Coding" (Co-Presentation with Brent Elliott)

ASC NATIONAL CONFERENCE (PREPARED PRESENTATION)

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Fraudulent Workers' Compensation Claims in the Construction Industry" (presented by A. Chini)

1994

ASCE 1ST CONGRESS ON COMPUTING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (WASHINGTON, DC)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Bringing the Construction Foreman into the Computer Age"
  - "Integrating Pen Computers with Other Keyless Data Systems for Construction Applications"

1993

ASC NATIONAL MEETING

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Linking Safety and Environmental Issues in Construction"
  - "An Empirical Investigation of Factors Related to the Drug-Free Workplace for General Contractors"

AIC NATIONAL MEETING (DALLAS, TEXAS)

- Moderator

REGIONAL

1997

ASC REGIONAL CONFERENCE (ATLANTA)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Documenting Delay Damages"
  - "Claims Oriented Scheduling Techniques (COST)"
  - "Safety Automation in Construction Scheduling"

1996

ASC REGIONAL CONFERENCE (ATLANTA)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "International Construction Safety"
  - "Workers' Compensation Exemptions" (presented by Sean Carpenter)

1995

ASC REGIONAL CONFERENCE (ATLANTA)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Automated Quality Control"
  - "Remote Education in the Construction Sector"

1994

ASC REGIONAL CONFERENCE (PREPARED PRESENTATIONS)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Fighting Workers' Compensation Fraud in the Construction Industry" (presented by A. Chini)
  - "A Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control" (presented by R. Cox)

1993

ASC REGIONAL MEETING (ATLANTA)

- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Dealing with the Chemical Hazards in Construction "
  - "The Onsite Field People Responsible for Making Construction Safety Work"

STATE

1999

COBLE, R. AND HAUPT~ T.C.: "SAFETY AND OSHA ISSUES,"

- Paper delivered at Florida Construction Law for Attorneys Seminar, Ramada Conference Center, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., 29 October

1997

D.C. TAYLOR (ORLANDO, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER, 1997)

- Presented on construction safety at D.C. Taylor Roofing Company meeting

FLORIDA STATE INSURANCE COMMISSION (TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER, 1997)

- Testified before Florida State Insurance Commission
- Met with Insurance Commission Officials at the request of the insurance commissioner regarding workers' compensation fraud research
- UF workers' compensation fraud research (by nominee) was read into the commission transcript
- Received funding commitment

WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESEARCH (ORLANDO, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER, 1997)

- Met with Zenith Insurance Company regarding funded research

WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESEARCH (SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA, AUGUST, 1997)

- Met with Board of Directors of Zenith Insurance Company regarding Workers' Compensation Fraud (WCF)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD COMMISSION (ORLANDO, FLORIDA, APRIL, 1997)

- Presented to Workers' Compensation Fraud Commission regarding Workers' Compensation Exemptions (WCE)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION OVERSIGHT BOARD (TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, MARCH, 1997)

- Testified before Workers' Compensation Oversight Board regarding Workers' Compensation Exemptions (WCE)

D.C. TAYLOR (ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY, 1997)

- Presented on construction safety at D.C. Taylor Roofing Company meeting

1996

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD COMMITTEE MEETING

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Workers' Compensation Exemptions"

ASCE FLORIDA SECTION CONFERENCE (SARASOTA)

- Paper Presented (Invited): "Contracts"

WORKERS' COMPENSATION OVERSIGHT BOARD (TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA)

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Workers' Compensation Exemptions," R. Coble and B. Sims

1995

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD COMMITTEE MEETING

- Paper Presented (Invited):
  - "Workers' Compensation Fraud"

SOUTHEASTERN BUILDERS CONFERENCE (ORLANDO)

- Job-Site Safety / OSHA

ACCE CENTRAL FLORIDA MEETING (ORLANDO)

- Workers' Compensation Fraud

EDITOR OF A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL, SERVICE ON AN EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD OR REVIEWER FOR A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

RICHARD COBLE SERVED AS EDITOR OR REVIEWER OF THE FOLLOWING:

2000

Reviewer for NIOSH proposals on research in construction safety and health. (Reviewed 3 proposals)

Safety & Health on Construction Sites: International State of the Art Reports, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), W99 Report, Publication 241, 1999, 173 pages. (Associate Editor: Richard J. Coble)

ASCE Construction Congress VI, Editor for 15 papers on 4D CAD and Visualization

1999

Implementation of Safety and Health on Construction Sites, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), Balkema, Rotterdam, 1999, 926 pages. Editors: Amarjit Singh, Jimmie Hinze and Richard J. Coble.

Construction Safety Coordination in the European Union, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), W99 Report, Publication 238, 1999, 194 pages. (Editor: Richard J. Coble)

Safety & Health on Construction Sites: International State of the Art Reports, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), W99 Report, Publication 215, 1999, 152 pages. (Associate Editor: Richard J. Coble)

American Society of Civil Engineers, Journal of Engineering and Construction Management. (Reviewed 2 papers)

Reviewer for NIOSH proposals on research in construction safety and health. (Reviewed 3 proposals)

1998

Health and Safety in Construction Accident Free Construction, Peninsula Technikon, South Africa, 1998, 181 pages. Editors: Theo C Haupt, Obas John Ebohon and Richard J. Coble

Center to Protect Workers' Rights, *Report on Health Issues*, 1998.

American Society of Civil Engineers, Journal of Engineering and Construction Management. (Reviewed 2 papers)

1997

Safety & Health on Construction Sites International State of the Art Reports, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), W99 Report, Publication 209, 1997, 290 pages. (Associate Editor: Richard J. Coble)

Proceedings of 1st South African Construction Health and Safety Conference: Health and Safety in Construction: Current and Future Challenges, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), Cape Town, South Africa, October, 1997. (Reviewed 5 papers)

Proceedings of W99 Conference, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), Hawaii, February 1998. (Reviewed 3 abstracts)

American Society of Civil Engineers, Journal of Engineering and Construction Management. (Reviewed 3 papers)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Managing Engineered Construction in Expanding Global Markets: Construction Congress V: Proceedings of the Congress, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 4-8, 1997. (Reviewed 1 paper)

Associated Schools of Construction. (Reviewed 2 papers)

1996

Implementation of Safety and Health on Construction Sites, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB), Balkema, Rotterdam, 1996, 601 pages. Editors: Luis Alves Dias and Richard J. Coble.

Safety & Health on Construction Sites: International State of the Art Reports, CIB Working Commission 99. Publication 187, February 2, 1996, 350 pages. Editors: Raymond Issa, Richard J. Coble and Brent R. Elliott.

Associated Schools of Construction. (Reviewed 2 papers)

Crane and Rigging Safety Program Guidelines - funded by grant from Specialized Carriers and Rigging Foundation

Hinze, Jimmie, Construction Safety, Prentice Hall, September 1996.

1995

Associated Schools of Construction. (Reviewed 2 papers)

Reviewed 2 papers for Associated Schools of Construction National Conference Proceedings

1994

Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Rinker International Conference on Building Construction, M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction, Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control, College of Architecture, University of Florida, October 12-14, 1994, 585 pages. Editors: Raymond Issa, Richard J. Coble and Brent R. Elliott.

Reviewed 2 papers for Associated Schools of Construction National Conference Proceedings

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2000

CIB WORLD CONGRESS (NEW ZEALAND)

CIB-W99 CONFERENCE (LONDON, JUNE)

- Member, Scientific and Technical Committee

1999

CIB-W99 CONFERENCE (MILAN, JUNE, 1999)

- Member, Scientific and Technical Committee

CIB-W99 CONFERENCE (HAWAII, FEBRUARY, 1999)

- Member, Scientific and Technical Committee
- Reviewed papers

1998

CIB-W99 (CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, OCTOBER)

- Member, Scientific and Technical Committee
- Reviewed papers

CIB WORLD CONGRESS (GAVLE, SWEDEN)

- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

CIB-W99 CONFERENCE (LISBON, PORTUGAL)

- Member, Scientific and Technical Committee
- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)

1997

CIB-W99 CONFERENCE (CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, OCTOBER)

- Keynote Speaker: Future Trends in Construction Safety
- Conducted W-99 Meeting (Working Commission on Construction Safety & Health On-Site)
- Papers Presented (Invited):
  - "Worker Safety on Affordable Housing Projects"
  - "Occupant Safety in Affordable Housing Projects"
  - "Using Automation to Effect Safety in Affordable Housing"
  - "Future Safety Trends in the Construction Industry in the United States of America"

LECTURER WITH TEAM REPRESENTING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (BEIJING, CHINA, MAY)

- Met with Officials from China's Ministry of Construction
  - Discussed Construction Management Automation Technologies
  - Discussed Safety Issues
- Presented to Students and Faculty at Tsinghua University's Civil Engineering Department:
  - Gator Communicator and Field Automation Technologies
  - Long Distance Learning

LECTURER WITH TEAM REPRESENTING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (ULAAN BAATAR, MONGOLIA, MAY)

- Met with Government Officials
  - Mayor of Ulaan Baatar
- Received letter of intent to work with University of Florida Department of Urban & Regional Planning on development of "Trade Street" project in Ulaan Bataar
  - Director of Planning
  - Minister of Infrastructure
- Received letter of intent to work with University of Florida Department of Urban & Regional Planning on development of GPS mapping for the entire country of Mongolia
- Presented to Students and Faculty at Mongolian Technical University
  - Presented to Civil Engineering Department Students on Distance Learning
  - Presented to Architecture Department Faculty on Containerized Housing
  - Presented to Architecture Department Students on Automation

MISCELLANEOUS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Met with Amarjit Singh from the University of Hawaii regarding planning for CIB W-99 Conference in Hawaii (Gainesville, Florida, March 23, 1997)
- Planned, coordinated, and presided over CIB W-99 International Meeting (Gainesville, Florida, March 21, 1997)
- Attended ASCE Committee Meeting on Social & Environmental Issues (Gainesville, Florida, March 21-22, 1997)
- Hosted Wim Bakens (from The Netherlands), CIB Secretary General, to discuss development of CIB 5 year plan, which included CIB Summer School and CIB Congress February 5-7, 1998
- Hosted Luis Dias (from Portugal) for extended planning on the CIB W-99 Meeting in Portugal in June, 1998 (Gainesville, Florida, March 20-31, 1997)
- Hosted Ian Eilenberg (from Australia) regarding international drug research, safety training, and future'exchange programs (January 1 - March 24)

1996

CIB W-99 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY AND HEALTH ON CONSTRUCTION SITES (LISBON, PORTUGAL, SEPTEMBER 4-7)

- Co-organizer of the conference
- Co-editor of the conference proceedings
- Moderated one session
- Gave opening speech on goals of the conference
- Introduced all keynote speakers
  - Jimmie Hinze, Director of University of Florida's M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction
  - Johann Berger, Vice President of International Social Security Group
  - Rob Taylor, Manager of Bechtel International
- Gave conference closing speech
- Gave thank you speech on evening dinner cruise
- Presented 5 papers (see refereed proceedings)
- Reviewed eight papers for proceedings

CIB W99 INTERNATIONAL MEETING (LISBON, PORTUGAL, SEPTEMBER 8)

- Coordinated Meeting
- Prepared meeting agenda
- Conducted meeting
- Facilitated discussion on future planning
- Coordinated CIB W99 Future Planning Meeting
  - Set agenda through 2002
  - Worked with Ed Jaselskis and Amarjit Singh on Hawaii Conference
- Worked with Ed Jaselskis on meeting minutes

MEETINGS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, CSIRO (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 22-27)

- Met with CSIRO management, marketing, and legal departments
- Gave presentation to Telstra
- Gave presentation to NEC
- Gave presentation to Leightons Construction Company
- Met with RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology) advisors and UF's four overseas studies students attending RMIT in Australia (September, 1996)

CIB W-99 INTERNATIONAL MEETING (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 14-16)

- Co-organized meeting with Ian Eilenberg
- Presented four papers (see refereed proceedings)
- Presented W82 perspectives on future studies in construction
- Moderated two sessions
- Gave opening and closing speeches

CIB W-99 INTERNATIONAL MEETING (THE NETHERLANDS, JANUARY)

- Leadership Activities
  - co-organized meeting
  - coordinated meeting at three locations
  - set agenda

1995

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (1995-1996)

- Served as co-coordinator for W-99 Conference in Lisbon
- Served as co-coordinator of CIB-W82 (Future Studies in Construction)
- Wrote mission statement for the W82 on future research in construction
- Served as coordinator of CIB-W99 (Construction Safety)
- Served as co-coordinator for CIB-W99 meeting in Melbourne, Australia
- Member of Steering Committee for "The First International Conference Composite Infrastructure" (Arizona)
- Met with chief research scientist Peter Newton from Australia's research organization, CSIRO, and developed working relationship for research into construction field automation
- Served as co-coordinator for CIB-W82 Meeting in Melbourne
- Served as co-coordinator for CIB-W-99 Conference in Lisbon
- Served as co-coordinator of CIB-W82 (Future Studies in Construction)
- Served as coordinator of CTB-W99 (Construction Safety)
- Served as co-coordinator for CIB-W99 meeting in Melbourne, Australia -Hosted Wim Bakens, CIB Secretary General, for four days (Florida)
- Collaborated with chief research scientist Peter Newton from Australia's research organization, CSIRO, and developed working relationship for research into construction field automation in Australia
- Presented UF research to CSIRO in Australia

MISCELLANEOUS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (1995-1996)

- Became sole coordinator of CIB-W82 (Future Studies in Construction)
- Served as coordinator and editor of minutes for CIB-W82 meeting in Tampa
- Served as moderator for CIB-TG16 conference on sustainability
- Wrote U.S. position for the W82 publication on research in construction
- Organized CIB-W99 meeting in Amsterdam
- Made written presentation to develop CIB-W99 (Construction Safety)
- Served as moderator at CIB-W89 conference in Orlando
- Became coordinator of CIB-W99 (Construction Safety)
- Made presentation at CIB-W99 on U.S. construction safety (Amsterdam)
- Served as coordinator for CM-W99 meeting in Amsterdam
- Member of Steering Committee for "The First International Conference Composite Infrastructure" (Arizona)
- Attended joint W-82 & W-96 meeting in Amsterdam
- Attended CIB Coordinators Conference (Amsterdam)
- Hosted and escorted Wim Bakens (CIB Secretary General) through Florida
- Met with faculty from Chalmers University in Sweden regarding exchange program
- Attended and assisted with CIB World Congress in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1994

RINKER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, OCTOBER, 1994)

- Organized & directed conference
- Arranged all keynote speakers
- Developed proceedings
- Invited attendees
- Arranged sponsors
- Moderated one session
- Reviewed papers and co-edited proceedings
- Arranged concurrent student presentations

CIB W-82 INTERNATIONAL MEETING (SWEDEN)

- Presented two papers
  - Hand Held Construction Computers Future Construction Safety Concerns
- Became co-coordinator of the Working Commission (W82)
- Wrote U.S. position for W82 on research in construction

CIB-W82 (FUTURE STUDIES IN CONSTRUCTION) CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

- Presented paper on Hurricane Force Winds that Require Special Construction
- Became a member of CIB-W62

MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITIES IN THE PROFESSION

ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers) – Member: 1992-present

AIC (American Institute of Constructors) – Member: 1992 - Present

ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) – Member: 1972 - Present

- Social and Environmental Concerns Committee: 1996 - Present
- Computer Education Committee: 1995 - 1996
- Construction Research Council: 1996 - Present

ACI (American Concrete Institute) – Member: 1992 - 1995

ACCE (American Council for Construction Educators) – Member: 1992 - Present

- Served on Development Committee
- Served on Con Expo Committee

CSI (Construction Specifications Institute) – Member: 1992 - 1995

ASPE (American Society of Plumbing Engineers) – Member: 1992 - Present

PKP (Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society) – Member: 1992 - Present

AAA (American Arbitration Association) – Member: 1992 - Present

CIB W-99 (International Research)

- International Coordinator: 1995 - Present

CIB W-82 (International Research)

- International Coordinator: 1994 – 1996

RICHARD "RICK" COBLE, PHD: CV ATTACHMENTS

SELECTED LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Letters recommending Dr. Richard Coble as a Consultant / Expert Witness

Letters recommending Dr. Richard Coble as a University Educator / Faculty

- *From Attorneys, Colleagues and Students*

Letters recommending Dr. Richard Coble as a Builder / Engineer

Letters recommending Dr. Richard Coble Internationally

Letters praising Dr. Richard Coble as a Student

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

Degrees

Licenses

Mentor Certificate

PUBLISHED SELECTED ARTICLES

Newspapers, Magazines & Journals

SELECTED LETTERS OF REFERENCE

LETTERS RECOMMENDING DR. RICHARD COBLE AS A CONSULTANT / EXPERT WITNESS

YMCA Downtown Orlando
- ~ *Dan Ickes*

Universal Studios Escape
- ~ *Ronald W. Sikes*

Wooten, Honeywell & Kest
- ~ *John Marshall Kest*

Wooten, Honeywell & Kest
- ~ *Council Wooten, Jr.*

Bull and Mize
- ~ *Stephen M. Bull*

Dugan and Wright
- ~ *Thomas F. Dugan*

Greene & Mastry
- ~ *Kirk S. Davis*

Burton L. Bruggeman, PA
- ~ *Burton L. Bruggeman*

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster & Kantor
- ~ *Timothy J. Manor*

Markel, McDonough & O'Neal
- ~ *James W. Markel*

John C. Briggs
- ~ *John C. Briggs*

Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler
- ~ *Lawrence M. Watson, Jr.*

Kemper Group
- ~ *R. M. Welsh*

American Arbitration Association
- ~ *Robert Coulson*

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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

January 6, 2011

Mr. Rick Cable
3906 South Summerland Avenue
Orlando, FL 32806

Dear Rick,

This letter is to personally thank you for all of your efforts and commitment to the YMCA of Central Florida over the last several decades. Your involvement in the West Orange YMCA Family Center many years ago as a volunteer helping that YMCA expand to what it is today is greatly appreciated.

Your involvement with the Downtown YMCA and most recently working with the Metro Office Team to assist with the planning and development of the Aquatic Center over the past year have been outstanding. You have saved the YMCA of Central Florida close to $1 million dollars and the number is still climbing.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to this organization.

Sincerely,

Dan Ickes
Executive Vice President of Operations

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Richard J. Coble, Ph.D.
RJC Consulting
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Dear Dr. Coble:

Permit me to take this opportunity to thank you for the construction claims consulting services provided by your firm in connection with our recent expansion project. Your services rendered in connection with our new Islands of Adventure theme park and CityWalk entertainment complex proved to be insightful, probative of the real issues and beneficial to the resolution of the complex issues presented.

The combination of the academic credentials presented by you and the other members of your team and extensive "real world" experience sets your firm apart. Often, claims consultants may be strong in experience or possess extensive educational experience. It is a rare opportunity to work with a firm that posses both backgrounds. The result is a reasoned, reliable point of view.

We appreciate, as well, your sensitivity regarding the economics of claims assessment. By providing us with realistic estimates of your anticipated fees and costs, we have been able to manage the process, rather than it managing us. By providing us with interim reports of your efforts and preliminary findings, we have been able to make strategic decisions in a timely and cost-effective manner.

We thank you for your assistance and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Very truly yours,

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May 3, 1990

Richard J. Coble, President
KACO Contracting Company
1911 Silver Star Road
Orlando, FL 32804

RE: Jenkins v. Marriott

Dear Mr. Coble:

Just a short note to thank you for your excellent assistance in having worked with us in reviewing, analyzing and eventually testifying the case involving Ronald Jenkins.

In this complex construction injury-products liability case, your expertise was of great assistance in helping us to analyze the defects in the product, and in fine-tuning our theories as to the construction defendants' negligence. Your ability to take the theoretical and regulatory violations and provide the practical application of these activities to the construction jobsite was most helpful.

Once again, I thank you for the help that you provided to us in this matter and appreciated the opportunity to work with you on this very complex case.

Sincerely,

John Marshall Kest

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June 1, 1989

Mr. Rick Coble
1305 West Colonial Dr.
Orlando, FL 32804

Re: Sample v. Teitelbaum Concrete Company, et al.

Dear Rick:

As I have told you by phone, we were able to settle Steve Sample's case. After a two day mediation, and just before the case was to be tried, a substantial settlement offer was made that Steve accepted.

Your expert testimony and advice was essential to us in bringing this case to a successful conclusion. You were very helpful to us in understanding all of the issues involved on this very complex construction site. I was especially appreciative of your availability on short notice and at all hours as we worked on a very hectic schedule to meet some of our deadlines. This has been an unusual case in that we've faced several summary judgments and other hurdles along the way and I appreciated your assistance at each critical point.

I hope we have a chance to work with you again as an expert consultant or witness in the future. Once again, without your help we could not have reached the successful conclusion we ultimately obtained.

Sincerely,

COUNCIL WOOTEN, JR.

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January 29, 1987

Mr. Richard Coble
WICO Consulting Company
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Re: Krentz v. Martin-Marietta, et al.
B&M File: 132-12

Dear Rick:

I am writing this correspondence to recommend you as a qualified expert in the field of construction litigation. Your recent performance as an expert witness on behalf of our client helped us resolve a complicated lawsuit with a large amount of exposure.

From the outset your experience in the field of construction helped us isolate pertinent issues from a contractor's point of view. Throughout the case, your input and ideas shed new light on the case, and allowed us to formulate additional defenses.

Ultimately, your straightforward approach to the case helped us convince the plaintiff of the need to settle this matter. Again, thank you for your help and assistance throughout the case.

Very truly yours,

Stephen M. Bull

SMB/pw

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December 8, 1986

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Attn: Mr. Rick Coble

Re: Expert Testimony - Southwest Colorado

Dear Rick:

It was a pleasure to have you testify during our recent trial in District Court, Pagosa Springs. I believe your investigation, report and expert testimony at trial with respect to the structural integrity of the subject building were critical to our obtaining a positive verdict for our clients.

We have two additional pending actions in Durango, Colorado, for which we would like to utilize your services. The first has to do with a construction dispute arising out of the building of a "round house" for the local railroad, which runs from Durango to Silverton as a tourist attraction. The main aspects of this case involve the adequacy of drawings and stake-out procedures.

The second case, also pending in Durango, involves the construction of a residence and various mechanic's lien issues.

Again, thank you for your help thus far and we look forward to seeing you over the Christmas Holidays in order to work on the railroad case.

Yours truly,

DUGAN and WRIGHT

Thomas P. Dugan

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February 14, 1986

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Richard Coble

Our law firm has had the pleasure of associating Dick Coble as an expert witness. Mr. Coble's function was to act as a construction consultant to review a sewer installation project. Problems had developed between the contractor and the engineer relating to safety. Mr. Coble was to review the contract documents, outline the general construction principles to be followed between an engineer and a contractor who are having safety concerns and to comment on the actual on-the-job performance.

An attorney who had encountered Mr. Coble as an expert witness for his opposition recommended him to us. It is highly complimentary when an oppoent recommends you to others. We found Mr. Coble to be eloquent, helpful and very willing to delve into the mass of materials supplied to him. He quickly recognized the major problems on the job as they related to the contractor's and engineer's duties and responsibilities.

Mr. Coble was able to give us additional insight into contract interpretations and presented us with several analogies to assist us in our preparation. Because of his standing in the construction community, he was further able to recommend additional consultants for other aspects of the case.

His availability and cooperation were beneficial, and I would highly recommend him as a consultant.

Very truly yours,

Kirk S. Davis

/mlw

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DENISE G. MORRIS

May 1, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been asked by Mr. Richard J. Coble to provide a letter of recommendation to future parties who may seek to use Mr. Coble's skills as an expert witness.

I recently had the opportunity to use Mr. Coble in a case involving a breach of construction contract. The contract was for the development of a substantial shopping center. It was our position that the contractor had been wrongfully terminated and that the contractor was entitled to lost profits as a result of this termination. Mr. Coble quickly familiarized himself with the entire project, provided expert estimating skills, and invaluable assistance to us both in the preparation of and the trial of the case. I would use Mr. Coble as an expert witness in any case involving construction in the future and would be more than happy to recommend him to any person seeking to use Mr. Coble's skills in similar circumstances.

Should anyone have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Burton L. Bruggeman

BLB/pb
cc: Mr. Richard Coble

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February 16, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Richard J. Coble

The purpose of this letter is to provide a reference and a recommendation for Mr. Richard J. Coble. I have known Mr. Coble for approximately three (3) years. I have had the opportunity of seeing Mr. Coble in trial under pressure as a witness.

Mr. Coble is extremely capable and knowledgeable in the enigneering and construction area. He presents himself extremely well in Court. In fact, in a case that went to trial in Circuit Court, Manatee County, Florida, I believe that Mr. Coble's testimony and demeanor was the primary reason for our success in the trial. Mr. Coble affords not only an intellectual opinion in construction and engineering matters but he also provides a practical viewpoint since he has been in this profession for several years.

I would be pleased to provide further background on Mr. Coble should you wish to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Manor

TJM:pc

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September 6, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are pleased to write this letter of recommendation for WICO Consulting Company, KACO Contracting Company and Mr. Rick Cable.

Our law firm which specializes in construction disputes has engaged Mr. Cable and related firms as consultants to advise our owner clients and contractor clients in a variety of construction matters. Mr. Cable is knowledgeable, personable, well prepared and reasonable in his approach. By his "creative" ability to obtain the necessary facts and opinions we were able to conclude successfully several projects and resolve several disputes.

For a combination of professional competence and personal competence, we highly recommend Mr. Cable, and his related firms and agencies. We would be more than pleased to address and answer any questions concerning this fine [illegible].

Yours very truly,

James W. Markell

JWM/pc

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February 13, 1984

Mr. Richard J. Coble
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RE: Von Procyon v. Huber Construction

Dear Rick:

I just wanted to take a minute and thank you for a job well done in testifying on behalf of my client, Huber Construction Company, as an expert witness at our recent trial. I know this is the second time you have testified for me, and you seem to get better each time.

I received nothing but compliments from court personnel when we took a break after you testified and they were all in agreement that you were the best witness to appear. You seem to have a knack of dealing with a cross-examining attorney without losing your temper or your train of thought. You did an excellent job in not letting Mr. Sommers put words into your mouth or distort your testimony and did so without appearing to be at all offended. In general, your overall demeanor on the witness stand is excellent.

If anyone else should contact you about appearing on their behalf as an expert witness and you would like or need a reference on your behalf, please don't hesitate to ask them to contact me. Once again, thank you on my behalf as well as that of Huber Construction Company.

Very truly yours,

John C. Briggs

JCB/sf

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May 29, 1984

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Mr. Rick Coble.

I've had the privilege of knowing Mr. Coble both professionally and socially for a number of years. We have worked together on litigated and disputed construction issues on a number of occasions. Mr. Coble has demonstrated a keen understanding of the construction industry, the factors that create problems, and the best ways to work toward resolving them. He has an excellent knowledge of construction methodology and individuals involved in the building industry in Central Florida. He is equally well known among his peers in the industry.

I was delighted to learn Mr. Coble had decided to add consulting services to his many areas of professional interest.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Watson, Jr.

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May 3, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: RICHARD J. COBLE

During the past seven years I have had the opportunity to investigate Rick Coble which resulted in my obligating my Company on Performance and Payment Bonds on his behalf and as a representative of his Surety Company I have had the opportunity to observe his performance of his contracts and fulfillment of his obligations.

The results of these investigations and observations have convinced me that Rick Coble is an extremely knowledgeable individual in all facets of the construction business and he possesses that unique driving force that results in the delivery of a superior completed product to his customers.

Today I continue to obligate my Company on Surety Guarantees for Rick Coble and I do not hesitate to recommend him as a highly qualified individual in the construction industry.

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Dear Mr. Coble:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to the American Arbitration Association's Commercial Panel.

As a panelist, you will receive our quarterly publication, "News and Views" and we ask that you notify the Panels Department at this address of any changes in your business or residence address. A certificate of appointment will be sent to you which you may wish to display in your office. Since each certificate must be prepared in hand script, it may take several weeks before you receive it.

Enclosed are some booklets and a list of our Regional Offices for your further information. If the Association can be of service to you, the Regional Director in your area will be pleased to provide additional information concerning our activities.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Coulson

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August 22, 2001

Charles E. Young, President
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Re: Richard J. Coble, Ph.D.

Dear President Young:

Richard J. Coble, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the University of Florida's M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction.

I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Coble, representing him and his companies prior to his being in a faculty position at the University of Florida. I have also had the opportunity of working with Dr. Coble since joining the faculty, both in terms of being a visiting lecturer at a few of his classes as well as retaining his services as an expert witness in various construction / design / safety cases.

Based upon that near twenty year relationship, I have found Dr. Coble to be one who very much cares for his students, who is strongly committed to integrity and strong character, and is willing to take on an issue if he feels that it is inappropriate or detrimental to the organization that he serves.

I have experienced this personally and in our professional relationship, Although we do not always agree on all points, I certainly respect his integrity and have no doubt that his positions are taken in good faith.

If you would like to discuss my comments further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Manor

TJM/bbc

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August 21, 2001

Dr. Charles E. Young, President
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Dear Dr. Young

This Summer my son attended an exchange program in Germany as part of his participation in the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction. I apologize for my inability to name the exact program; nevertheless, I want to commend the University of Florida for establishing this program and for providing my son with the opportunity to attend.

The program is one where students from the University live with German students and take courses in German construction methodology and numerous field trips to construction sites. My son has literally raved about the program since his return to Florida.

It was only by happenstance that I learned about the program. In the Spring of this year I received a telephone call from Dr. Richard J. Coble, an assistant professor at the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction. He informed me of the program and recommended that Christian, my son, attend. I am grateful to Dr. Coble for alerting me to this opportunity. Although he recommended it highly, Christian's experience far exceeded Dr. Coble's recommendations.

Again, I commend the University of Florida for establishing such enriching programs for its students.

Sincerely,

SMITH, CURRIE & HANCOCK LLP

F. Alan Cummings

cc: Dr. David R. Colburn, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
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January 25, 2001

Dr. Charles Young, President
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Gainesville, FL 32611-3150

Dear Dr. Young:

I feel compelled to write you regarding Dr. Richard J. Coble, the Director for The Center of Construction Safety and Loss Control, and the assistance he has given to my firm and CSR Rinker in particular.

I have had the good fortune of representing CSR Rinker and CSR America in numerous state and some out-of-state cases. As a result the company has had several interesting and diverse situations which have required expert testimony, research and accident reconstruction. Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to find experts that not only have good practical "field" experience, but also have an accompanying educational background to qualify them as an expert. Dr. Coble has successfully assisted myself and CSR Rinker in several cases including scaffolding cases, concrete pump cases, sewer pipe cases, etc. I find that we also are able to call Rick up, on the spur of the moment, and run an issue by him and he will give us excellent advice in addressing a problem.

While many Colleges and Universities will provide assistance to the construction industry, from a "textbook standpoint", few schools have the capability to provide suitable accompanying, practical background on these situations. You should be quite proud that Dr. Coble's Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control is able to be of such assistance, not only to CSR Rinker, but to other companies as well.

I hope your wife continues to do well and we look forward to seeing you in April.

Sincerely,

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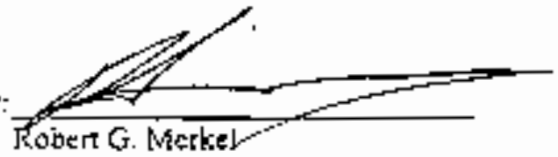
By: 
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P.S. Say hi to your secretary, Sandy

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December 3, 2001

President Charles Young
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Re: Richard Coble, Ph.D

Dear Mr. Young:

I write this letter concerning a member of your faculty, Richard Coble, Ph.D. I have known Dr. Coble for an excess of 15 years. As a practicing attorney I have worked with him, both as a consultant, and as a testifying expert in several very complicated construction accidents resulting in injury or death to some of my clients.

I have found Dr. Coble to be extremely competent, well prepared, and fair in his analysis. On cases where he found little or no merit to our alleged allegations, he was candid with us and advised us of that fact, so that we could convey that information to our clients. In cases in which he felt there was justified cause of action, he was able to give us the technical and academic support necessary to establish our case, not only for the benefit of the Court and jury but for the defense attorney. He has held up extremely well on intensive cross-examination and has been able to logically and clearly explain both his conclusions and the reasoning addressing those conclusions.

His testimony and performance, as an expert in the area of construction practices and procedures, has been a credit to the University of Florida. I would highly recommend Dr. Coble and commend the University of Florida for having Dr. Coble as a prominent member of their faculty.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Marshall Kest

JMK/me

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President Charles Young
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Re: Dr. Richard J. Coble

Dear Mr. Young:

This letter is being written as an applause to the work of Dr. Richard J. Coble. I have known Dr. Coble for 25 years. I have seen him in many aspects of the construction industry. I have represented him as a contractor. He has worked for our past firm, Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, and also as a consultant for Holland & Knight. He has performed his work in a way that is a credit to the industry. His construction experience is firmly based both in vertical and horizontal construction. He has been a consultant for several sureties that are heavily involved in the construction industry. He is a speaker at both associations meetings and large law firms.

My professional relationship with Dr. Coble has been of the highest caliber. I would like to take this time to acknowledge the fact that there are not many professional consultants in the industry that have his academic and field experience. It is a credit to your University to have a person with this background. I have enjoyed speaking at several of his master's classes.

Hopefully you will continue to find a beneficial use of his background.

Very truly yours,

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August 21, 2001

Dr. Charles E. Young, President
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Re: Dr. Richard J. Coble

Dear Dr. Young:

I am pleased to submit this recommendation on behalf of Dr. Richard J. Coble. Dr. Coble is an assistant professor serving the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction. I have known Dr. Coble for more than fifteen years. During that time, he has been both a friend and a professional colleague.

I first met Dr. Coble in the early 1980's when he managed and owned a construction business, located in the Orlando, Florida area. I was retained by Dr. Coble to represent the legal interest of his business. Subsequently, I retained Dr. Coble on more than one occasion as a consultant providing litigation support. Most recently, my son has enrolled in the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Building Construction and I have worked with Dr. Coble regarding technological advances which will benefit the construction industry.

Dr. Coble has vast experience in the construction industry. He is well known and highly regarded throughout the construction industry in Florida. Frequently, when we as attorneys retain the services of a consultant, we anticipate that the consultant will be called upon to testify at a future legal proceeding. Accordingly, we are quite careful to employ only someone who exhibits high moral and ethical standards, in addition to expertise in a particular field. In this regard, we have not hesitated to retain Dr. Coble

when confronted with a problem in his field of expertise. Dr. Coble has gained the respect of all of those with whom he and I have worked.

Very recently, I consulted with Dr. Coble regarding computer modeling and pictorials, as an aide to the construction industry. I am singularly impressed with Dr. Coble's work. In addition, and perhaps more importantly, I have been impressed with the interest Dr. Coble takes in his students. I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand Dr. Coble's work with his students. I offer you my highest recommendation of Dr. Coble as a friend, a professional, and as teacher.

Sincerely,

SMITH, CURRIE & HANCOCK LLP

F. Alan Cummings

cc: Dr. David R. Colburn, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
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August 22, 1996

Tenure and Promotions Committee
M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of
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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my understanding that Dr. Richard Coble is to be considered for tenure by the Tenure and Promotions Committee. While I am not a personal friend with Dr. Coble, I have utilized Dr. Coble as an expert witness on several cases over the past several years. On each of those cases I have found Dr. Coble to be extremely qualified, open and honest with his opinions, and able to support his opinions by academic and reference articles. His candor in evaluating cases, on each of these occasions in which I have retained him, has led, in great part, to our ability to resolve the case without the necessity of trial.

On several of the cases, Dr. Coble has submitted himself to in-depth scrutiny by various attorneys during deposition examination. He has been able to respond to questions not only as to the factual basis for his opinion, but the theoretical and research basis for those opinions. When confronted with what appeared to be research that was contrary to his opinions, Dr. Coble was able to expertly distinguish the opinions that would seem to be suggested by the research and explain why they were not applicable to the factual situation at hand.

I would commend Dr. Coble to you. He is one of those rare individuals who has both the long years of practical experience in the field, as well as the academic background to understand the theoretical basis for his opinions. I hope this information will be of benefit to the Tenure Promotions Committee. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Marshall Kest

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August 15, 1996

The Tenure and Promotion Committee
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Re: Richard Coble, PhD

To Whom It Concerns:

This letter sets forth my evaluation of the competence and professional standards exhibited to me by Richard J. Coble, Ph.D. over the years of my association with him. I understand this letter will be considered in connection with an evaluation of tenure for Dr. Coble.

In summary, I have been associated with Dr. Coble since approximately 1984, when I joined this law firm. Over the years my association with Dr. Coble has evolved from performing legal work for his various construction or consulting companies to utilizing Dr. Coble's services as a construction consultant since his affiliation with the University of Florida. In short, all of my experiences with Dr. Coble have been positive and he has exhibited the highest degree of professionalism, ethics, candor and fair dealing. Some particulars follow:

1. During the times I have been involved with one of Dr. Coble's past companies as legal counsel on particular matters, he has reflected to me the highest degree of competence in his field of instruction. In particular, Dr. Coble has always been a "hands on" individual, with whom you would work in a partnership in solving a particular legal problem, rather than have Dr. Coble drop the legal problem in your lap to be resolved without his input and ongoing participation. I think it speaks highly of Dr. Coble that he has always taken a very intense personal and professional interest in any legal matter I ever handled for one of his

companies. I might add that I have come to realize, and deeply appreciate, that while he was in the construction business, Dr. Coble's companies were constantly involved in very difficult and challenging projects, including many for the state and federal government. It was rare that I would see Dr. Coble except in connection with the travails inherent in performing difficult work, beyond what many contractors would take on. This has demonstrated to me his high level of intelligence and his need for challenge in his professional life. Dr. Coble has an undergraduate degree in civil engineering, and is also a licensed general contractor, and I think this combination, together with the tremendous experience he obtained in the construction industry, beginning with significant work on early Disney projects, has made him a special case. For example, he is someone I would call when I had questions about technical or construction aspects of handling claims for other clients.

2. Since Dr. Coble's affiliation with the University of Florida, my association with him has shifted to utilizing his services as a professional construction consultant in handling various types of construction and design cases. Dr. Coble is extremely expressive and has the unusual talent of being able to both understand the complex and then be able to explain it so that it can be understood by laymen and other attorneys involved in construction and design related cases. He exhibits competence and professionalism. Both of these qualities generate confidence in him. He is strongly ethical and honest in his professional dealings. All of these qualities are easily recognizable, particularly when you compare Dr. Coble to any of the other consultants, and contractors, I have come across in my practice.

Dr. Coble, in my opinion, exhibits exemplary professional and ethical standards and is of the highest professional standing in his field.

I am fully available to respond to any questions concerning this letter. Thank you for considering my comments.

Very truly yours,

Joseph A. Lane

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December 4, 2000

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Re: Richard Coble PhD

Dear Dean Chen,

I am writing this letter with respect to your advertisement for the position of Associate Dean at your university. I know that Rick Coble is on a sabbatical at the University of Hawaii and I believe he would make an excellent Associate Dean.

I have known Rick for 30 years, from the days when we both worked for the Disney organization during the construction of the first Florida park. He owned part of one of ENR's top 400 construction firms that built the France, Japan, Horizons, China Pavilions, and the hardscape at EPCOT, within the Disney World complex. At that time I was the Vice President of Construction for the EPCOT project. We have interfaced on many occasions since then.

Having observed his development as a professional in our industry, I believe he is well equipped to build relations with the construction and engineering communities. He has the ability to relate well with real world professionals, because he is one of them.

I have met many of the graduates from the University of Florida who have become employed by Bovis, who had him as a teacher. I believe from my own observations, as well as talking with the students, that he has the ability to communicate well with students. I think this attribute would be particularly important in the area of recruiting new students.

He has also stayed ahead of the industry in automation, in such areas as 4D CAD and distance learning. To this end, I believe he would keep your college very much in a leadership role. We at Bovis have had considerable interest in distance learning as a way to move our managers to a higher level of competence.

In closing, I believe that you would be well served to try to convince Dr Coble to apply for the position of Associate Dean at your university. I have no doubt that his fund raising ability alone would provide multipliers of what he would be paid. Should you have any questions about my recommendation, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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May 13, 2002

Mr. Richard "Rick" Coble, Ph.D.
P.O. Box 13395
Gainesville, Florida 32604

Dear Mr. Coble,

Please accept this correspondence with our sincere thanks for your efforts and time in meeting with us last week to discuss your proposal for an OSHA Training Center to be located at the University of Miami.

The South Florida Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, by action of its Board of Directors, acting on behalf of all members, did, on May 13, 2002, endorse your proposal and the consortium you envision. Your proposal has been referred to our Safety Committee for further review and discussion with you personally when you return to the United States.

Per your request, this correspondence is being sent via email to you while in you are in The People's Republic of China, but it is also be delivered by fax and U.S. Post. Hopefully, you will receive it in plenty of time to amend your proposal, if you find that necessary.

Sincerely,

John C. Harrison, Jr.
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May 1, 2002

Dr. Rick Coble
University of Miami
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Dear Dr. Coble:

I am pleased to support the University of Miami's application to become an OSHA Training Institute Education Center. Our organization, the research, development, and training arm of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, has focused on construction safety and health research and training, and we are very supportive of joint training initiatives in Region IV.

We would encourage support of this program from all Building Trades Councils within Region IV. If successful, we look forward to working with the OSHA Education Center in Region IV, which will complement our national training efforts.

Sincerely,

Pete Stafford
Executive Director

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RE: Richard J. Coble, Associate Professor
Recommendation for Teacher of the Year

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Dr. Richard Coble for "Teacher of the Year" award. I first met "Rick" in 1974, when he was a graduate student in a course I taught for Disney World. Since then I have gotten to know his neat family, and even taught his son Brennon. I see Rick regularly at church, and know him to be highly moral, with unquestioned integrity.

Dr. Coble's research has earned him a reputation as an authority in construction safety and loss control. He planned and organized an international symposium on the subject last year. He created a new course in safety which has become a required part of the BCN curriculum.

I have had the pleasure of team-teaching courses with Dr. Coble, and it gave me a keen awareness of his teaching skills. He is always thoroughly prepared; his presentations are interesting and informative; and he enjoys a special rapport with his students. He is an innovative teacher who always has the students' best interest at heart. He goes out of the way to be fair, but he can be firm when necessary. Having been around teaching for a number of years, Rick represents what I consider the best in teaching approach. Therefor, it is without hesitation or reservation that I recommend Dr. Richard Coble for the award of "Teacher of the Year".

Sincerely,

Robert E. Crosland
Professor

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Jay M. Stein, Ph.D., AICP
College of Design, Construction and Planning
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Dear Dr. Stein:

I recently had the opportunity to call on Dr. Richard Coble for help with a construction safety issue, and am writing to express my appreciation to the College of Design, Construction and Planning for the excellent job that Dr. Coble, Director of the Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control, is doing in keeping our company current on the safety issues facing the construction industry. He has been willing to donate his time and expertise on an ad hoc basis, responding to our phone calls and [illegible] making site visits.

Dr. Coble's knowledge, professionalism, and willingness to work with us are a wonderful example of academic and industry interaction, strengthening both sectors. These qualities reflect highly on the University of Florida, the College of Design, Construction and Planning, and on Dr. Coble himself.

Thank you for making a resource such as Dr. Coble available to us and others in the construction industry. Such resources surely enhance the academic reputation and increasing visibility of the University of Florida and the College of Design, Construction and Planning in our state and throughout the southeast.

Sincerely,

Nathan S. Collier
Principal

cc: Dr. Charles E. Young
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CLARK
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August 21, 2001

Mr. Pete Stafford
Center to Protect Workers' Rights
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Stafford:

Clark is very interested in the study that Dr. Richard Coble is proposing in relation to mature/elderly workers. We are acquainted with Dr. Coble's previous work and respect his opinion in construction-related activities.

We believe that Dr. Coble's research basis is something that Clark and every other contractor will be able to find of value as we experience more elderly workers in the workforce. We have found mature and elderly workers to be of great benefit to the construction industry. As a matter of fact, we have an active Superintendent who is 85 years old.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 813/630-4422.

Sincerely,

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President – Southern Division

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September 11, 2001

Dr. Charles E. Young, President
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Gainesville, FL 32611-2150

Dear Dr. Young:

I am writing this letter in support of the University of Florida and your commitment to employ eminent professors like Dr. Richard Coble. I have known Rick over five years and I have seen him raise his four children as a single parent. I have seen him at the Gainesville High School athletic events which indicates to me his continual support of his children's activities. From all of my observations he has been a good witness as a father and as an educator. I have also seen Rick as an active volunteer in our community by his teaching of CPR and First Aid for the American Red Cross. Through this commitment he has accounted for hundreds of University of Florida students being trained in these very valuable skills. I'm also aware of his having dinners at his house for UF students on a weekly basis for years wherein he provided a venue outside of UF to exhibit that faculty can be much more than just a UF teacher, in that teaching is a process that is not just confined to the walls that border the University of Florida.

I have appreciated Rick's research in the areas of Workers' Compensation Fraud. He has done six major reports in this area, most of which were voluntary. His two recent reports were provided to all the legislators in the state of Florida. To my knowledge this is the first time any one has quantified the true cost of the problem of Workers' Compensation Fraud. From all I have observed his work-products have all been of an exceedingly high quality, which is a tremendous credit to the University of Florida.

Dr. Coble is a fine example of integrity and excellence in our community and as a UF professor strives for these goals to which every UF professor aspires. I would like to compliment the University of Florida for their commitment to employ professors like Dr. Rick Coble.

Sincerely,

Perry

Perry C. McGriff, Jr.
State Representative, House District 22

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January 30, 2001

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Dr. Richard J. Coble
1020 NW 13th Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Dr. Coble,

It is the vision and energy of leaders like you that give our industry, the global construction business, the chance to continuously improve.

About a year ago, I had the opportunity to participate in an industry-leading research project and forum that you organized in your capacity at the M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction at the University of Florida. The subject, 4D CAD, is an innovation that will fundamentally transform our industry in the years to come and one which consumes like ours are devoting increasing emphasis.

We are most appreciative of your efforts on matters such as this that help the industry as a whole by bringing together leaders in this field for collaboration and improvement opportunities.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Charles E. Young, President, University of Florida
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August 29, 2001

Mr. Pete Stafford, Director
Center To Protect Workers' Rights
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Stafford:

The Florida roofing and sheet metal industries, which are represented by our association, currently have a severe shortage of workers.

We are very familiar with the quality of Dr. Richard Coble's research and believe that his proposal to provide a study on better utilizing older workers could provide extremely meaningful information.

Technology is now available which makes it possible to better use older workers as supervisors, in quality control, and as safety monitors. This is where we believe older workers can be a tremendous asset.

We encourage you to support the funding of Dr. Coble's proposed study.

Sincerely,

Steve Mariotti
Executive Director

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Coastal

August 28, 2001

Pete Stafford
Center to Protect Workers' Rights
Washington, D. C.

Re: Better Utilization of Older Aged Workers

Dear Mr. Stafford:

Please allow this letter to serve as a personal and professional recommendation of Dr. Richard J. Coble to undertake research for your Center to Protect Workers' Rights. His research over the years has focused in the areas of his expertise including Workers' Compensation, Safety and Loss Control, and other Workers' related issue within the construction industry.

Having known Dr. Coble for over ten years, I have had the opportunity to study with him and conduct research alongside him on projects where he was the Principal Investigator. These included studies on Workers' Compensation Premium Fraud and Workers Safety and Loss Control. In addition, his career in the actual field of construction includes over 25 years of management within the industry that has balanced his academic and research strengths with real life experience.

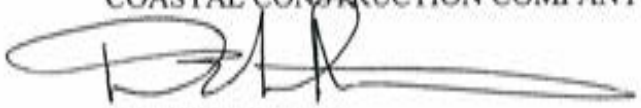
It is my understanding that the area of study for which you are considering him at this time deals with the "Better Utilization of Older Aged Workers". If so, then this is clearly an area which needs study in our industry. We are known as a hard driving group of people in both management and in the field, and too often the older aged workers are left behind due to their inability to continue to keep up with such a demanding pace. It is unfortunate that we are so short sighted as to not find ways in which to continue to draw on their years of knowledge gained from the skilled craftsmen of their era. If we do not as an industry find a better way to tap into this valuable research, then we are truly misguided.

However, it takes research to prove this point, and I can assure you that Dr. Coble's work product will prove invaluable to your organization in demonstrating this fact. His research is conducted without bias, and is thorough. It will define the problem, and reach conclusions that are undeniable. He will then be able to make recommendations which your organization can implement and disseminate within the industry.

Again, I strongly recommend Dr. Coble to you, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

COASTAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



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10 January 2001

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Referee Report : Professor Richard J Coble

I am pleased to be able to act as a referee for Professor Coble in relation to the position of Associate Dean at the University of Hawaii.

I am Chief Research Scientist with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia's national science organisation of some 7,000 staff. I currently occupy the role of Deputy Chief of the Division of Building, Construction and Engineering, with 270 staff located at laboratories in Melbourne and Sydney. The Division's annual research budget is over A$30 million per year. From April 2001 I will join the Board of the International Council for Research & Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB). My comments on Professor Coble will be primarily in relation to research, publication, communication of knowledge and science and industry networks – areas where I am in best position to make international comparisons.

I have known Professor Coble for 7 years. On an overseas visit in 1994 I travelled to the University of Florida specifically to meet Professor Coble because of his reputation in construction innovation (at that time he was leader of a CIB International Commission on Construction Futures). The meeting proved fruitful and led to subsequent collaborative research with Professor Coble and his team at U of Florida.

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Because of Professor Coble's innovative research on hand held personal digital assistants in the early 1990s (forerunners to today's Palm Pilots) we were able to develop processes for re-engineering the flow of information through the construction process that for the first time closed the digital divide between construction site (Professor Coble's domain of expertise) and the design office (where CSIRO had broadband communications applications operating). Our systems were trialled at Lend Lease in Sydney in 1995 and form the basis of their revolutionary Project Web system. This is but one area where he has been world leading. Other examples you will find in his work on construction safety and health. His Centre at the University of Florida and his continuing leadership of the CIB Working Commission in this area places him in an enviable position as a key focus for researchers globally. I hope to attract Professor Coble to Australia's new Co-operative Research Centre for Construction Innovation for brief periods to provide research leadership in this area.

Over the past 7 years I have had 4 separate visits to work with Professor Coble at U of Florida (University of Hawaii would be much more convenient!) and I know that he is a magnet for other researchers of international calibre – a major asset to any research institution. I have also met many of his graduate students who are also of high calibre. He assembles good people around him as a result of his enthusiasm and his intellect.

Professor Coble has been invited on fully funded visits to Australia and I have toured with him on joint workshops where I have been impressed with his ability to communicate and his ability to network.

On the former, you will have already discovered that his presentations are lively as well as well-grounded academically/scientifically. This traverses all levels – from one to one, small groups, students, senior government and industry leaders, academic peers etc.

In regard to the latter, Professor Coble's networks – both academic and industry – are extensive. This is a highly valuable commodity in 2001. One example. His links to Salford and their world-leading Construct IT is providing a gateway for Distance learning projects for Construction in the USA. Construct IT is linked to our CRC in Australia. Networks! As a senior industry/science manager at CSIRO I know all too well how rare the mix of research and commercial skills are.

I could go on, but his CV record speaks for itself. On a personal level, I now count Professor Coble as one of my friends as well as scientific colleagues. Clearly he adds a significant human dimension to the places and people which come into contact with him.

I believe Professor Coble would make a most valuable contribution to your Faculty.

Yours sincerely

Dr P W Newton
Chief Research Scientist

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February 15, 2001

Richard J. Coble PhD
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Dear Dr. Coble,

It is my pleasure to have you work with the College of Engineering, in a non-compensated visiting appointment for recruitment, on your sabbatical for the remaining part of the Spring 2001 semester. Your efforts in this area are new and very appropriate for the exposure of College to the mainland high school students. At the same time we look forward to your working with us on our recruiting of graduate students. A plan will be worked out with you and Ms. Cheryl Ishii at a later date.

We wish you the best and hope that your trip to Tsinghua University is very successful, and that the methodology that you have developed is something that will be used at UH for many years in the future.

Very truly yours,

Dean Wai-Fah Chen PhD

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August 31, 2000

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Dear Dr. Coble:

I would like to thank you for your participation in the NIOSH Special Emphasis Panel convened this summer to evaluate the applications in response to our RFA. NIOSH depends heavily on the knowledge and expertise of the extramural community in evaluating the research proposals submitted for the broad range of topics that we seek to fund. We recognize that the review of applications is a time consuming process, and I appreciate your commitment to this significant endeavor. Because of high-quality scientists such as yourself who serve as reviewers, the NIOSH extramural research program is respected throughout the occupational safety and health community.

Thank you for your important contributions to this effort by assisting NIOSH in identifying proposals deemed to be meritorious in advancing knowledge that can be used to prevent illnesses and injuries caused by occupational safety and health hazards.

Sincerely,

Linda Rosenstock

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December 18, 2000

Mr. Richard J. Coble Ph.D
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Dear Mr. Coble,

I am writing with respect to your work on Workers Compensation Fraud and Exemptions. Having been Chairman of the Workers Compensation Oversight Board, I realize the importance of these subjects. I have seen the Workers Compensation system abused in many ways in the State of Florida and I believe your research has been very important to correcting this system.

Your work products have been of a very high quality and useful to our industry. I appreciate all the time you have spent on these issues. I know that much of the time you spend is just a donation on your part to help better the industry.

From a union prospective, I again applaud your work. It is time that workers start getting their just due for their work. Presently, there are many contractors taking advantage of workers through the exemption system, for their own personal gain at the workers expense. This must be stopped and workers need to be covered with proper insurance. Your studies have been very helpful in conveying this message to our state officials.

In closing, I hope the seven years you have been working on the fraud and exemption issue in our state, is rewarded by the change in our present system. I look forward to the release of your current studies and hope that you will continue your efforts to better the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

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September 23, 1996

The Tenure and Promotion Committee
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Dear Committee Members:

It is a pleasure to recommend that Richard J. Coble, Ph.d be given tenure and promoted to full professor. We believe we are in an excellent position to make this recommendation, in that we have observed or were in areas that are very germain to this process in the area of research.

Within our company, he has reviewed our operations and made multiple recommendations that have improved our system of safety procedures. We have also invested $5,000 in funded research, which was a work project involving scaffolding and fall protection. The research was of excellent quality and done through UF, to their credit.

Recently, we have hired two BCN graduates. It is clear that courses taught by Dr. Coble were well received and understood because the students, by their actions, have shown their knowledge. In addition to their actions, they have credited Dr. Coble with their knowledge base.

We at The Crom Corporation believe the university has done a tremendous service not only to Crom, but also to our industry by the actions of professors like Dr. Coble who use their experience and research in harmony to improve our industry.

To support our words with action, we have given $20,000 to the University and agreed to serve on the Board of the UF Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control. We are committed to the support of what Dr. Coble has started and also intend to spread the word to our peers and colleagues.

Thank you for your consideration of our unqualified support of Dr. Coble for his obtaining tenure and promotion to full professor. If you need more details with respect to any of the above, please contact us accordingly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Richard Coble

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Dear Dr. Hinze:

I have completed my review of Dr. Richard Coble's vitae and supporting materials submitted for consideration for tenure and for promotion in the School of Building Construction. As you requested, I offer my comments for the two personnel actions independent of each other. However, as it relates to both issues, I have evaluated Dr. Coble's materials as *if he were a faculty member in my department.*

First, the issue of tenure. The faculty of the Construction Management Department at Cal Poly has established criteria for tenure based on five elements: academic preparation, professional experience, teaching, professional development, and service (to the Department, College, University, and Profession). Using these criteria to evaluate Dr. Coble, I offer the following:

a. Academic Preparation

The Construction Management Department recognizes the Master's degree in construction or a construction related field as the minimum level of academic preparation for tenure. Dr. Coble has an earned doctorate in architecture and a master's degree in building construction. In the area of academic preparation he would be considered to be eminently qualified for tenure at Cal Poly.

b. Professional Experience

The Construction Management Department requires a minimum of five years of construction experience at the managerial level for tenure, with more years required for higher academic ranks. A review of Dr. Coble's professional qualifications reveal over 20 years of project and corporate level management experience. In the area of professional preparation he would be considered to be a highly experienced individual.

c. Teaching

The Construction Management Department requires that individual faculty members maintain above average teaching evaluations and are encouraged to take individual action towards continued improvement. This is relatively vague and is dealt with long before it becomes an issue that would make or break a tenure action. From evidence provided by Dr. Coble, it is apparent from his teaching evaluations that his students consider him to be an average to above-average instructor. While not exceptional in this area, scores in this area might be improved with some mentoring from faculty members with higher evaluation scores. Still, while Dr. Coble's scores fall around the School mean, they still would have to be considered high and would qualify him for tenure.

As an aside, in-service workshops on teaching techniques, course organization, etc. offered by BCN faculty with more experience in these areas might serve to raise the mean score across the School.

d. Professional Development

Within the Construction Management Department, tenure-track (as well as tenured) faculty are expected to maintain currency in their area of professional expertise. This can be accomplished by research, publication, attending seminars and workshops, and most importantly, professional practice in the industry. Dr. Coble's vitae notes achievements in several of these area. His (principal) participation in an ongoing construction firm, his research activities, his numerous publications all indicate an individual committed to learning more about his profession. I consider this to be one of his strongest attributes and would eminently qualify him for tenure at Cal Poly.

e. Service (to the Department, College, University, and Profession)

The faculty of the Construction Management Department expects its members to be good citizens by participating in committee activities at the Department, College, and University level. Similarly, service to the construction industry is recognized as making a valuable contribution. Dr. Coble shows evidence of his participation in several areas, most conspicuously in the areas of graduate student advising/committee work, student club advising, and industry service. Once again, these activities would be viewed very positively in any tenure action within the Construction Management Department at Cal Poly.

With respect to Dr. Coble's request for consideration for tenure, I find that his qualifications meet or exceed those that would be expected of a tenured faculty member in the Construction Management Department at Cal Poly.

The next issue to address is Dr. Coble's request to be considered for promotion to the rank of Professor. Using the criteria for promotion within the Construction Management Department, I will offer my comments on preparation in the area of profession experience, professional development, leadership, and service.

a. Professional Experience

One element of consideration for promotion within the Construction Management Department is the number of years of professional experience (at a managerial level) the candidate has achieved. The criteria for consideration for the rank of Professor is 12 years. Dr. Coble's vitae notes over 25 years of professional experience at a managerial level.

b. Professional Development

The Departmental criteria identify a requirement to enhance academic and professional preparation by additional education, research, or development related to improving teaching qualifications and performance. Dr. Coble has provided significant evidence of his active participation in the area of research and publication. Additionally, he has maintained his participation in the industry through his activities with his construction firm and through his consulting. While collegial mentoring in the area of teaching performance would be recommended, it would not be a precondition to awarding Dr. Coble promotion to the rank of Professor at Cal Poly.

c. Leadership

The faculty of the Construction Management Department uses this criteria to evaluate a person's role in curriculum discussions, student advising, and interdepartmental committee activities. Dr. Coble's role as an academic advisor to several of the BCN student clubs would be typical of the activities that would be favorably viewed Of more significance would be his role as advisor or committee member to graduate students. His

vitae includes many citations of his word in this area. Once again, more than enough for consideration for promotion to the rank of Professor.

d. Service (to the Department, College, University, and Profession)

Here, the faculty of the Construction Management Department considers the candidate's record of service to the Department, the College, the University and the Profession. Does the candidate take an active role in collegial governance through committee participation (committee leadership is always a plus)? Does the candidate participate in industry short courses, workshops, etc.? Questions such as these, which are not readily quantifiable, are all part of the deliberations when considering a candidate's application for promotion. Dr. Coble's activities in this area, while somewhat light in the college and university forums, are extremely strong in the area of industry service. This alone would be more than sufficient to approve his application to the rank of Professor.

You have probably noted that the area of teaching is not an area that is considered during promotion deliberations. The rationale behind that decision is that teaching performance is an on-going consideration for all academic ranks and that Assistant Professors should be just as good (or at least working on being) as Professors. Cal Poly faculty typically carry significant teaching loads, so much so that it often precludes the opportunity to pursue research interests. Because of this, teaching is something that is viewed as our primary mission. Teaching well counts for a lot.

In conclusion, based on my evaluation of Dr. Richard Coble's materials submitted for consideration for tenure, as well as his application for consideration for promotion to the rank of Professor, I find that Dr. Coble meets or exceeds the criteria for granting tenure in the Construction Management Department at Cal Poly. Additionally, I find that his qualifications meet or exceed those expected for promotion to the rank of Professor.

If there is any further information you need, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Tenure and Promotions Committee
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Dear Tenure and Promotion Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Richard Coble for tenure and promotion to Full Professor in the M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction, College of Architecture. Dr. Coble has demonstrates his strengths to me in the area of research and service as they relate to tenure promotion to Full Professor at the University of Florida.

I have noted that Dr. Coble has received several awards in relation to his teaching. I have not had the pleasure of working with him but have had reports from Ian Eilenberg of my staff from his visits to the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction who has commented favourably on the classes of Dr. Coble he attended or assisted.

His service has been demonstrated in several areas. The first of these has been the work that he has undertaken with Sigma Lambda Chi and he assisted in the promotion of the Honor Society whilst on his visit to Melbourne last February and his input was most appreciated by the students here. I am also aware of his work with the American Institute of Constructors, where his introduction to the organisation of Ian Eilenberg, has led to an agreement between the American Institute and the Australian Institute of Building, of which I am currently a member of the Victorian Chapter.

his work with the International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation(CIB), Working Commission W99 has been recognised world wide as providing both initiative and leadership. I observed his leadership with respect to the Melbourne Conference in February and his input into the organisation and the successful running of that conference in conjunction with my own staff.

I have also observed that in the area of research Dr. Coble has shown extensive leadership in his particular fields. With respect to safety, his work in the area of Drugs in Construction has led to joint research between he and Ian Eilenberg. His extensive knowledge has been invaluable to the work that we are attempting to undertake here. Dr. Coble made a presentation in Melbourne at the CIB Conference and made a valuable contribution to the knowledge in the area.

The second area has been the development of the software to take computer mapping and data collection in relation to the GeoPlan Center work of Dr. John F. Alexander. I am led to believe that the contacts made by Dr. Coble during his visit to Australia in February 1996, led to his developing contacts with the CSIRO and led directly to the Australian funding and participation in the research.

Finally, as the Head of the Department of Building & Construction Economics here at RMIT University, it is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Coble for tenure and promotion to Full Professor.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours Sincerely,

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August 26, 1996

Dr. Jimmie Hinze, AIC
School of Building Construction
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Gainesville, FL

Dear Dr. Hinze:

I am writing to you on behalf of Dr. Richard Coble who I understand will be seeking tenure this Fall at the University of Florida. It is with pleasure that I submit to you the following support Dr. Coble's tenure from my perspective as Executive Director of the American Institute of Constructors (AIC) and as an human resources professional in the construction industry for more than 15 years.

A true academic, I believe, should maintain currency in the field of their studies as well as support the profession in addition to excellence in teaching and/or research. Dr. Coble has certainly demonstrated all of the above during the five plus year's in which I have known him.

Specifically, Coble has volunteered for several activities that were for the benefit of AIC and for which I had the opportunity to directly interact with him. For past AIC Forums he has significantly participated in the development of the educational programs as well as serving as a Panel Moderator during Professional Day on "What Must Constructors Do to Get Ready for the 21st Century?". For the 1996 Anniversary Forum he suggested and coordinated an innovative interactive multimedia presentation on the 25-year history of AIC that involved interaction with many present and past industry leaders. He has served as advisor on the 1996 educational part of the Forum and has obtained both sponsorship and high quality speakers.

AIC has sponsored in past years a student essay competition for students in construction. Coble has been a promoter of the contest within the University of Florida and was student advisor for winning UF teams over the last three years. As an expert in the area of safety he assisted in the development of the 1994 competition content area on "Safety and Productivity" and in 1992 served as one of three judges for the competition on "Total Quality Management in Construction".

Overall Coble has also given valuable and insightful advise, input and support for the many other professional activities in which AIC is involved including Ethics, professional standards, inter industry liaison with international associations such as CIB.

On many occasions I have had the opportunity to observe Dr. Coble in his interaction with students, colleagues and industry professionals in and outside the classroom. He seems to be an exceptional motivator and professional role model for his students. I have personally worked with various of his students and have noted the encouragement given them to creatively utilize their talents and knowledge in facets of the industry to which they had no prior exposure. He has always gone beyond the norm of the typical educator to foment new working relationships between practicing constructors, professional and industry associations, and educational institutions for the betterment of our industry.

In summary, I would like to strongly support the approval of Dr. Richard Coble as tenured faculty at the University of Florida. If additional information or clarification is needed from me, please do hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Cheryl P. Harris
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3 October 1996

The Tenure and Promotion Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Richard J Coble, PhD

I am delighted to be asked to write in support of Richard Coble's application for tenure and promotion.

I first met Dr Coble in 1994, at the Fifth Annual Rinker Conference on Construction Safety and Loss Control, when I was most impressed by his ability to combine his considerable organisational responsibilities with a substantial academic input to the conference. It was almost entirely due to Dr Coble's foresight, enthusiasm for his chosen research specialisation, and personal drive that this conference became the embryo for the new CIB Working Commission on Construction Safety and Health (W99). He not only ran a very successful conference, but managed to imbue this collection of international researchers with sufficient of his own enthusiasm to ensure a successful launch of W99, which he has, as Co-ordinator, both led and promoted with great distinction since. It is no accident that W99 is already, only eighteen months after its inaugural meeting in The Netherlands, considered to be one of the most vibrant and progressive of all CIB Working Commissions.

Since that inaugural meeting, I have had the pleasure of working more closely with Dr Coble, principally on the preparations for the recent W99 Conference in Lisbon. Although he was not, on this occasion, on home ground, he once again contributed immensely to the smooth running and academic strength of the conference. In both of these dimensions he demonstrates an ability to think laterally and act purposefully. His own four

papers to the conference, whilst focussed exclusively on the objective of safer construction sites through research and development, demonstrate a breadth of thought and concern for the real issues and practicable solutions that is not always present, even in applied academic research.

Whilst my relatively brief acquaintance with Dr Coble and his work makes it difficult for me to elaborate in very much detail, I sincerely hope that this letter manages to convey the most favourable impression that I have gained of both, in such a short time.

I commend his application, for both tenure and promotion, to your committee most enthusiastically. The M. E. Rinker School and The University of Florida are fortunate to have such well rounded academic talent.

Yours faithfully,

Dr A R Duff

North Central Florida Safety Council

Chapter National Safety Council

September 11, 1996

Tenure and Promotion Committee
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It has been my pleasure to work with Dr. Richard Coble on a number of projects in the past two years. As the Executive Director of a chapter of the National Safety Council, I must build coalitions and resources for our members and programs, which will provide current, high quality information on safety topics.

The relationship of the Safety Council with Dr. Coble and the School of Building Construction, has provided tremendous support and information to our members. Dr. Coble is not content to keep learning in the classroom setting, but seeks to make ongoing connections with the construction community to provide hands on, real world experiences to his students and current research and information to area construction professionals.

As a former educator, I have been impressed by the students' projects and knowledge of construction safety. Dr. Coble's interaction with his students goes far beyond providing them with basic construction education. His goal is to mold these young people into knowledgeable construction professionals, prepared safety managers, and responsible, community oriented business people. He provides students with the tools they will need to run quality companies. Dr. Coble's promotion of the National Safety Council benefits his students, Safety Councils throughout the nation and protential employers of UF graduates, as students acquire a thorough knowledge of safety resources.

Dr. Coble's love of teaching extends to his interaction with the Safety Council and its members. He has assisted us in the teaching of a 10 Hour OSHA course and a Hearing Protection course. He has included us in the presentation of an OSHA 500 course. Our curricula for these courses can, thanks to Dr. Coble, contain the latest research and information much of which has been done by Dr. Coble and his students.

We have built coalitions with Dr. Coble, which benefit his students and the University. Currently, we are using the expertise of a community occupational medicine physician and the state Division of Safety in enhancing both our programs and the experience of Dr. Coble's students at UF.

We have recently nominated the School of Building Construction for the National Safety Council's Safety and Health Awards for the Community Division. Dr. Coble's teaching, research, rapport with his students and outreach to the community figured prominently in this nomination.

Dr. Coble is an asset to the University of Florida, the North Central Florida Safety Council and our community. It is without hesitation that I would recommend him in your tenure process and in his promotion to full professor.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Crowley

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Rotterdam, 29th May 1996

Dear Professor Coble,

At its 54th Meeting in London on 14th and 15th May 1996 the CIB Programme Committee formally ratified the change in Coordinatorship of your Working Commission W82 - Futures Studies in Construction.

It wishes to express its sincere appreciation to you for your leadership of this Group whose collective efforts have made a signal contribution towards attaining the overall objectives of CIB.

As you probably know, I was myself a Coordinator of a Working Commission for several years prior to becoming Secretary General and so I know very well the onerous demands which the function entails.

CIB is fortunate that experts like yourself are willing to come forward and shoulder these duties on a voluntary basis.
I should like to add my own thanks to you for your work.

Looking ahead, it is our hope that your knowledge and experience will not be lost to CIB and that you will decide to retain your CIB Membership and continue to be involved to the extent feasible.

With renewed thanks and best wishes on behalf of CIB.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Wim Bakens
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Subject: Recommendation of Tenure and Promotion to Full Professor for Richard Coble

Dear Tenure and Promotion Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Richard Coble for tenure and promotion to Full Professor in the M. E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction, College of Architecture. Dr. Coble is strong in teaching, research and service as they relate to tenured promotion to Full Professor at the University of Florida.

Dr. Coble has received several awards relating to his teaching performance. I specifically notice the commitment to training students and the quality of students from Building Construction that Dr. Coble has brought to the GeoPlan Center. We have worked jointly applying Geographic Information Systems and Mobile Computing to construction magnitude of safety problems, with the results being very gratifying.

In service, Dr. Coble is intensely involved in leadership positions in both local and international professional organizations. I have experienced the results of his relationship in that, almost every month some visitor from around the world stops by to see some of the work we are doing related to mobile computing.

My most direct experience in working with Dr. Coble is in the area of research. For the past decade I have been developing software to take computer mapping and data collection directly to the field. My original focus was primarily related to geographic information systems and collection of field data for cities, but because of Dr. Cobles research my focus has broadened.

Dr. Coble immediately saw the value of my work and related same to the construction industry. In the construction field he has worked closely with me and many of our joint graduate students to develop hand held computers and related for construction management and safety coordination software. Dr. Coble and I have also developed relationships with other institutions and now have two graduate students in Australia. We have also been working closely in fostering a relationship between the University of Florida and the leading research, manufacturing and construction consortiums in Australia. The Australian government has provided funding for us to visit Australia to finalize our proposal for further development of our research, which is targeted for manufacture as a valuable tool for the construction industry.

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He has developed an icon based construction management software system called "IDIOMS". This system is basic to the construction application of the hand held computing device, that I have been involved with the last ten years. It is my belief Dr. Cobles concep: of using icon based report generation is both invaluable and unique to computer application. Currently, the research we are involved with is such that it will allow an industry that is virtually void to automation for field operations to be fully automated and integrated with their management.

For the last four years our research has been at a stage of development that there has been significant concern by the University of Florida Intellectual property office that we not prematurely disseminate our intellectual property. At this time, the University of Florida has hired a patent attorney and filed a preliminary patent application on the results of our research. Since the patents are now pending this research will be able to be discriminated to the research community.

Our recent trip to Australia allowed me to again observe Dr. Coble in the preparation and presentation of our research and work products. His communication skills were put to the test for fifteen presentations, which were in all cases of a very high quality. We collaborated well and were well received by our colleagues, peers and the potential users of our products.

In closing, as a Professor and Director of the GeoPlan Center at the University of Florida it is without reservation that I endorse Dr. Coble for tenure and promotion to Full Professor. He certainly meets the qualifications for both. Should you need more information or specifics about the above, please contact me accordingly.

Sincerely,

John F. Alexander, Ph.D., P.E.
Professor/Director GeoPlan Center

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June 21, 1995

Dr. W. Chang
M.E. Rinker, Sr.
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RE: Richard J. Coble
Tenure

Dear Dr. Chang,

I would like to express my support for your consideration of granting Dr. Coble tenure.

My company has been in business since 1934 and I represent a third generation contractor. Having been in the industry full time since 1975 I have had the opportunity to come in contact with many fine businesses and individuals within our community, Rick Coble is one of those individuals.

Contact first came with Rick through the competitive bid process when our companies regularly competed for the same work. Throughout this process I never knew of or heard any negative comments from trade contractors or owners about Rick's practices or operations. In fact, Rick competed well in the Central Florida market which only comes when the trades and material suppliers have confidence in the contractors they quote. As further demonstration of my personal confidence in Rick's abilities his consulting firm was engaged by the First Baptist Church of Orlando through the Building Committee on which I served. Rick provided valuable leadership in a complicated dispute with the design team that ultimately led to closure on the issue.

My experience with Rick goes beyond our professional contacts in the construction industry. Through my service on a private school committee and Foundation I had knowledge of Rick's philanthropic activities related to deserving families and children. He was continually giving of his financial resources as well as his time mentoring young people. On one occasion I recall Rick opened his home to a young black male student to live with his family. I am convinced this was crucial to giving this young man a chance to mature outside of some very negative influences.

Our children are often a reflection of ourselves and Rick's children have exhibited outstanding character over the years as a result of their father's training. As I observed Rick's children from a distance and close up, I have found them to be loving and well mannered. They are all outstanding individuals and doing well.

Of all the positive things I have known about Rick Coble over the years I am most impressed with the level of interest and care he has for his students at Florida. Having hired three former students of Rick's (that are all performing extremely well) I have confidence in his judgement of character and ability to instill in his students a desire to excel. Rick's students speak highly of him when they are out of the classroom and away from his influence. This tells me that there is a genuine respect.

One of Rick's students, Stacy Blum, joined our company recently and has brought with her a great commitment to improving our current safety program. Stacy gained this knowledge through the teaching of Rick Coble and now Kelsey Construction is the beneficiary. I am sure Rick's positive attitude and genuine interest in his students will continue to be an asset to the School of Building Construction.

Our company was instrumental in establishing the Frank Reed Scholarship Fund through the Central Florida Builders Exchange. It is because of the involvement of professors like Dr. Coble that continue to give the Central Florida Construction Community confidence with the scholarship endowment put in place and supported by Central Florida Construction Community. We are the recipients of the return on our own investment.

Thank you for considering my comments in review of Dr. Coble for this recognition. Please feel free to contact me directly should you wish to discuss my knowledge or recommendation of Dr. Coble further.

Very truly yours,

J. Michael Kelsey

J. Michael Kelsey
Vice President

SafetyCorp

December 28, 1994

Richard J. Coble, Ph.D., Director
Center For Construction Safety & Loss Control
M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction
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Re: Fifth Annual Rinker International Conference
Construction Safety and Loss Control
October 12-14, 1994

Dear Dr. Coble,

I want to thank you and the Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control for assembling such a worthwhile conference in October. I came away encouraged about the research in safety that is being conducted around the world. I was pleased with the volume of presenters and attendees that had a feel for the "real" world. Many of the presenters and members of your School of Building Construction, especially, had developed material that I feel can be very useful in today's construction environment. More importantly, everyone associated with the University of Florida were extremely attentive to people like myself and made me feel very welcome. I constantly look for people and organizations who have the ability contribute to the cause of safety. I really felt that the Rinker School of Building Construction had a vision for safety issues in construction.

Many organizations have good foundations of knowledge in matters of safety but lack the ability to convey the information to those who need it most. Your conference demonstrated to all of us in attendance advanced means and methods of graphic communication in the classroom with the multimedia presentations. Our collective ability to rely on the standard overhead projector as the tool of choice in presentation of information is rapidly coming to an end. The multimedia demonstrations by your students and Jon Antevy showed us how the art of graphic communication in the classroom has progressed from the overhead projector.

As a result of seeing Jon Antevy at work in his presentation at the conference, I have sought to establish a working relationship with him to further develop the tools and formats for providing meaningful safety education for the field worker in the classroom setting. I believe that Jon has the talent to use technology that exists today for that purpose as well as the talent to lead the way in the development of systems of reaching large quantities of workers across the nation.

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Our organization is dedicated to doing research and development in the field of safety information transfer. My ultimate vision for Jon is for him to conduct significant research in that area and to do so in a way that will allow him to ultimately complete a doctorate program with the Rinker School of Building Construction should he choose to do so. I believe that his work and research for SafetyCorp will have an immediate impact on industry's ability to reach the field worker with training.

Our organization doesn't stop at simply making the workplace safer. We settle for nothing less than making the worker more productive at the same time as they are becoming safer. Our programs are designed to have safety pay it's way in productivity. Employers across the nation are more likely to implement dynamic safety programs if we can demonstrate that they "pay" for themselves in production.

We are very interested in developing conveyances of training material to reach the masses of literate field workers across the nation with whom we will never be able to have direct classroom contact. One of the first teaching mechanisms we are developing at SafetyCorp is a system of providing Continuing Education courses designed for the field worker. Conveyances of safety training are currently very inadequate to reach the volume of literate construction workers that desperately need training. We are using industry specific magazines to act as a conveyance of training courses. The magazine will have training articles with a post-reading test component attached. The test component will be returned to SafetyCorp by the worker for computer grading and documentation of training. Those who pass the test will be issued Continuing Education Credit for their effort and their employer will be provided the documentation of successful completion of the training that will assist them in meeting the requirements of OSHA.

I am seeking to collaborate with universities in this project for the purpose of conducting relevant research using the database of workers that will be established with this Continuing Education format. The SafetyCorp system is one of the few, if not the only, system that establishes a direct connection with the worker for feedback. This direct connection with the field worker via the post reading test, will allow follow up research on many issues relative to safety. The insight of university "educators" in the establishment of this research format with field workers will be important.

Why conduct research about the field worker? At SafetyCorp, we believe that constant research into the "thinking patterns" of the field worker is necessary to develop effective training. Typically, research regarding the field worker is directed toward accident analysis. This body of research is helpful to identify

areas needing immediate attention for training but falls short in determining the thought processes that allow accidents to occur.

Most of all, I would like you to know that your conference was successful in "communicating" with industry about the subject of safety. I hope that future conferences will use this communication mechanism to establish working relationships between industry and academia. I used the conference to establish a working relationship with Jon Antevy. I believe such conferences can be used for establishing partnerships for the purpose of conducting industry relevant research. Many university research projects would benefit greatly from the input of industry. Industry, likewise, would benefit greatly from the ability of the university to conduct research. Partnerships with industry are certainly not unheard of; they are just underutilized. I would like to participate with you in the development of future conferences to bring a larger component of industry to the forum.

Thank you again for a great conference!

Sincerely,

P. Wayne Jensen

P. Wayne Jensen
President

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STATE OF COLORADO

Office of Lt. Governor

December 20, 1994

Dr. Weilin Chang
Director, M.E. Rinker Sr.
School of Building Construction, FAC 101
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32611-2032

Dear Dr. Chang:

On behalf of the state of Colorado, I would like to commend your institution for developing a Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control. Having been personally involved with many aspects of the construction process I am fully aware of the need to protect workers.

I have known your Center's director, Dr. Richard Coble, for over ten years and am well aware of his working knowledge of construction and the associated safety that is so necessary during any construction project.

It has been my pleasure to work with Dr. Coble on various construction projects; and in my law practice, he has provided his services as an expert witness on a safety-related case. He has always exemplified a high level of integrity along with a good balance of technical knowledge and practical application.

It is our hope that the Center's research in construction safety will be available to our state, and we appreciate the opportunity to be a contributor of information for your study on workers' compensation fraud.

Sincerely,

Sam Cassidy
Lt. Governor

SC/gf

cc: Dean Wayne Drummond

FROM STUDENTS

BSBC, University of Florida
- ~ *Wendy B. Pontefract*

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- ~ *Daniel E. Whiteman*

M. E. Rinker School of Building Construction, UF
- ~ *Jonathan N. Antevy*

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Centex Construction
- ~ *Howard E. Enrique*

February 6, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Indiana State University will not find a more forward-thinking, energetic or inspiring individual to serve as the Chair of the new Built Environment Department, than Dr. Richard Coble. I can with certainty say that had it not been Dr. Coble's genuine concern for my education and mentoring when I was an undergraduate Building Construction student at the University of Florida, I would not have finished my education.

Dr. Coble tirelessly shared his knowledge and experience in class, and devoted that same energy to student organizations, such as the student chapter of ASSE, and the Center for Construction Safety he founded while a professor at the University of Florida. Dr. Coble often departed from what many thought should by the "typical curriculum" for our Mechanical Systems course (simply referred to as "Plumbing" amongst us students), such as calculations and plan reading, instead stressing the importance of staying organized and preparing and giving presentations. I recently had lunch with a former classmate who affectionately remembered how much he dreaded giving presentations, and how he did not, at the time, see why Dr. Coble insisted having students spend so much time and energy on effective presentations. Now, as a Vice President for a commercial contractor in Central Florida he claims that what advanced him the most early in his career was his ability to present to clients. We both agreed that the most useful skills that we gained at the University of Florida, we gained in Dr. Coble's classes

Dr. Coble's teachings have had a direct effect on my career as well. I have for over fifteen years now remembered Dr. Coble saying, "You don't have to know everything. You can't know everything. You just need to know where to find the information that you need." How well that statement has served me over the years in my career as a Construction Health and Safety professional. A successful career that I would not currently enjoy had I not met the Vice-President of Safety for Fluor Daniel at a construction safety conference held at UF; organized by Dr. Coble through the Center for Construction Safety.

Most of the professors I dealt with treated students with indifference, and some saw a student's failure as a triumph; an effective culling of the student population. Dr. Coble, however, genuinely cared about the success of those students who were willing to put forth the time and effort. For a struggling, completely self supporting student such as myself, this encouragement was enough to keep me from giving in and giving up.

No educator that I have ever met is willing to devote so much of himself to his students and to the institution in which he teaches than Dr. Richard Coble. I am excited at the prospect of Dr. Coble chairing Indiana State University's new department for the Built Environment, and making the department's programs second to none.

Sincerely,

Wendy B. Pontefract
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September 28, 1996

M. E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction
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Attention: Tenure and Promotion Committee

Re: Richard J. Coble, Ph.D.

Dear Committee Members:

I understand that Dr. Richard Coble is being considered this year for tenure and promotion to the position of Full Professor. As each of you know, I have worked closely with Dr. Coble over the past six (6) years, in numerous capacities, and firmly believe that he is one of the finest individuals to be considered for both of these promotion opportunities.

As a graduate student, I have had the pleasure of having Dr. Coble as a Professor, have worked alongside him in the research of several published works, and have seen his commitment to both the university and the community displayed time and again during my association with him. It is these three areas "Teaching , Research and Community Service" that I understand form the basis for tenure and promotion. My recommendation for Dr. Coble will address each of these areas.

Teaching

Dr. Coble is dedicated to providing the students in each course that he teaches with the latest in technology and current material to prepare the students for their role in the construction industry. One need only observe the notebooks of any of the students completing his courses to see that they have been exposed to the finest material available relating to the subject being studied, whether it be Plumbing, Safety, Project Management, or Bidding Strategy to name just a few of the courses that he teaches on a regular basis.

His knowledge of what is needed prepare a student to work in the marketplace is based on Dr. Coble's 20 years of relevant construction experience at every level of management.

Students which I have hired and helped to find positions in the industry throughout the country universally express to myself that they consider his teaching and advice invaluable; they indicate that his course material and tests are difficult but rewarding; and his efforts at providing the latest information available on each subject is refreshing.

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Research

The research projects on which I have jointly worked with Dr. Coble over the past several years have included topics such as Workers' Compensation Fraud, Workplace Safety, and Single-Stack Plumbing Systems to name a few. In each instance, the final reports have been widely accepted by builders and legislators alike, and have resulted in significant improvements to the construction industry as a whole.

I also have seen and participated with him in presentations of several of his research projects to industry and academic organizations, and can unequivocally state that he does an outstanding job in representing the University of Florida, and its research capabilities.

In addition, his Directorship of the Center for Construction Safety is considered one of the more significant areas of support of our program by the many contractors and subcontractors with whom I come in contact with on a daily basis. It has been primarily through the efforts of Dr. Coble that this Center was established, and it has the potential of being one of the leading safety research organizations in the country.

Community Service

Many people correctly consider their community service as an obligation that they need to fulfill to society. Dr. Coble sees this as one of his missions in life. I have met few individuals who is more willing to devote unselfishly of his time to others as does Dr. Coble. His work with the church, with student organizations, and industry is truly outstanding.

I know that this is one area that he finds most difficult to detail in his life's accomplishments; but this is because he realizes that this is work that is being done because he loves it, and not for the recognition that comes as a result of the effort. Providing his own support and without pay, he has gone to Manchuria to teach at the University level during summer months with a Christian organization that could not have otherwise been allowed into the country. He spends a considerable amount of his time counseling students, far in excess of the required office hours. He serves on numerous graduate committees, acting as both the toughest constructive critic of the student's work product, and the consummate encourager to the student that is ready to throw in the towel and give up.

Dr. Coble is known as a professor who cares, whether it is in spending additional time to review something as simple as a homework assignment, or as difficult as advising a student on a career job decision. In closing, I again recommend Dr. Richard J. Coble for approval for both Tenure and Full Professor at the finest University and School in the country. He will make those of us in the industry proud to continue our support of the M. E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction.

Very truly yours,

Daniel E. Whiteman
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Tenure and Promotion Committee
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Subject: Tenure and Promotion for Richard Coble

To whom it may concern:

During the Summer of 92' I was accepted to the University of Florida where I pursued a degree in Architecture. As I reached the end of my program, I began to explore the other career options that were available. Coming from a family of contractors, I had grown up on job sites and had always been fascinated with the process. Knowing that the school of building construction was next door, I started looking into the M.E. Rinker program.

One of the first professors I met was Rick Coble. He turned me on to the idea of getting a Masters of Science in Building Construction. Until then, I had not known what opportunities existed with this program. With my degree in design, I was clear that a Masters in building construction would enhance my position upon graduation. Upon getting accepted into the program and completing the first semester's course work, I knew I had found my calling. If it were not for Dr. Coble, I may very well have missed the opportunity.

During my freshman year, I was heavily involved in developing multimedia applications. Upon entering the BCN program, I quickly learned that using multimedia to present and presentation would add a tremendous amount of value to the process. Dr. Coble was the first to embrace the technology, as he allowed me the freedom to use a laptop in class as well as present using the computer and overhead projector. As I formulated my thesis, Dr. Coble was my guiding light. My thesis, "Using Multimedia for Training and Presentations Within the Construction Industry" is what led me to start my own company upon graduation.

As my committee chairman, Dr. Coble encouraged me to push the limits of the technology. He utilized his classes as a forum where I could track the use of multimedia within the classroom. As a result, upgraded my report to a thesis where I then began an extensive statistical analysis of the effects of multimedia in training and presentations. Through the constant use of the technology in and around my courses, and Dr. Coble's insistence that his students present all assignments using multimedia, the entire college was quickly accustomed to the technology. Within 6 months, the school had purchased 2 overhead projects, several new computers, and presentation software. Dr. Chang, the Director of BCN, had asked me to hold training classes to teach the incoming students as well as my peers. Today, nearly every student and every class utilized the multimedia technology.

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Due to my involvement with the Gainesville Fire Department as Chief of the volunteer division, I had the opportunity to work very closely with Dr. Coble in his safety class. He always challenged me, made learning fun, and mostly importantly gave me the tools I needed to make critical decisions on my own.

As a teacher for the Drawing I class, I found myself mimicking Dr. Coble's teaching style. With the abundance of information I was to convey to my students, I learned to organize my notebook and my lectures in a way that resembled Dr. Coble's style. To this day, I continue to build a library of information that is organized using the methodologies I learned in Dr. Coble's classes.

Perhaps the greatest contribution Dr. Coble gave to me was one that was never conveyed through words, but rather through actions. He always made time for me as I worked to complete my assignments. His confidence about my abilities allowed me to make decisions I would have otherwise not made. As I prepared to graduate and move into a good job, Dr. Coble helped me through the toughest, but most rewarding decision of my career.

I decided after graduation to turn down a starting position within a highly successful construction firm and start my own multimedia company. Nearly two years later, I am forever grateful to Dr. Coble. His vision, persistence, and confidence were tools that I used in building my company. Dr. Coble recognized the potential and kept pushing until I went after it. The following is a summary of my experiences since graduating in 1994.

Upon graduation I had nearly 5 years of experience with the Fire Department, over one year of practical experience as an intern with a construction company, and a hard drive full of multimedia presentations I had created under Dr. Coble's guidance. Several months later I teamed up with a partner who was experienced in the emerging internet technologies. Our mission was to create multimedia presentation and training programs, and then distribute them via the internet. Six months later our company had formed a strategic alliance with FMI, the nations largest management consultants. My partner and I grew from 2 to 6 employees within 2 months of working with FMI. After reading an article in Engineering News Record regarding the Internet, I called up the editor and explained to her what my experience had been within the construction industry. After only 7 months out of school, my partner and I were featured in ENR, talking about the emerging technologies within the industry. Nearly one year later, ENR had written about our company 16 times, and in 1995 nominated me as one of the top 25 newsmakers of the year for the first to bring useful working construction applications to the Internet. Almost two years later, our company has grown to 18 employees with three offices, one of which was just built in Gainesville. I travel nearly 20 days a month, meeting the top construction company CEOs around the country. Dr. Coble has provided the conduit for me to continue coming back to the college where I talk about my experiences and provide insight to the graduating seniors.

The research gave me the credibility, the ability to teach gave me the leadership, and the service taught me that it was O.K. for others to succeed before I did. Were it not for Dr. Coble and his research, leadership, and service I would not be where I am today.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan N. Antevy
Partner

March 16, 1995

Teaching / Advising Awards Review Committee
College of Architecture
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RE: *Richard J. Coble, Associate Professor*
Recommendation for Teacher / Advisor of the Year

Dear Committee Members,

Dr. Richard Coble's teaching methods in the classroom, combined with the exceptional out-of-class attention that he provides students, make him the most qualified candidate for both the College of Architecture's Outstanding Teacher and Advisor Awards. I have taken three undergraduate courses from Dr. Coble, worked with him on several extra-curricular and even international projects, and received invaluable academic counseling from him.

Within the School of Building Construction, the term "Coble-ize" has become synonymous with the systematic and practical organization of massive amounts of information. Dr. Coble teaches students in all of his classes to manage the materials he gives out in a way that will benefit them for years to come in their professional careers. One of his former students recently told me, "The first thing I did when I got to my new jobsite was take the specs and "Coble-ize" them. Everyone was so impressed..." Dr. Coble also stresses the development of oral and written communication skills in his courses. He pushes students past the brink of their own expectations and towards the goals of professional excellence in these areas. With Dr. Coble's help I went from giving nervous presentations with sloppy visuals to state-of-the-art, computer-aided, confident speeches.

In the Spring of 1994 an essay I wrote under Dr. Coble's supervision won first place in the American Institute of Constructors National Student Essay Competition. Dr. Coble taught me how to conduct my research, organize my information, and present it in the clearest, most professional manner. Dr. Coble's efforts helped bring national recognition to myself and the University of Florida.

Another of Dr. Coble's excellent qualifications are his industry connections. Dr. Coble, through his relationships with some of the nation's most reputable contractors and industry experts, brings a true slice of the "real world" into the academic setting. Dr. Coble's classes always include field trips and/or guest lectures from the most qualified people on whatever subject is being discussed. In addition, Dr. Coble is an excellent person to start with when searching for a direction or ideas on any construction-related project. He has put me in contact with other professors at the University, or with people working in industry, who have been invaluable sources of information.

The final and most unique quality of Dr. Coble's which I would like to address is the caring, personal way that he deals with students. Dr. Coble truly tries to understand who his students are and what they are trying to accomplish. He handles each student according to their personal talents and goals, rather than simply looking at everyone as "just another student." In my case, Dr. Coble recognized my interest in working in the

Israeli construction industry when I first entered the School of Building Construction. He helped tailor several of my projects, including an independent study course, to be done while I was working in Israel. In short, he encouraged me to accomplish goals that I did not think would fit into the framework of the traditional BCN program, and greatly enriched my undergraduate experience at the University of Florida.

Now I am pursuing on my Masters Degree and continue to work very closely with Dr. Coble. It is with great pleasure and confidence that I recommend him for the receipt of both the Outstanding Teacher and Advisor Awards. I would be happy to answer any further questions that the award committee might have about Dr. Coble's qualifications.

Sincerely,

Gabe Gonauer, 7BC

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March 17, 1995

Teaching/ Advising Awards Review Committee
College of Architecture
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Dear Committee Members:

This letter is being written in response to the consideration of Dr. Richard J. Coble for Teacher of the Year.

I have had the pleasure to be Dr. Coble's student and friend. Dr. Coble's name is synonymous with integrity throughout the School of Building Construction.

In addition to teaching me, Dr. Coble has been my academic advisor. Not once in three years has Dr. Coble been too busy to confer with me. His advice has always proven too be the best possible option available.

Dr. Coble's words of wisdom inside and outsrde the classroom have piloted me through tough times. I often wonder where I would have ended up if it were not for his influence.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to learn from Dr. Coble, will no doubt agree, that he deserves tne honor of Teacher of the Year.

Sincerely,

Cameron Bradford

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July 31, 1995

Dr. Richard Coble
Building Construction School
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Dear Dr. Coble:

A year and a half ago I walked out of UF's construction school and into the "real world" of sticks and bricks. I am currently working as a Project Manager on a $15 million retirement community in Leesburg, and wanted to write and thank you for the quality education I received under your guidance.

I studied under many talented professors during my years in Gainesville, but few were willing to have students call them at home to help with homework or even personal issues. Your dedication to your students always went far beyond that required of a university instructors and included ready assistance with difficult career choices and job hunting.

By way of this letter, I just basically wanted to thank you for being a dependable mentor and friend. Your honest desire to see your students succeed is commendable, and I wish you nothing but the best.

Thank you and highest regards,

M'hamed "Ben" Benderam
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FROM: Howard Enrique 3 August 1993

SUBJECT: BCN Cirriculum

TO: **Dr. Weilin P. Chang**
M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction
University of Florida

Dear Sir,

As an employee of Centex Homes, the top rated home builder in the United States, I am proud to say that my education in the graduate school of building construction at the **M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction** was a profound first step in my professional education.

Being a recent graduate, I am very familiar with the present content of the cirriculum offered in the BCN program. Of all the classes I had taken, one which has proven time and again to be of real and relevant value is the Construction Labor course taught by Dr. Rick Coble.

Besides being informative and current, this class offered actual involvement with present day professionals in all facets of the labor/management world. The valuable information I gained through union vs. nonunion exercises as well as actual role-playing interaction gave me an understanding of the human worker side of construction.

I believe that this course should not only be spared being dropped from the cirriculum, but should actually be considered for mandatory course status. Dr. Coble has continually showed interest in the well-being of his students and the learning process and should be commended as one of the best that UF has to offer.

My compliments also extend to the entire staff at the M.E. Rinker School and particularly to Kim Willis and Linda King who made dealing with the policies and politics of academics so easy and pleasurable. Their attitudes and friendliness made for a truly enjoyable year. Thanks to all.

Howard E. Enrique
Assistant Field Manager

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- ~ *Richard B. Richardson, PE*

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- ~ *Walter J. Christensen*

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PHONE 813 676 3321

P.O. BOX 1320
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA
33853

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am pleased to write this letter of reference for Tyco Constructors, Inc., and Rich Coble.

They constructed a storm drain system for the City. The work was performed in a highly competent manner. Many difficulties were encountered due to the fact the work was performed in an older section of the City and many of the underground utilities were not accurately reflected on the plans.

Without a doubt, Mr. Coble is the best contractor I have ever worked with. He does not rant and rave when problems develop; rather, he quitely and quickly gets the problem solved. He also works well with City employees assigned to the job and with the general public that is being affected by the project.

I recommend Tyco to you with no reservations.

Sincerely,

K. S. Nipper,
City Manager

KSN/rs

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20 May 2002

Richard Coble, Ph.D.
110 Wisteria Drive
Longwood, Florida 32779

Dear Rick:

Pursuant to our telephone conversations, please consider this letter an endorsement for your proposal and the consortium formation. I am personally enthusiastic and look forward to working with you.

If you need and further information, or if I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Hogan
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CHARLES R. BELL, Ed.D. - Director of Counseling Ministry

June 8, 1992

Dean Wayne Drummond
College of Architecture
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32611-2032

Dear Dean Drummond:

This letter is coming to you at the request of Dr. Rick Coble, a member of your faculty. It is my understanding that Dr. Coble would like the contributions of KACO Construction Company documented in the field of personnel development and employment.

I have known Dr. Coble since 1983 and have referred to Dr. Coble and KACO well over fifty men and women who came through my office and had varying personal and emotional problems that made employment difficult.

In many of these cases, because of Dr. Coble's sensitivity and personal involvement, these individuals were able to secure employment in the construction industry. With my office, cooperative efforts were developed to provide these marginal individuals with both personal and family counseling. When these individuals went to work for KACO, they were assigned stable employees to serve as role models and encouragers. Quite candidly, a number of the men and women employed by KACO on referral from me were high-risk because of alcohol, drug abuse and crime conviction. As already stated, I was extremely impressed with what KACO did with these people and the fact that many of them were able to sustain employment for extended periods.

It is my opinion that many of the techniques utilized by KACO preceded the employee assistance sensitivity we have seen in recent years and involved KACO taking risks and expending money in excess of what often companies were willing to do.

I will always be grateful to Dr. Coble and his interest in people. It is my feeling that such sensitivity has made Dr. Coble an excellent faculty member at the University of Florida.

Most Sincerely,

Charles R. Bell, Ed.D.
Director of Counseling Ministry

CRB/lsm

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401 Main Street • P.O. Box 721 • Winter Garden, FL 34786 • Telephone (407) 876-3455

June 2, 1992

Dr. Dean Wayne Drummond
College of Architecture
University of Florida
Gainesville FL 32611-2032

Dear Dr. Drummond:

I am writing as a reference for Mr. Richard Coble whom I have had the pleasure of knowing on a personal and professional basis for about 18 years.

Our families coincided as our individual careers developed and Rick's building and construction business advanced.

After a period of watching the quality and thoroughness of his building on various commercial and residential projects I enlisted his support for building a professional office in 1983. Another phase was completed in 1984 with Rick's direction and personal involvement.

This man who was at the time deeply involved with other large and complex developments would climb onto a front end loader to personally correct a problem he saw after the crew had left for the day. I can say he is a "driven" individual who requires much of himself and those around him.

Rick has served the community civically with his talents and has dedicated much time and energy to the tasks he undertakes.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Denson, Jr. D.D.S.P.A.

TED:jl

cc: Richard Coble

TRIANGLE PAVING, INC.

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February 5, 1988

Wico, Inc.
1305 West Colonial Dr.
Orlando, Florida 21804-7189

RE: Completion of I-40,
Orange County, N. C.

Attention: Mr. Rick Coble

Dear Rick:

I have, for some time wanted to commend you on your ability to come in and pick up two jobs which were in total chaos and proceed with completion in a timely, orderly and economical manner.

To begin with, I thought the administrative end was on an overkill path but after seeing and understanding all the circumstances, I understood why this had to be done. With an entanglement between two bonding companies, the N. C. D.O.T. and a job over twelve months into liquidated damages it became very clear why this area had to be covered so well.

Moving on to the field supervision, I have seen why our company, English Construction, Mason Day and your company were worked together rather than having only one. Then to blend these four companies together in order to have a common goal for all three explains why you choose the personnel with the personalities that you did. With everyone on the job being on edge due to the job being behind, no money and that which had been built not being correct, it takes a special individual to blend this together not to mention keeping N.C. D.O.T. content because there patients had run out. Although there were some two to four weeks that were extremely rocky, but it finally plained out and got up to speed. One thing was up to speed that began to surface as to why you wanted the different contractors involved: English handled the rock, Triangle handled the dirt work along with Mason Day and Kaco forces. It made a good combination for completion and compatability. No doubt there had been a lot of thought given to this plus not being controlled by one contractor which is nothing more than good business.

From the beginning to when the dust was finally settling you employed Arnold Houston which was definantly a good move. Arnold was employed by me in Florida and handled some fifteen million in work. He did a good job and no doubt if we were still in Florida he would be our general superintendent.

Arnold's ability ranges much further than simply doing the work, he has a good positive attitude and is a good negotiator, which is no doubt what these jobs needed.

Rick, as a whole, I cannot see where anything could have been done better faced with the circumstances you were confronted with. I'm sure there will be all kinds of professional criticism on your methods, but being there on a day-to-day basis and knowing the circumstances and the objectives, I can see and understand the reason things were done as they were.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Kirkpatrick

RGK:jk

The Trails, Inc.
1301 [illegible] Road
P.O. Box 1027
Ormond Beach, Florida 32074
Telephone 904-672-2001

August 3, 1988

Mr. Rick Cobie
President
Kaco Contracting Company
1305 West Colonial Drive
Orlando, Fla. 32804-7189

Dear Rick,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your people for the excellent cooperation everyone has shown on the Pan Callie Harbour Club reconstruction project. As we well realize this was a very difficult project due to the extensive litigation and inspection services that were required. I am certain that this is probably one of the most reviewed projects in the history of the state. Bob Frasier and Luke Nicholson were always very helpful, patient and considerate as new discoveries of construction defects caused changes in the procedures and quantities of work to be performed.

Thin project has been a learning process for everyone involved. I want to thank your people for the excellent input they had in the ultimate resolution of what at times appeared on the surface to be unresolvable problems.

It has truly been a pleasure to work with the high caliber management that your company is have.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Cobie
Vice President The Trails, Inc.
The Court Appointed Receiver
for Pan Callie Harbour Club

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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TYCO CONSTRUCTORS
Post Office Box 55
Windermere, Florida 32786

ATTENTION: MR. RICK COBLE

Pursuant to your conversation with Mr. Palmer today, we are happy to confirm that your construction work for the School Board of Orange County has been satisfactory in all respects. You have demonstrated exceptional knowledge, initiative and cooperation while keeping the work ahead of schedule.

We were pleased with your ability to resolve subcontractor problems and produce good quality; also with your assistance in helping us correct minor design deficiencies in a manner that did not produce any unreasonable costs.

We trust that you will bid other School Board projects, and we recommend you to other agencies without any reservations.

THOMAS E. EWART
Director of School Planning and Construction

WEE/amr

The Angebilt Hotel Investors Limited Partnership

37 North Orange Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32901
(305) 423-9815

70 Fairlie Street, Suite 900
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 577-1050

March 31, 1987

Mr. Richard J. Goble
Kaco Contracting Company
1305 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, Florida 32804-7117

Dear Mr. Goble:

We want to thank you for your quality work on our Angebilt project in Orlando. It has been a pleasure working with you on the contract negotiations and final culmination of your work.

The partnership would look forward to and desires to enter into negotiations for additional work at the Angebilt and will be in contact with you accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Hardy, President
Angebilt Building, Inc.,
General Partner

/jjs

FOOTE STEEL

CORPORATION

FABRICATION AND [illegible]

March 8, 1984

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Mr. Rick Coble
President of Kayco Contracting Company

Gentlemen:

Foote Steel has maintained [illegible] relation with Mr. Coble for the past ten years. We started [illegible] work for him when he was the President of Tyco Constructors, Inc.. He has proven to have a strong expertise in all phases of construction and engineering.

We have been involved with many commercial and government projects with Mr. Coble, many of which were more difficult than the average project. He has always performed in a professional manner resolving difficult and complicated construction situations both in scheduling and working conditions.

Mr. Coble has always maintained a prosperous project, even when confronted with high demands and deadlines. We have the upmost respect for his professional opinion and ability.

If we can be of any further assistance please call.

Very truly yours,

FOOTE STEEL CORPORATION

George E. Foote, Jr.
Secretary Treasurer

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32816 (305) 275-2366

January 25, 1983

Mr. Rick Cobb
Tyco Constructors, Inc.
1450 E. Hwy. 50
Winter Garden, FL 32786

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I want you to know how pleased we are with the excellent job you did on our new athletic facility.

We have waited this building for so long that everyone has been talking about it daily. It is very exciting to realize that we are just about ready to move in. We'll finally have the entire staff together, and in a great work environment.

The building will certainly be a source of pride for all of us. We have many visitors from other programs on a regular basis, and I know they will all be impressed with the beautiful facility we now have. I am especially pleased that you have met our time requirements, and that the building was completed so quickly.

All of the people at your company have been most cooperative and helpful, and we have enjoyed working with them. I just wanted to thank you again for the outstanding work which you did on our building. It means a lot to us.

Sincerely,

Bill Peterson
Athletic Director

BP/RL

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
107 W. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304

May 17, 1982

Office of the Vice Chancellor
Administration and Support

Mr. Rick Coble, President
Tyco Constructors, Inc.
Post Office Box 55
Windermere, Florida 32786

Dear Rick:

As you bring to successful completion the Computer Science Building at the University of Central Florida, I want you to know of my personal appreciation for your cooperation and attitude in managing your project. You should know that Tyco Constructors, Inc. is in good standing with the Board of Regents and we trust you will continue to submit bids on our construction projects.

Sincerely,

S.C. McArthur
Vice Chancellor

SCM/jc

cc: Tim Manor

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Sentinel Star

ORLANDO, FLORIDA
September 15, 1981

Mr. Richard Cobb
President
Lyon Construction
1430 E. Highway 50
Winter Garden, FL 32787

Dear Dick:

Well, we're almost there. Our new printing plant is nearing completion. This 40 million dollar project required a commitment to excellence by Lyon and the Sentinel Star Company, and we are very proud of what we've accomplished together.

To show our pride in the industry and the Central Florida Community, we will publish a commemorative section on October 30 which will be printed on our new offset presses. In addition to our 225,000 circulation, we will mail copies of the section to major newspapers and trade publications across the country. It will also be distributed at a special VIP open house on October 30. VIP open house will include Florida's United States Senators Lawton M. Chiles and Paula Hawkins; Florida Governor H. Robert Graham; Orlando Mayor Bill Frederick, and many top newspaper executives.

To be sure that everyone is aware of the contribution you made to this beautiful new plant, we would appreciate your participation in our commemorative issue.

One of our account executives will be contacting you in the next few days. If you have any questions before then, please call me at (305) 420-5601.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Gene Bell
Vice President
Production Director

GB/dn

DAVE BUSTER'S SCHOOLS OF CONSTRUCTION, INC.
1830 N.E. 2nd Street P.O. Box 717
Gainesville, Florida 32602
(904) 378-9784 or 377-5583

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September 1, 1982

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Rick Cole

I am happy to say that I have known Rick Cole for about five years.

I can truthfully say I have never been privileged to meet a more intelligent and creative gentleman than Rick.

I first met Rick in a class of three hundred contractors as he was preparing for his state contractors examination and knew that he would have no trouble in passing this rigorous test the first time.

In my opinion, his Civil Engineering degree plus his Masters' Degree in Building Construction combine to give him a complete view of the design/build construction concept.

Add to his educational background his wide variety of construction experience - international work and stateside projects successfully completed - and you have an individual as highly qualified as I have ever met.

I am convinced, without reservation, Rick Cole to anyone looking for a competent and responsible constructor and consider Rick to be a living example of the professional needed in our construction industry.

Sincerely,

David L. Buster
President

DLB/lp

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September 9, 1980

Broward County Central Examining Board
of Engineered Construction Trades
955 South Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Gentlemen:

We understand that Tyco Constructors, Inc. of Winter Garden, Florida is interested in undertaking general engineer construction work in Broward County. Our firm is knowledgeable of the capibilities of Tyco Constructors and Mr. Coble, President. We have solicited their interest in the past on a number of projects which our firm designed. I am personally aware of clearing, paving, drainage, foundation, structures and underground utility projects which Tyco has undertaken and successfully completed. Accordingly, we are pleased to recommend the Company as both competent and conscientious. I believe Tyco possess the skills and facilities to handle general engineering construction projects within the scope of their bonding capabilities.

I have personnally known Mr. Coble for seven years and have observed much of his work during this period. He has the reputation of giving personal energy to his projects and usually achieves superior results.

Please call me if you would like further information.

Very truly yours,

GEE & JENSON
Engineers-Architects-Planners, Inc.

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John C. Wise, P.E.
Senior Vice President

JCW/jt
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Peter A. Markham, P.E.
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September 11, 1980

Broward County Central Examining Board
of Engineered Construction Trades
955 South Federal Highway
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

Subject: Letter of Recommendation
Mr. Rick Coble - Tyco Constructors

Gentlemen:

I have known Rick Coble for the last ten years. During this period he has been both an employee of mine when I ran Buena Vista Construction Company, and a friend and competitor in the construction industry since.

I can testify to Rick's knowledge and expertise in all types of engineered construction from personal knowledge. While he was employed by Buena Vista Construction Company he was responsible for the construction of roads, parking lots, utilities (both buried pipe lines and utilities through utility tunnels), waterway and canal construction and drainage control structures.

Since that time I have personal knowledge of his ability and expertise in similar type construction and construction projects.

I would not hesitate to engage Mr. Coble as an employee responsible for engineered construction or to use his company to perform engineered construction for me.

Sincerely yours,

Peter A. Markham, P.E.
President

PAM:ld

CHASTAIN-SKILLMAN, INC.
Consulting Engineers

P. O. BOX 495 - 3114 S. FLORIDA AVENUE
LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33802 PHONE (813) 646-1402

September 12, 1980

Broward County Central Examination Board
of Engineered Construction Trades
955 S. Federal Highway
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316

Gentlemen:

In 1979 an extensive storm sewer system in Lake Wales, Florida was constructed by Tyco Construction. This project was designed by our firm and we subsequently monitored the construction which required utility relocation, storm sewer pipe and structures, earthmoving, and street reconstruction. In my opinion Rick Coble and Tyco Construction did an outstanding job in construction technique, quality control, and project management. Tyco is an excellent contractor, very competent in, at least, those areas mentioned based on our direct experience.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Campbell

Kenneth R. Campbell, P.E.

KRC:ei

September 15, 1978

Mr. Rick Cobb, President
Tyco Constructors, Inc.
P.O. Box 35
Windermere, Florida 32786

Dear Rick,

As we approach the end of construction of our Phase II expansion program, I would like to commend you on the excellent performance of you and your company.

Your knowledge, ability, initiative, and cooperation while completing over a million dollars worth of work, enabled us to meet our deadline and open Phase II to the public on time.

Thanks are in order for your invaluable assistance in helping us correct major and sub-major design deficiencies, your personal interest in the project, and the many long hours you were on site.

We have enjoyed working with you on your future projects your personal interest in the project, and the many long hours you were on site.

We look forward to working with you on our future projects.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Knight
Vice President, Engineering

HMK/ls

cc: William [illegible]

WINGARD LAND CO.

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TYCO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Richard Coble

On January 1, 1979, we broke ground for our 17,000 square foot Office Building located at 310 S. Dillard Street, Winter Garden. Under the supervision and direction of Mr. Richard Coble of Tyco Construction, and in less than 120 days, we received our certificate of occupancy.

By utilizing the very best cost control, imaginative engineering and strict supervision, Mr. Coble was able to complete our building in less time than was required and at a considerable savings. Without exception the building is one of the finest constructed and is a landmark in the community that no one fails to recognize for its beauty and quality.

Mr. Coble and his men were very congenial and readily adapted to the changes that we required. I would not hesitate to give these people the highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

WINGARD LAND CO.

William D. Wingard

WDW:sd

ROBERTSON, WILLIAMS, DUANE, LEWIS
BRIGGS & RANSON, P.A.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Tyco Constructors, Inc. and Mr. Rick Cooke.

We engaged their services to remodel an old frame house into a law office. Their attention to detail and enthusiasm for the job was outstanding. The offices turned out to be both beautiful and functional, and we constantly are receiving compliments on the job from clients and other lawyers who visit us.

If at any time you want to view the quality of their workmanship, please feel free to come by and see our new offices.

Yours very truly,

James R. Robertson

JRR/jk

U S SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
REGION IV
1375 PEACHTREE ST., N.E., 5th FLOOR
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30309

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Mr. Richard J. Coble
President
Tyco Constructors, Inc.
7430 E. Highway 50
Winter Garden, Florida 32787

Dear Mr. Coble:

Congratulations! Your firm has been selected as one of the outstanding small business companies in our region. Your superior performance as a subcontractor has been recognized by a major Government Prime Contractor who recommended that your firm be considered as a nominee for the "Small Business Subcontractor of the Year."

A certificate is being prepared to acknowledge your achievement as an outstanding subcontractor and your contribution to the nation's needs. This certificate will be mailed to you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Wiley S. Messick

Wiley S. Messick
Regional Director

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[illegible]ENERAL SERVICES

[illegible] Building, Tallahassee [illegible]

[illegible], Executive Director

John E. Pearson, Architect
State Construction Representative
Construction Administration Section

TYCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
1400 East Highway 50
Winter Garden, Florida [illegible]

RE: Lake Kissimmee State Park, [illegible]

Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is to establish for the record, my association with the firm of Tyco Construction Company, [illegible], President.

This firm was low and successful bidder on a project for the Department of General Services at Kissimmee State Park.

My relationship as owner's representative (and as a registered Architect in the State of Florida) was extremely pleasant.

The performance of their contractural obligations was excellent. They had good administrative procedure, their supervisory employees, as well as subcontractors proved extremely [illegible] on this project.

The relationship between staff and [illegible] personnel throughout the project was exceptionally good.

I would always, under the conditions experienced in the past, be most happy to have them on future State [illegible].

Sincerely,

John E. Pearson, Architect
State Construction Representative

JEP/[illegible]
cc: File
S.F.

MARIETTA AEROSPACE

ORLANDO DIVISION
POST OFFICE BOX 5837
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32855
MP 124

Mr. Richard C. Cobb
Tyco Constructors, Inc.
7430 E. Highway 50
Winter Garden, Florida 32787

Dear Dick:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks for the excellent manner in which your company recently completed the extension to the Dynamics Structures Test Lab.

This job required extreme attention to detail as alignment and elevation of the extended test structure beams was extremely critical.

In the usual style of Tyco Constructors, Inc., the finish detail was excellent and the work was completed within the very tight schedule dictated by MAC test schedules.

A number of test jobs, both here and at our Dade Facility, have proven the ability of your company to perform and the "can do" attitude and cooperation with our people, as well as with other contractors, is appreciated.

We look forward to working with your company on many future projects.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN MARIETTA AEROSPACE

Don Meadors
Sr. Facilities Engineer
Contracted Construction

BUENA VISTA CONSTRUCTION CO.
P. O. BOX 40
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32802
Telephone: (305) 656-2221

February 7, 1974

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Rick Coble for approximately two years during his employment at Walt Disney World. For approximately one year, he has been assigned to Buena Vista Construction Co.'s project management group. Prior to that, he was involved in the overall safety program at Walt Disney World. He proved to be aggressive, hardworking, and very cost conscious in pursuing his duties. He also displayed a good intellect as well as skill in his dealings with our construction supervision and subcontractors. He quickly learns from experience; and, consequently, has made rapid progress in assuming greater responsibilities.

Rick was one of several bright, young men whom we were grooming for important long-range responsibilities. I am pleased to recommend him as a highly motivated, skillful Project Manager in the construction field.

Very truly yours,

John C. Wise
Vice President

JCW-pw

CHASTAIN-SKILLMAN, INC.
Consulting Engineers

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LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33802 PHONE (813) 646-1402

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Tyco Constructors, Inc. under the guidance of Mr. Rick Coble has completed the construction of a major storm sewer project in Lake Wales. This project involved crossing State Road 60, a four-lane divided highway, with a 72-inch concrete pipe, building a headwall below the water level of Twin Lake, tying to existing sewers, and the normal obstacles found in an urban area having poor records of utilities.

As Engineers for this project we found Rick Coble to be cooperative, capable and a pleasure to work with. The job was kept clean, residents were informed of schedules, and complaints where handled promptly.

We recommend him and his firm to anyone who needs a good utility contractor.

J. Roy Chastain

J. Roy Chastain, P.E.

RICHARDSON ENGINEERING
131 ZELMA STREET
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32803
TELEPHONE: (305) 425-4002

To Whom It May Concern:

Richardson Engineering has worked in the past with Tyco Constructors, Inc. on several projects including the Circus World Expansion, Orlando Utilities Buildings, Shopping Centers and Martin Marietta Corporation buildings. We have found all of these projects successful due in a great part to the practical cost effective approach employed by Tyco Constructors, Inc. Through their suggestions clients have achieved cost reductions by using readily available materials. Great time savings have been achieved by identifying lead items and providing substitutions that markedly shortened the project construction schedule.

It has always been a pleasure working with this experienced, flexible and knowledgeable building team.

Yours truly,

Richard B. Richardson

RICHARD B. RICHARDSON, P.E.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING ENGINEERS JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE

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October 27, 1970

Mr. Rick Coble
Card Construction Co., Inc.
10642 Construction Way West
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Coble:

On behalf of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee I would like to extend our deep gratitude for the work you are doing with the apprentices in the Santa Ana area. The loan of your equipment and yard on Saturdays to train these young men is an outstanding effort on your part.

It is greatly appreciated when companies such as Card Construction Co., Inc., assist this program and the Field Coordinators in training and preparing the apprentices to become better Operating Engineers.

I can think of no other way a greater effort could be put to use to result in fewer job accidents involving these young men when they begin working in the industry.

Cordially,

Walter J. Christensen

Walter J. Christensen, Coordinator

WJC/bp

CC: Bill Floyd, Field Coordinator

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LETTERS RECOMMENDING DR. RICHARD COBLE INTERNATIONALLY

University of Salford
- ~ *M. D. Winton*

Tsinghua University
- ~ *Si Yuan*

Minister of Mongolia
- ~ *Minister G. Nyamdavaa*

Mayor of Ulaanbaatar
- ~ *J. Narantsatsralt*

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6 February 2002

Dr R J Coble
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Dear Dr Coble

I have pleasure in offering you an honorary appointment as Visiting Professor in the School of Construction and Property Management during the period 1 January 2002 until 31 December 2002.

The appointment provides for you to collaborate with staff and students in the School of Construction and Property Management, the exact arrangements for your visit to be made with Professor Martin Betts.

The appointment is made subject to the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University and to such other conditions as may be prescribed by the University Council, a copy of which is available in the Personnel Division.

Please confirm your acceptance of this offer of appointment on the conditions contained and referred to in this letter by signing the attached copy letter and returning it to the Personnel Division.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter please contact David Farraday in the Personnel Division on 0161 295 2117.

Yours sincerely

DR M D WINTON
Registrar

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Si Yuan
Dept. of Civil Engineering
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[illegible] 14 May 1999

This letter has been written on the behalf of Richard J. Coble Ph.D. The Department of Civil Engineering at Tsinghua University has worked out an agreement with Dr. Coble to be a Visiting Professor in our Department for an extended period of time. This agreement calls for Dr. Coble to be at our Tsinghua campus three times a year initially, he would [illegible] two weeks in August, one week in December and three weeks in May of each year. Presently we have worked out a five year program. [illegible] this program as we further define our mutual requirements and needs.

He was previously visited and [illegible] University in 1995 and 1997, with excellent response from both our faculty and students. It is now our intent to greatly expand this relationship to include an extended and comprehensive research program with its teaching and working with our students and faculty as an integral part of [illegible] work.

We have also instituted a new Center for Construction Safety and Health at Tsinghua University, in which he has been and will continue to be intimately involved. The new Center is of [illegible] importance to China, because of the need for the protection of our [illegible] construction workers. His experience and education in the area of construction safety and construction safety management will be a tremendous advantage to our University and the country of China.

Sincerely

Si Yuan (袁驷)

Si Yuan Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Civil Engineering
Tsinghua University

WAYNE DRUMMOND, DEAN
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32611

Dear Mr. Drummond,

Our country is experiencing tremendous growth, which creates the need for both urban and regional planning. The technology of computerized geographic information systems (GIS) is a tool that our country needs to implement at this time.

Your university has been well represented by Dr. Coble and his Ph.D. student Brent Elliott as they lectured at The Mongolian Technical University and spoke with our government officials. Through the information which they provided about the University of Florida, it is evident that the experience and expertise of the College of Architecture is such that joint collaboration between the University of Florida and the country of Mongolia would be beneficial to both.

It is our intent to establish a working relationship with the University of Florida in planning for our country's infrastructure development and related urban and regional planning. We are also aware of the construction management technologies of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction, and we would like to continue working with the University in this area as our country begins major reconstruction.

It is our pleasure to establish this relationship with the University of Florida. We look forward with anticipation to bringing Mongolia on line with the global community.

Sincerely yours,

MINISTER G. NYAMDAVAA

Mayor of Ulaanbaatar

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To Dean Wayne Drummond
College of Architecture
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32611

May 15,1997

Dear Mr.Wayne Drummond,

We appreciate the opportunity to be introduced to the university of Florida through Dr. Richard Coble. He and his assistant have been very enlightening as to the potential of using automation in our current work efforts. Through their coordination we are now developing our own WEB page.

Our next joint work product is focused on distance communication where we can perform application sharing, while at the same time be able to see and hear each other via the Internet.

It is our intent to pursue an ongoing relationship based on the planning of our city. The use of GIS in this process is one that we believe will be beneficial to our country and the university of Florida. Currently our area of emphasis within the city is our " Trade street" project. This development project is designed to encourage foreign investment in a very strategic part of our city and country.

Thank you for your interest in Mongolia. We look forward to a long lasting profitable relationship.

Yours sincerely,

J.Narantsatsralt
Mayor of Ulaanbaatar

LETTERS PRAISING DR. RICHARD COBLE AS A STUDENT

University of Florida
- ~ *J. Morris Trimmer, DBA*

Assembly California Legislature
- ~ *Bob Monagan*

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- ~ *William H. Wisely*

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- ~ *John D. Parkhurst*

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July 23, 1993

Dr. Weilin P. Chang, Director
School of Building Construction
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Dear Dr. Chang:

I have know Richard Coble both as a student working for his PhD and as a teacher after he received his Doctorate. In both cases I found him to be an extremely hard worker and an excellent teacher.

I also worked with an one safety article that we published together and have referred people to Rick when asked about a speaker on "Drugs" and/or "Safety".

I feel that Rick will make an excellent addition to the School both because of his academic achievement and because of his broad practical experience.

Sincerely,

J. Morris Trimmer, DBA
Professor Emeritus

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BOB MONAGAN
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

The State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Richard J. Coble
1500 Dover Drive
Newport Beach, California

Dear Richard:

Congratulations on your recently being awarded a State Graduate Fellowship.

I am very pleased to know that you will be continuing your education. There is little doubt that California's future is entirely dependent upon the individual pursuit of excellence by today's young people. Behind the few loud and angry voices dominating today's headlines, we, in public life desperately need the advanced scholarship and character of our many responsible citizens. I look forward to your helping us forge an undeniable link between all our citizens - so that, together, we can bring the blessings of this great state to all our deserving peoples.

Sincerely,

Bob Monagan

BOB MONAGAN
Speaker of the Assembly

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November 17, 1969

File: 13-2-2b.69

Mr. Richard J. Coble
California State Polytechnic College
Department of Civil Engineering
Pomona, California 91766

Dear Mr. Coble:

I am pleased to notify you that the Committee on Student Chapters of the Society, has selected you as the winner of the 1969 Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students in Zone IV. As a Zone winner you are entitled to receive a copy of the 1969 TRANSACTIONS and this will be sent (in December) to Mr. John W. Comer, Faculty Adviser at California State Polytechnic College, for presentation to you at a time and place he will arrange.

From among the many papers submitted, the paper by Theodore Fellinger of Tri-State College was selected as the winner of the National Student Award. As one of the finalists, however, your paper has the distinction of being one of the best in the competition.

Sincerely,

William H. Wisely
Executive Director

cc: J. W. Comer

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

2020 Beverly Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90057

November 20, 1969

Mr. Rick Coble
% Card Construction Company
16642 Construction Way West
Santa Ana, California 92705

Dear Rick:

Forwarded to you is a certificate from the Los Angeles Section, American Society of Civil Engineers, certifying your selection as the Outstanding Senior Student from California State Polytechnic College for the year 1968-69. It is a personal pleasure and honor for me to sign the certificate as President of the Los Angeles Section.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Sincerely,

John D. Parkhurst
President
Los Angeles Section, ASCE

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Encl.

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

June 5, 1969

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Mr. Richard J. Coble

Gentlemen:

This letter is intended to introduce Mr. Richard J. Coble, a former student majoring in Civil Engineering at the California State Polytechnic College at Pomona.

Mr. Coble will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering on June 7, 1969, following completion of his courses of study at the school. I have known Mr. Coble for approximately four years, during which time I have had him in seven classes in Civil Engineering, ranging from courses in Highway Planning, Traffic Engineering, Highway Design, Hydraulics, Construction Methods, Estimating and Cost, and Under-graduate seminar. I have also had the pleasure of advising him on several occasions during his courses of study and working with him on his Senior Project. I have also attended numerous American Society of Civil Engineers meetings and conventions with Mr. Coble and have been associated as their assistant student chapter advisor during the time when Mr. Coble was president of the student ASCE chapter. I feel that I have had a very unique opportunity in observing Mr. Coble during the last four years during his attendance at Cal Poly and have worked closely with him, both as an instructor and as an advisor.

Mr. Coble is a very dynamic young engineer, and one who is interested in numerous phases of engineering with the emphases on construction. He has a very strong attribute in his leadership ability, as has been evidenced during his active enrollment in student organizations, sports and activities at the college. I would most certainly recommend Mr. Coble to a job requiring leadership and responsibility as I feel he is a very dedicated, ambitious, and enterprising young man.

There are many attributes of Mr. Coble that are hard to discuss in letter form however, for additional details or questions, they will be most certainly supplied upon request.

Yours very truly,

Harry J. Krueper

Harry J. Krueper

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

May 29, 1969

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Mr. Richard Coble for the past three years both as a student and as a research associate. During this time I have observed Mr. Coble's progress with considerable satisfaction. He has been an exceedingly good student throughout and has displayed an innate capacity for professional growth, a characteristic which I believe, will enable him to develop into a highly competent engineer or to succeed in whatever field of endeavor he chooses.

Mr. Coble has provided invaluable assistance to me as an associate in the investigation of reinforced grouted masonry shear walls which I have been conducting at Cal Poly for the past year. Being a "self-starter," he has taken charge of certain aspects of the program with very little supervision and has further directed the efforts of others on the project, thereby exhibiting the type of leadership qualities necessary to carry out any project to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Coble's personal traits are unassailable and he is a very personable young man. For these reasons I would not hesitate to recommend him without qualification for whatever field of endeavor he chooses to enter.

Robert R. Schneider
Professor of Civil Engineering
California State Polytechnic College
Pomona, California

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

May 18, 1969

To Whom It May Concern:

The time of graduation is often a landmark after which an instructor will have little opportunity to be of further service to a young man for whom he has had a significant degree of responsibility and influence. I wish to take the opportunity at this time to write a letter of introduction and of recommendation for one of the outstanding gentlemen to graduate from Cal Poly: Mr. Richard Jon Coble.

I am certain that if Mr. Coble submits this letter as part of an application for employment, he will have listed his many activities and singular achievements while at this college. It is my intent, therefore, to only express my observations which left a favorable impression of him. Mr. Coble was a student in a series of my courses which include Hydraulic Engineering, Hydrology, Water Supply Engineering, and Water Quality Engineering; his work was of such quality that he earned letter grades of A or B in these courses. His characteristic good work and inquisitiveness has convinced me that he would be a credit to any organization.

Mr. Coble is a person capable of consistently excellent work and intellectual independence. He has been much sought after as a student leader and has the respect and confidence of his instructors and colleagues; his leadership qualities were amply demonstrated as President of the A.S.C.E. student chapter and special recognition by his instructors.

It is with confidence that I herewith highly recommend Mr. Richard Coble.

Sincerely,

Ray Morales

Ray Morales
Associate Professor
Civil Engineering Department

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CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

May 13, 1969

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In my capacity as Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, I have had the opportunity to observe the performance of Mr. Richard Coble in various aspects of his student life.

Academically as a student, he displays an eagerness to learn. My association here has been through an elective course in substructure design for which Mr. Coble lacked one of the prerequisite courses. He was allowed to pursue the substructures course on the condition that he give evidence of having assimilated (on his own) at least the fundamental concepts of the prerequisite. This he did satisfactorily and eventually went on to obtain a grade of "B" (above average) in the substructures course.

In his extra-curricula interests as a student, Mr. Coble has participated very intensely in both athletic, professional and social activities. He has competed in intercollegiate sports as well as intercollegiate forensics. He has also been elected to a term as president of the Cal Poly student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. In this capacity, he has displayed a remarkable ability to organize a traditionally apathetic group to take part actively in a large variety of professional, social, and service functions, both at the college and in the community. It is not surprising that the student chapter of ASCE, under his presidency, was awarded national recognition for its outstanding program of activities.

From my observations of his dealings with his fellow students and with other people in the community, it seems that Mr. Coble's personable attitude immediately engenders a feeling of rapport.

In summary, I consider Mr. Coble to be personable, a gentleman, a fine student, and an individual who possesses outstanding leadership qualities.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Nowatzki

Edward A. Nowatzki
Associate Professor
Civil Engineering

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

DEGREES

California State Polytechnic College
- ~ *Bachelor of Science in Engineering*

University of Florida
- ~ *Master of Building Construction*

CERTIFICATES

Certified Underground Utility Contractor

Certified General Contractor

University Minority Mentor Program

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The Trustees of the California State Colleges on recommendation of the College Faculty have conferred upon

Richard J. Coble

the degree of

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with a major in

Civil Engineering

Given at Pomona, California, on the seventh day of June, nineteen hundred sixty-nine

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The University of Florida

has conferred on

Richard Jon Coble

the degree

Master of Building Construction

and all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

In Witness Whereof, this diploma, duly signed, has been issued and the seal of the University affixed.

Issued by the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the Faculty of

The Graduate School

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University Minority Mentor Program

This certificate is presented to

Dr. Richard Coble

in appreciation of your outstanding support and dedication to assisting minority students through the University Minority Mentor Program. Further, this certificate recognizes your excellent and exemplary service on this fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Dr. Dovie J. Gamble,
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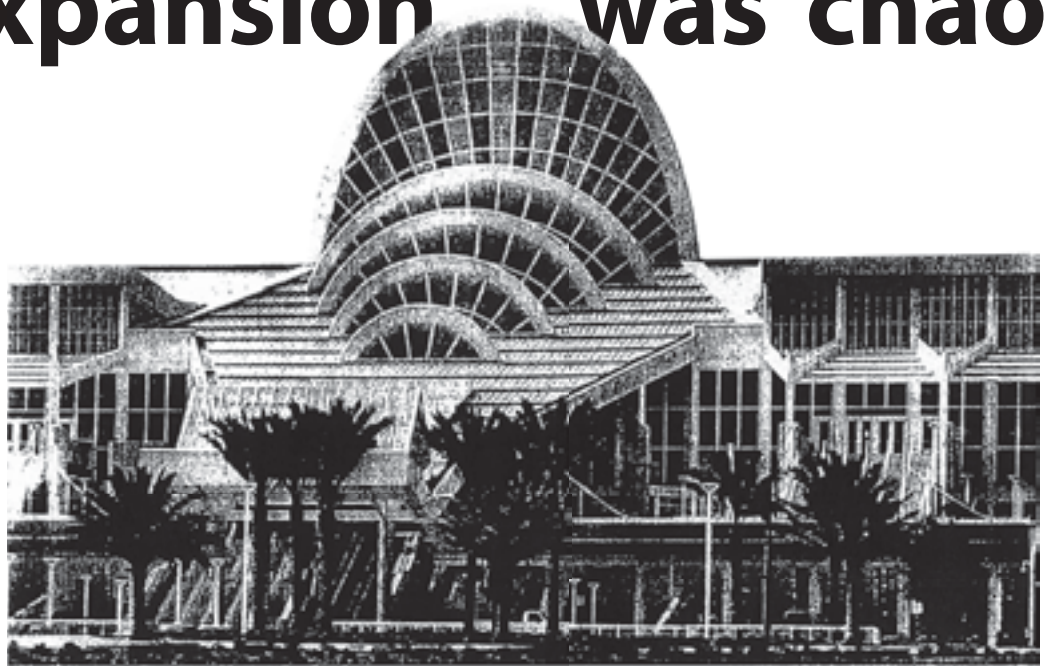

ORLANDO/ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Many Subcontractors claim they were not paid for any extra work they did on the convention center's addition.

Judge orders joint venture behind convention center project to pay $6.3M

By MARK SCHLUEB
SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

The newest addition of the Orange County Convention Center has been open for six years, but the aftermath of its haphazard construction lives on in federal court.

A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Tampa recently issued a $6.3 million judgment - and a stinging rebuke - against the building's general contractor, Hunt/Clark/Construct Two. Interest, attorneys' fees and other costs, which have not yet been decided by the court, will likely add several million dollars to the judgment.

In a 163-page order in a case that has dragged on since 2003, Judge Michael Williamson said the joint venture hired by Orange County to oversee the center's construction was responsible for "an inefficient mess" and "an uncoordinated nightmare" that was completed "in the most unproductive way possible."

"Somehow, in what appears to this court to be a state of chaos, a convention center was built," Williamson wrote.

The company was a joint venture of Hunt Construction Group and The Clark Construction Group - both national companies - and Construct Two Construction Managers of Orlando. Hunt and Clark are among the largest construction companies in the country, and Hunt is now managing construction of Orlando's Amway Center basketball arena.

Williamson found that the partnership suffered from "distrust and finger-pointing" that led to widespread management failures on the $748 million convention-center expansion.

Attorneys for Hunt/Clark/Construct Two did not return calls seeking comment.

The million-square-foot convention-center addition was green-lighted by Orange County in 1998, in hopes of capitalizing on a then-booming convention market. To get the building up quickly, construction began before final blueprints were complete, according to subcontractors who worked on it.

"They wanted to get it built quickly so it would start making money. The job wasn't ready to be built, and they knew it," said Richard Coble, a construction consultant hired by Electric Machinery Enterprises Inc., the company that won the judgment against Hunt/Clark/Construct Two.

Because the plans were incomplete, numerous changes were needed. And the contractor failed to keep a schedule that would allow work to progress in a logical manner, the judge found. For instance, he said, drywall was installed before there was a roof on the building - and had to be replaced after it was damaged by rain.

The project schedule maintained by the company was a bogus one used for "public relations purposes" to show Orange County everything was OK on the job, Williamson wrote.

Costs skyrocketed because of constant revisions to the plans and the lack of a coordinated schedule, but the project was kept within its budget because many subcontractors were never paid for the extra work they had to perform. EME also sued Orange County, but the county settled for $820,000 in 2004.

The project stayed within budget, but subcontractors claimed that was simply because they weren't paid what they were owed.

"The job was terribly mismanaged by H/C/C," said Chris McRae, whose Tallahassee law firm represented EME. "All the trade contractors like EME were left holding the bag."

In fact, EME - like other smaller companies that worked on the project - was driven our of business. At least five companies in addition to EME filed suit over the project, but only one is still pending: Patterson Mechanical, a Winter Garden company has sued Harper Mechanical, the company that hired it to install air-conditioning ducts.

Peggy Patterson blames the convention center project for killing her once-thriving business.

"I lost everything. I have no home, no business, no employees," said Patterson, who now lives with her mother. "And it's because of that building."

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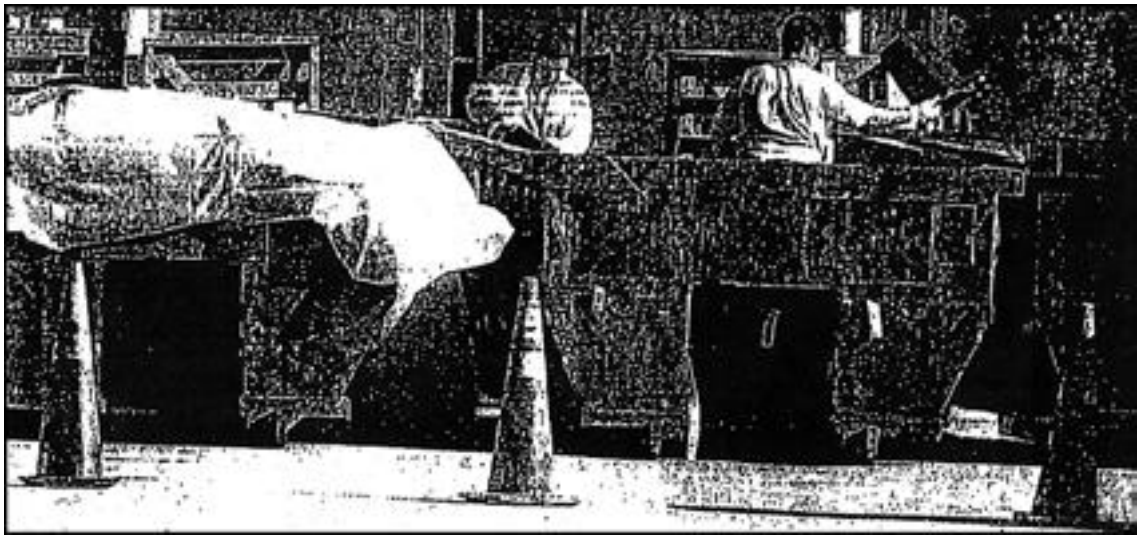
Builder: Orange tried to stiff us

Convention-center work went unpaid, and records were trashed, a firm said.

By MARK SCHLUEB
SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

Court will resolve it, center's chief says



Searching. Employees fish through trash bins for documents at the Orange County Convention Center construction offices Thursday. A judge ordered the action after a subcontractor sued, claiming that companies that built a wing of the center may be owed as much as $50 million.

Orange County workers armed with cans of disinfectant pulled reams of documents out of several large trash bins at the convention center Thursday under orders from a federal judge.

The judge wants to determine whether the county has tried to destroy records that would prove it stiffed one of the companies that helped build the new wing of the center.

Electric Machinery Enterprises, which installed miles of wiring and thousands of electrical fixtures in the center, has sued Orange County and its general contractor for $11 million in unpaid fees. In court papers filed this week, the subcontractor claims that companies that built the center may be owed as much as $50 million.

The messy legal battle casts a shadow over the largest public construction project in Central Florida history, a job that county officials have repeatedly said was finished in September, "on time and on budget."

A 26 page complaint filed Sunday said the county and its general contractor, Hunt/Clark/Construct II, met that goal "on the backs" of their trade contractors by simply not paying the companies for all their work.

"That's their opinion, and it will be resolved in court," convention center Director Tom Ackert said.

The expansion project added a separate 3 million-square-foot building to the convention center at a cost of $748 million, giving Orange the second largest facility in the nation. But according to court papers and interviews with ntractors, the project was marked from its inception by poor planning, inept scheduling and slipshod management.

Lawyers for Electric Machinery Enterprises told the court that it bid on the convention center job based on what turned out to be incomplete construction blueprints. Throughout the building process, the blueprints were changed repeatedly, forcing work to be delayed or re-done and expenses to skyrocket.

Schedule changed

Just as troubling, contractors said, was the lack of a dependable construction schedule. The schedule is vital for any large project to proceed in a logical order, it ensures, for instance, that drywall isn't installed before there is a roof on the building.

The constant changes to the blueprints and timetable made work more costly for some contractors, EME initially thought they could do the job in 311,000 man hours; the company said it eventually took 720,000.

Representatives from EME and Hunt/Clark/Construct II would not comment Thursday. But in court papers, EME said it has been negotiating with the general contractor for months to be paid $11 million owed for extra work. the company hired a construction expert to review project records, hoping to bolster its financial claim.

The consultant, former University of Florida professor Richard Coble, requested dozens of documents from Orange County under Florida's public records law. County officials supplied some of the records, but not all of them. In nid-December, county officials and Hunt/Clark/Construct II began shutting down the project's construction offices in a cluster of trailers behind the convention center. They also began throwing stacks of files into the trash.

Coble poked through some of the discarded records and found information EME executives think helps prove they are owed money. The debris - daily construction reports, meeting transcripts, phone logs and even a computer - included some record Coble requested from the county but was not given, according to court affidavits. He even found one of his own public records requests in the trash, torn into tiny pieces, the affidavit read.

"We don't destroy public records, and anybody who works for the county who does will face the appropriate disciplinary action," he said.

Still, EME executives, who have filed for bankruptcy protection, asked U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Michael G. Williamson to force the county to stop destroying any records related to the project.

In a hearing Monday in Tampa, Williamson ordered the county and its general contractor to retrieve paperwork from the large trash bins where they had been thrown, clean them up and catalog them.

"Hopefully, they have a lot of Lysol," assistant County Attorney Joe Passiatore said.

Other complaints

EME is apparently the first company to file a claim for unpaid debts against the county and Hunt/Clark/Construct II. But it's complaints are not unique; several other subcontractors said they are facing financial ruin because they haven't been paid.

Ivan Moreno, co-owner of the Edgewood company that installed most of the drywall in the new wing of the convention center, said his company is owed about $1.5 million. The unpaid debt means he hasn't had the cash flow to bid on some new jobs. His bonding company will no longer insure his work.

"We are in a desperate situation right now," San Moreno, of Exterior Walls Inc.

Peggy Patterson, who said her Winter Garden heating and air-conditioning firm is owed $515,000, is in similar straits.

"It's killing me," she said. "I'm hurting bad."

Patterson has appealed directly to county commissioners, but the county maintains that it has no responsibility to subcontractors such as Patterson, EME, and Exterior Walls. The county's only contract is with Hunt/Clark/Construct II, which in turn hired the trade contractors who did the work. The arrangement, county officials hope, shields taxpayers from legal claims.

EME's lawyers think the county is liable because county officials OK'd changes that drove up the cost.

"Why Orange County is a party to this kind of deceptive practice is not clear to me," Coble wrote in a September letter to the county.

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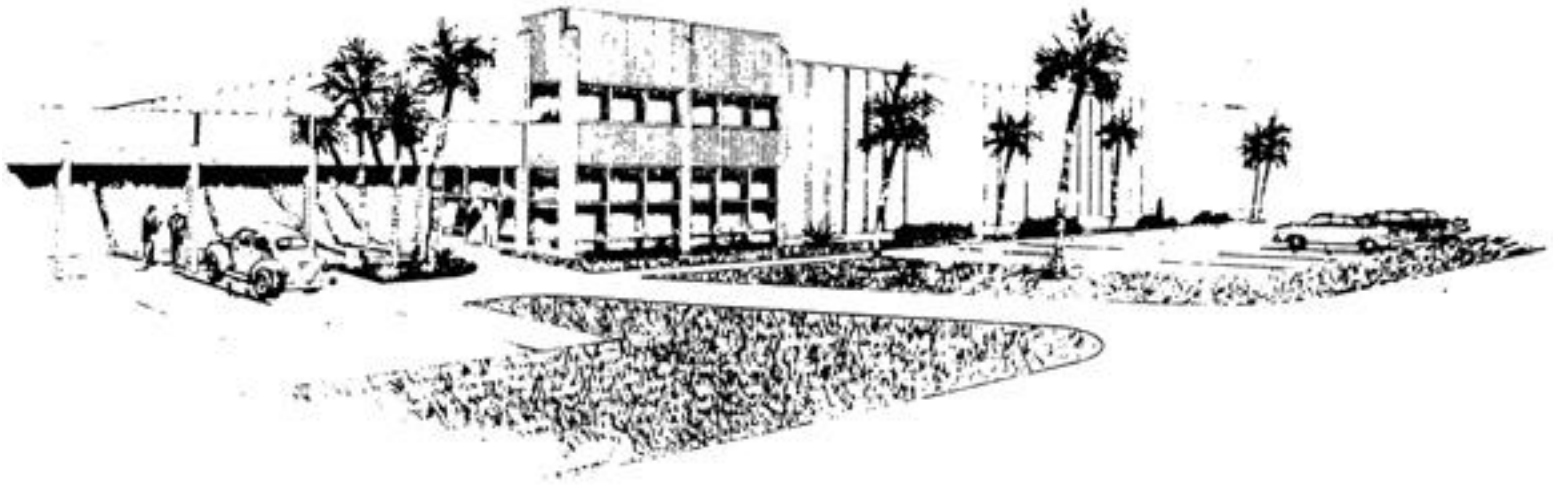

New Martin Marietta Production Facilities Near Ocala Being Built By Tyco Constructors, Inc.

One of the most exciting growth companies in West Orange is Tyco Constructors, Inc., 1430 E. Highway 50 in Winter Garden. Incorporated in February of 1975, Tyco completed its first major project, a 12,000 square foot office building for Wingard Land Company, just 90 days later, in May of 1975.

In the years since then, Tyco has done many millions of dollars worth of construction work throughout Central Florida. Locally, it has built the whole of West Orange branch of Maguire Road, the Golden Corral Restaurant and the Fairway Market shopping center.

In 1979, Tyco was designated one of the outstanding small businesses in the Southeast by the U.S. Small Business Administration in Atlanta. Since then, Tyco has completed a multi-million dollar expansion at Circus World and is presently building a $2.2 million expansion project near Ocala for Martin Marietta.

Richard J. (Rick) Coble, president of Tyco, grew up in construction. His father, Roy E. Coble, had his own construction firm in Southern California, specializing in water and sewer systems, pipelines and pump stations. Rick graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in construction engineering and later earned a Master's degree in building construction from the University of Florida.

Rick came to Florida as a project manager at Walt Disney World and was in charge of constructing the General Electric Theater, the World Communications Building, the West Gate Building and Pioneer Hall. After four years with the Disney organization, he left to obtain his graduate degree in Gainesville.

About four years ago, while still in its early days, Tyco acquired its present office site on West Hwy 50, including a thirteen-acre tract which is zoned to permit commercial and/or industrial use. Tyco plans soon to develop a small industrial park and a commercial building on this property.

Earlier this year, in a move which positions Tyco Constructors to tackle the largest projects now being planned for Central Florida. Tyco will soon be acquired by Racon, based out of Southfield, Michigan, a company headed by R.J. (Bob) Spiegel. Spiegel has more than thirty years of construction experience; and Racon is one of the top 400 construction firms in the U.S. Its acquisition of Tyco Constructors will enable Racon to participate in the building surge that is expected to take place in Central Florida in the years ahead.

Tyco's largest current project is a $2.2 million, 52,000 square foot expansion of Martin Marietta's plant in Silver Springs Shores, just south of Ocala. Part of the new Martin space is to be used for laser guided weapons production and part for offices. A second floor of the new building will house administrative personnel and a

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CIRCUS WORLD EXPANSION - Rick Coble, president of Tyco Constructors, Inc. (left) confers with Harry Mahler, vice president for engineering at Circus World (right) about the new Circus World facilities that will be opening this month.

Tyco Constructors of Winter Garden Named Contractor For Circus World

Tyco constructors Inc. has been appointed general contractor for Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus world for the theme parks new 5 acre area, the first part of a three phase $10 million expansion.

The Winter Garden based company has already completed the underground utilities part of the contract, and is well underway with the buildings construction. A grand opening is scheduled this month. The station will consist of two alpha and breeding and research facilities, horse and elephant barns, wardrobe building and other new attractions that are zip designed to take Circus world visitors on a unique backstage for other traditional American Circus.

Tyco's completed underground construction preparations have included earth moving and placement of water, sewer and storm drainage utilities. Circus world's own maintenance crew will complete finishing touches in time for the July opening of the new section of the theme park.

The entire construction process has increased Tyco's crew for the Circus world project to more than 300 employees, a healthy share of him are West Orange county residents. Additional Tyco personnel have been added to the Tyco headquarters on West Highway 50 in winter garden.

Tyco, during its 5 1/2 year existence, has been heavily involved within the Central Florida area, and is recognized as being one of the few can structure the firms which have the capability of handling building an underground work in-house.

Such projects completed by Tyco have been for the Orange county school board, Orange county commissioners, Orlando utilities, city of Lake Wales, state of Florida, as well as several private and government related industries including Martin Marietta, and Chicago Bridge and iron.

Site has been instrumental in designing and furnishing bank, church and building concrete foundations along with underground site development projects.

A strong ongoing relationship with temperate group has enabled Tyco to procure construction bonds when required, particularly with regard to public works projects.

Tyco has a strong commitment to the West Orange county area, and will continue to be a strong supporter of the West Orange branch of the Central Florida YMCA.

Tyco's relationship with Circus world has been ongoing, this being the third year that Tyco has been involved with Circus world expansion projects. The work completed during the two previous phases has exceeded $7 million, and was completed in 1977 and 1978.

Circus world is a family theme park featuring the world's only participation circus, a giant live Circus extravaganza with more than 90 performers and performing animals, magic inside shows, motion picture of the circus behind the scenes, shops and restaurants.

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Guest Columnist - Richard Coble

Center For Construction Safety And Loss Control Ties UF To Government, Industry

RICHARD J. COBLE
Director Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control

The Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control was formed in 1992, and is a part of the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction (BCN) in the College of Architecture at UF.

To meet the continuing demand from industry to train potential graduates in safety, the School of Building Construction responded by developing a required safety course and also by establishing a center for construction safety and loss control. Both have become a reality, and both have continued to achieve support from industry and the academic community.

The Center has developed and ever-growing support base from those who have been involved with the training process in construction safety classes at UF and continuing education courses offered outside UF's Gainesville campus.

The Center provides an opportunity to be involved with construction safety and loss control research, education and communication with industry. By learning from the past, construction safety is positioned to have a great impact on the construction industry's future.

Vital subjects like the cost of safety, safety and environment, and loss control with emphasis on protecting the worker and the public are dynamic and worthy of emphasis by the Center.

The Center's advisory committee is composed of professionals from industry and educational institutions. Committee members are well versed in current issues regarding safety and loss control, and they offer a broad range of experience and knowledge.

On an even broader level, involvement with international entities including the International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation provides an additional dimension of expertise to the Center.

The Center and School of Building Construction work in harmony, with the Center providing a focal point for construction safety and loss control within the School. At the same time the Center provides the industry and government a resource for improvements in the dynamic field of construction safety and loss control.

In addition to being a resource for industry, the Center is also a vital part of the School, integrating safety into scheduling, estimating, management and environmental technology courses.

The missions of the School and the Center are mutually reinforcing. The School's mission is "to be the center of excellence for the construction sciences," and the Center proposes to be the center for excellence in the safety aspect of those sciences.

The School and the Center pursue their missions by promoting professional ethics in education and practice, educating individuals with comprehensive knowledge and skills in preparation for an outstanding career.

They also create new knowledge through research, and service to the University of Florida, the construction industry and the community.

Keeping Active On Many Levels...

Conferences

The *Fifth Annual Rinker International Conference* provided the Center with the first opportunity to share with and learn from the international community regarding construction safety and loss control. It provided a forum to involve experts in workers' compensation, worker protection, designing for safety, loss prevention, managing construction safety, cost of construction safety, and safety and the environment.

Government And Industry

The Center has worked with a wide variety of people representing government and industry, including enforcement officials and professional trade associations. Their assistance has provided critical support. The Center has been involved in presentations, dissemination of information,. consultation and cooperation with industry through the School's safety course -- locally, nationally and internationally.

Center's Research Draws National Attention

Workmans' Compensation Fraud

This work started as a research grant and is an area in which the Center gathered much data on what is needed to reduce industry losses. *(Published in various formats by the Bureau of National Affairs* **Workers' Comp Advisor**, *the Building Construction Industry Advisory Committee and in various periodicals).*

Drugs In The Workplace

This research has been compiled in two comprehensive research reports and is being expanded to include international research to see what variables can be modified to create a drug-free workplace. *(Published by the American Institute of Constructors.)*

Safety And The Environment

This research has been accomplished through a view centered on how EPA and OSHA have great overlap, but at the same time many construction operations tend to ignore environmental issues *(Published by the Associated Schools of Construction and the American Society of Civil Engineers.)*

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CONTRACTORS COURT IT SOLUTIONS

With the plethora of cutting edge technologies available today, ultimately it's the tools that are practical and money saving that find the widest acceptance and success. With that in mind the technique of using 4D CAD, or creating both a 3D model and a schedule from the same project database is finding new fans in the legal arena.

"It can do an awful lot to help keep contractors out of the courthouse," says Bud Griffis, professor of construction management at Polytechnic University, Brooklyn. He and Rick Coble, professor of construction management at the University of Florida, Gainesville, presented the technology at the New York office of Holland & Knight LLP Jan 26.

Coble and Griffis presented two case-study animations at the meeting of nearly 20 construction lawyers. A schedule tied to a developing CAD model was used to explain how an entire structure or component was or will be built.

Coble's project consisted of a conflict caused by the end of an excessively long girder protruding through a space where a glass curtain wall was to be installed, along with schedule changes needed to accommodate reworking the girder. Griffis demonstrated two scenarios for building a 20-story dormitory at the Polytechnic campus. "These aren't cartoon," says Griffis. "These are engineering drawings, and the model comes right from the drawings."

Advocates of 4D CAD such as Coble and Griffis also promote other technology including a digital camera to avoid litigation. "The technologies are basic to address problem situations if you get in early," says Coble. He suggests that attorneys embrace the technology and counsel their construction clients on how to use it. For example, contractors should have their foreman shoot the same location at the end of every day. "If you do have a dispute developing, taking the pictures every day puts everyone on notice that you, at least, are going to be prepared."

For using 4D CAD, digital photography and other technologies, Griffis warns contractors not to wait for designers to take the lead. "Most of the architects in New York are still using butcher paper and crayons," says Griffis.

By Tom Sawyer and Matthew Phair

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Construction Management

SOFTWARE MODEL BUILDERS ADD AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO 3D CAD

LIKE THE GROWTH OF DESIGN-BUILD, researchers on the cutting edge of construction management have for the past few years been evolving a "digital design-build" technique called 4D CAD. Loosely defined, 4D involves creating a three-dimensional, computer-aided design of a project, then joining the digital model pieces with the fourth dimension of time, as on a schedule.

Nearly 50 construction management researchers from around the world met Feb. 22 in Orlando, Fla., and Feb. 24 in Gainesville, Fla., to move it to the next level. The technique may seem like an owner's dream: bringing designers, contractors and subcontractors together from the beginning of a project. But the approach also has its detractors.

LEARNING NEW METHODS. Nearly all attendees agreed that a major stumbling block to 4D CAD's success is the initial resistance to using 3D CAD. "3D is one of the greatest tools for design review," says Bud Griffis, director of the Construction Management and Technology Center at Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, N.Y. But you've got to get the site people to use the model."

Others echoed the sentiment. "Forcing foremen to equate three-dimensional drawings with time is something that should be the goal of every construction manager," says Rick Coble, director of the Construction Safety and Loss Control Center at the University of Florida, Gainesville. "Even without the use of 4D CAD."

Getting general contractors to act as intermediaries can help the technique gain acceptance. "General contractors become the integrative agent," says Sarah Slaughter, assistant professor of project management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. "That participation lowers the uncertainty and the perception of risk."

Response was mixed on whether the design industry's still-common practice of billing hours, versus charging lump-sum fees for work, are also a hurdle to 4D CAD's adoption.

"The trend is to get less and less design from the [engineers]," says David Riley, assistant professor of construction management at the University of Washington, Seattle. He cites as an example a case in which a designer crunched for time might use a single drawn line to represent five pipes.

Instead, Riley and others pointed to a promising solution of agreeing up front that engineers and architects create a rough 3D project design, followed by tech-savvy subcontractors filling in the mechanical, electrical and plumbing details. "All too often we begrudgingly include the specialists in the design phase," adds William O'Brien, an assistant professor of construction management at UF-Gainesville.

COBLE

Foremen must understand that 3D drawings equate with time. That "should be the goal of every construction manager."

~RICK COBLE
University of Florida

They say both 3D and 4D techniques work better because, ultimately, it is subcontractors that create the project's building components. But doing this among multiple projects is a "constant headache" adds O'Brien. He says subs need a multi-project version of 4D, or what he calls "5D" CAD.

By Matthew Phair in Gainesville, Fla.

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NEW STUDY BY UF PROFESSOR

Workers' comp fraud said to cost $1 billion

Fraud places financial burden on companies that follow the rules

By JOE COOMBS
Sun business writer

The state is losing more that $1 billion in annual revenue as a result of workers' compensation insurance fraud, according to a new study published by a University of Florida professor.

Richard Coble, a licensed contractor and associate professor of building construction, said a growing number of companies underreport their payroll to reduce "workers' comp" premium payments, and others fraudulently claim exempt status - and many companies, primarily involved in the construction industry, don't even buy workers' comp insurance in violation of state law.

COBLE

"The average worker is the big loser here," Coble said. "If companies are cheating by not paying for insurance, and a worker gets hurt, he often has to sue the company just to get compensated. But most of them don't even go that far."

Coble started to research workers' compensation issues in 1994. The study has taken several years to compile, and Coble recruited numerous sources of information for help, including municipal building departments around the state, colleagues at UF and the Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association.

Workers' comp insurance premiums are calculated as a percentage of workers' wages. Rates are established by the state and vary for different workers, such as carpenters, steel workers and plumbers.

Consequently, a general contractor's workers' comp premium is based on the makeup and size of its work force, as well as the "claim experience" of the contractor, or the amount of claims it has filed.

By surveying building departments in all 67 of Florida's counties, Coble collected information on the value of construction projects and permits issued in 1997. Coble also used 1997 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, which studies overall construction volume every five years.

The National Council on Compensation Insurers reported that Florida collected about $912.2 million in workers' comp insurance premiums in 1997. But Noble's study says the state should have earned between another $1.2 billion and $2.7 billion in premiums, based on the volume of construction performed in the state that year.

Coble is using $1.3 billion as a conservative estimate of the state's shortfall, since he didn't receive a 100 percent response rate on his surveys to municipal building departments for construction information. But Coble said he tallied sufficient data from the major metropolitan areas and some who have seen his study are backing up his findings.

"I was very impressed with the work he did," said Elsie Allen, business representative for Carpenter's Union Local 75 in Gainesville. "This is a major problem, probably the most significant problem we have in this industry."

"The companies committing fraud are using that to keep extra money in their pockets, and then they're able to underbid the legitimate companies for contracts."

Enforcement against workers' comp fraud has been difficult at times for state labor investigators, who lack the resources to effectively police the thousands of construction companies that exist in the state. Part of the problem lies with an exemption rule for independent contractors, who often act as one-person operations and are not required to purchase workers' comp insurance.

In many cases, Coble said, while companies fraudulently register with the state as independent contractors, when in fact they employ a number of workers and are required to have workers' comp insurance. As a result, insurance rates have gone up, he said, and placed a burden on legitimate companies who pay their claims.

Sen. Rod Smith, D-Alachua, read Coble's report and said although he wasn't convinced the numbers "were absolutely correct," the findings should raise some questions during the Legislature's next session.

"Florida's worker's comp rates are low, among the top five in the country, and I don't think it's driving any business away," Smith said.

"I'm not saying I would adopt these findings, but they ought to spur some interest on the issue," he said.

Coble said he has sent copies of the study to the state Bureau of Compliance in the Division of Workers' Compensation Oversight Board. He hopes state officials will consider establishing a better system of tracking workers and independent contractors in order to determine eligibility for exemption from workers' comp insurance.

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UF professors, Chinese bond amid NATO bombs

By Matthew Brody
Contributing Writer

Driving to Red Bridge market, watching the bridge below him fill with angry Chinese student protesters, UF professor Rick Coble thought about the Chinese people he knew.

And about how, after three trips to Beijing, one bomb was threatening to destroy all he had worked for.

Coble, with Jim Terhune, associate dean of the College of Journalism and Communications, and UF staff member Mike Sorgius, was in China earlier this month to build relationships.

But they were there, on separate chips, just when the United States had become a hated nation.

Coble

There was no way of knowing that on the night of May 7, NATO would bomb the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, killing three Chinese journalists.

The next morning, Coble watched more than 300 Chinese students from Tsinghua University burn an American flag from the Sheraton Hotel across from the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

But strangely, amid the chaos of the students' hurling eggs and rocks, Coble still felt secure in China.

Earlier that day, the Chinese government appeared on television to denounce the bombing. But Coble noticed something that served as a comfort. The Chinese were protesting a country not the people of America.

That was something Terhune also picked up on.

"It's the politics. Its not the common people of the United States. 'Common people.' That was the term they used," he said.

While Terhune and Sorgius were asked not to return to Beijing after the bombing, they entertained thoughts similar to Coble's.

"We left at 7 AM Sunday for Xi'an (China)," said Terhune, who was not travelling with Sorgius. "We know about it before we got on the plane. We were advised that there were protests there."

His group heard 10,000 to 20,000 protesters had gathered in the city southwest of Beijing. The government reported more than 100,000.

Terhune spoke in an English class where the American instructor spent 15 minutes apologizing for the bombing.

"He had been alerted that in his class, some people might give him a hard time. But all of our personal contacts were positive," said Turhune. "Every class I was in, they asked to take pictures with us. That hardly sounds like a hostile group to me."

Terhune

For Terhune, who has visited China every other year since 1990, one bomb could not destroy so many relationships. He spoke to students just hours before the bombing.

"I started speaking at 6:30 and got out of there at 9:30," said Terhune. "They followed me all away to the gate. They asked all sorts of questions."

Because of his bonds, he was not scared for his safety.

"You study the looks you get," Terhune said. "You can interpret what you see. You can imagine people staring at you and thinking evil things. But it's all supposition."

According to the Tsinghua News Weekly, 1,000 students demonstrated on the Beijing campus soon after the bombing. Coble was staying at the Friendship Hotel across town, and admittedly tense experience.

"It was basically in their hands. If the group would have come in, there was nothing I could do. I was helpless," said Coble. "One student asked me, 'Did you have anything to do with the bombing?' I said, 'No.' He said, 'Neither did I.'"

To Coble, that was a sign of friendship.

He will return to China in August and again in December returning the same time every year for the next five years.

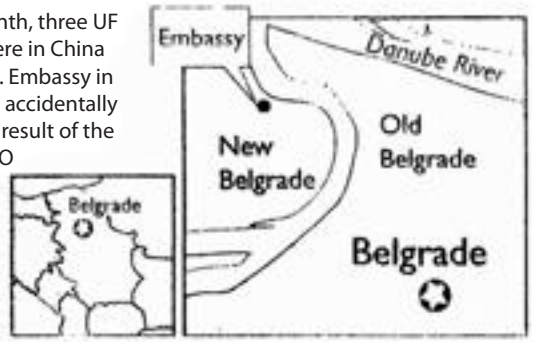
During that time, Coble further the new Center for Construction Safety and Health at Tsinghua, a sister program of UF's Center for Construction Safety and Loss Control that is run by Coble. The center will be the crux on ongoing fight for the protection of China's 35 million construction workers.

Coble also is bringing five Chinese students the US this fall in a move he hopes will provide them with positive experiences to take back to their homeland.

"I want to work with the students who want to rebuild China. Anything less would be compromising my relationship with China. It expects nothing less of me," he said.

Far from Home

Early this month, three UF professors were in China when the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade was accidentally bombed as a result of the ongoing NATO airstrikes. Soon after, protests erupted in China.



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Construction experts speculate on future of high-rises

By Jaime Levy

In the aftermath of the attacks on New York City's Word Trade Center, construction experts, property managers and developers are wondering whether skyscrapers will remain desirable symbols of US skylines.

"There's a big psychological factor," said Henry Petroski, a professor at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering who specializes in construction failure. "The reason people wanted space in the skyscrapers is for prestige. Those things are going to be not so valuable anymore if employees don't want to work in skyscrapers or clients don't want to do business there."

In downtown Miami - well-known for its striking high-rises and imaginative bay front architecture - the planned 70-story Four Seasons Hotel & Tower. hailing itself as "the tallest residential building south of New York City," is already advertising its shops, condominiums and hotel rooms. The complex is scheduled to go up on Brickell Ave between 14th Lane and 14th Terrace and be finished in winter 2002.

The city's tallest building now is the First Union Financial Center, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., at 55 stories. A nearby building at 100 S. Biscayne Blvd and others on Brickell were evacuated last week after bomb threats.

In fact, a spell of fraudulent, copy cat threats in the days following the New York and Washington, DC, attacks forced workers in tall buildings across Miami to interrupt their workdays and climb down dozens of flights of stairs in order to exit without elevators.

> *"Those things are going to be not so valuable anymore if employees don't want to work in skyscrapers'*
>
> **Henry Petroski**

Still, said Gloria Hernandez, secretary of Miami-Dade's Building Owners and Managers Association, the practicality of vertical buildings in urban areas may outweigh concerns about unlikely future terrorist attacks.

"I think because of the density in most major cities in the country, you have no choice but to build vertical structures. There's not a lot of land in big cities to build four- or five-story buildings."

"You have to build up," said Ms. Hernandez, property manager of 1221 Brickell Ave, home of Telefonica. "Perhaps we wont be building large, structures like the World Trade Center. But we'll keep building high rises to fill demand."

"For predictable events - natural disasters such as hurricanes, lightning storms and earthquakes - tall buildings may be sturdier than structures closer to the ground," said Richard Coble, and associate professor at the University of Florida's Rinker School of Building Construction who specializes in construction safety.

"When you have a hurricane, vertical shelter is what they find is the best protection," Dr. Coble said. "The middle part of it is designed for heavy wind loads. Your house isn't designed for those loads. Houses get destroyed. But even in the eye of the storm, there's no building reported as going down that was American-engineered. People should be wanting more of those buildings, not less."

"When you start putting 12,000 gallons of fuel in a building," Dr. Coble said, referring to the contents of the jets that hit the World Trade Center, "you can't design it to withstand that kind of heat. You could put 10 feet of concrete around it, but it's not practical."

Practicality, said Jose Mitrani, a professor in Florida International University's construction management program, is a key to determining whether theories of engineering skyscrapers will change.

"If we can put people on the moon, we can build buildings that can withstand these types of things," Mr. Mitrani said. "But how expensive? And where do you stop? Can a building withstand the detonation of a small nuclear device? Where do you draw the line?"

Bill Ross, president of Estoril Inc., the company that owns and is developing Brickell's 36 story Espirito Santo Plaza, said "a big building - no matter whether it is tall or sprawling - is still a big building, making it unsafe in some way."

"Think of the average tenant in a large building. If you need 50,000 or 100,000 square feet, there is no way to do it in a small building. What difference does it make if it's horizontal or vertical? I somebody thinks you're a target, it really makes no difference if it's big or small, public or private."

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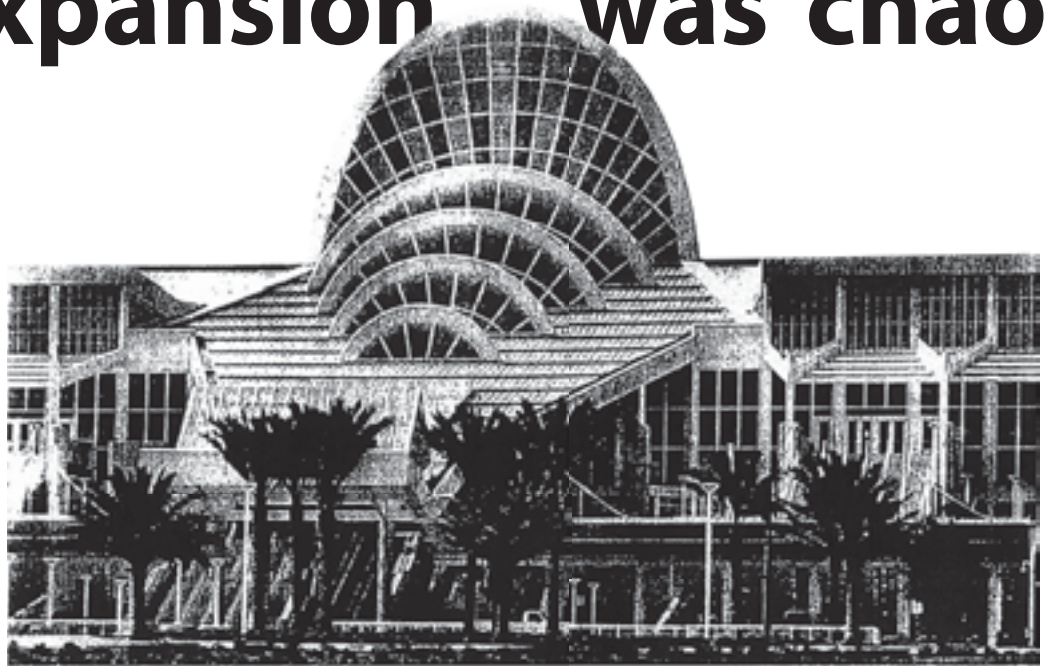
Expansion was 'chaos'



ORLANDO/ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Many Subcontractors claim they were not paid for any extra work they did on the convention center's addition.

Judge orders joint venture behind convention center project to pay $6.3M

By MARK SCHLUEB
SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

The newest addition of the Orange County Convention Center has been open for six years, but the aftermath of its haphazard construction lives on in federal court.

A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Tampa recently issued a $6.3 million judgment - and a stinging rebuke - against the building's general contractor, Hunt/Clark/Construct Two. Interest, attorneys' fees and other costs, which have not yet been decided by the court, will likely add several million dollars to the judgment.

In a 163-page order in a case that has dragged on since 2003, Judge Michael Williamson said the joint venture hired by Orange County to oversee the center's construction was responsible for "an inefficient mess" and "an uncoordinated nightmare" that was completed "in the most unproductive way possible."

"Somehow, in what appears to this court to be a state of chaos, a convention center was built," Williamson wrote.

The company was a joint venture of Hunt Construction Group and The Clark Construction Group - both national companies - and Construct Two Construction Managers of Orlando. Hunt and Clark are among the largest construction companies in the country, and Hunt is now managing construction of Orlando's Amway Center basketball arena.

Williamson found that the partnership suffered from "distrust and finger-pointing" that led to widespread management failures on the $748 million convention-center expansion.

Attorneys for Hunt/Clark/Construct Two did not return calls seeking comment.

The million-square-foot convention-center addition was green-lighted by Orange County in 1998, in hopes of capitalizing on a then-booming convention market. To get the building up quickly, construction began before final blueprints were complete, according to subcontractors who worked on it.

"They wanted to get it built quickly so it would start making money. The job wasn't ready to be built, and they knew it," said Richard Coble, a construction consultant hired by Electric Machinery Enterprises Inc., the company that won the judgment against Hunt/Clark/Construct Two.

Because the plans were incomplete, numerous changes were needed. And the contractor failed to keep a schedule that would allow work to progress in a logical manner, the judge found. For instance, he said, drywall was installed before there was a roof on the building - and had to be replaced after it was damaged by rain.

The project schedule maintained by the company was a bogus one used for "public relations purposes" to show Orange County everything was OK on the job, Williamson wrote.

Costs skyrocketed because of constant revisions to the plans and the lack of a coordinated schedule, but the project was kept within its budget because many subcontractors were never paid for the extra work they had to perform. EME also sued Orange County, but the county settled for $820,000 in 2004.

The project stayed within budget, but subcontractors claimed that was simply because they weren't paid what they were owed.

"The job was terribly mismanaged by H/C/C," said Chris McRae, whose Tallahassee law firm represented EME. "All the trade contractors like EME were left holding the bag."

In fact, EME - like other smaller companies that worked on the project - was driven our of business. At least five companies in addition to EME filed suit over the project, but only one is still pending: Patterson Mechanical, a Winter Garden company has sued Harper Mechanical, the company that hired it to install air-conditioning ducts.

Peggy Patterson blames the convention center project for killing her once-thriving business.

"I lost everything. I have no home, no business, no employees," said Patterson, who now lives with her mother. "And it's because of that building."

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Regards,

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Ms. Sacopulos and ISU Trustees,

A law suit against ISU and ISU TRUSTEES will be filed next week on or before MAY 12/ 2015.

RICHARD COBLE vs. INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY et al. and ISU TRUSTEES et al.

These lawsuits will be filed at the Vigo County Circuit Court and in Federal Court in Indianapolis.

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Scott.A.Milkey

From: Adams, Jerome
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 9:15 AM
To: Neale, Brian S;Keefer, Sean (GOV);Atterholt, Jim;mrp
Subject: Fwd: Scott County

I thought I'd share the email below with you, and suggest you share it with the governor. It is from Holli Reynolds, a senior at Austin High School. She wrote an article for her school newspaper called "her story" (it was in the folders I gave you the other day) that is about a drug addicted prostitute in Austin. The story is receiving national attention- the CDC has shared it with all of their senior staff. Holli is committed to helping her community and also very religious / was leading a prayer walk in Austin Monday night when I was down there. In short, she is everything the Governor values in a young Hoosier, and she and her fellow students are a window into the plight of Austin. Please see her comments to me below.
Jerome

Jerome Adams, MD, MPH
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(317) 233-7400

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Holli Reynolds <holli.reynolds@[redacted]>
> **Date:** April 29, 2015 at 8:49:45 AM EDT
> **To:** <jeadams@isdh.IN.gov>
> **Subject: Scott County**
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> Dr.Adams,
> I know you are very busy, but yesterday I walked around Austin's "north side" knocking on peoples doors asking them if they could see something changed in the community what would they liked to see changed and like I thought many said they would like to see the drug problem go down. The next question I asked was how could the drug problem go down? If you had a wish list on what you could get accomplished if your voice was heard what would you fight for? The responses were much help and some even surprised me.
> The children said they do not know anything besides drugs. Its what the kids do for fun because there isn't anything going on around here. They see their friends going, using, and selling and they want to make a quick buck or feel how their friends feel. Many children said they would love to see more after school programs. Many said they do not get a meal besides school everyday. They also talked about how they love sports, but there is no way to play on the school team. No one tells them about sign ups and their parents do not have money.
> The adults said similar things, they said the best thing to do is help the younger generation to stay off the streets, that the kids need something to look forward to. That many of the kids sell drugs because they know where to find the drugs and it makes them money so they can eat. They talked about how hard transportation is hard and bicycles were much needed. Everyone steals each others bikes so they can get around better. Many talked about all the abandon buildings that are not getting used and they would like to see things go in these buildings or have them tore down. Many said it was frustrating all funds and grants go to scottsburg because they have no way to get there. A job core was also talked about. Adults say the can't get jobs because they are not getting second chances. Such as, lower level education or a criminal record.

I do not know if this would be any help to you, but this is what the rougher parts of Austin discussed with me about. They want a better life for the children and the children are just afraid they are going to get drug into the drug problem because that is all they know without actually having a program that teaches them differently. Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Holli Reynolds

P.S. I am linking you my latest story, "His Story". You can look at it and tell me what I should do with it if you would like. I have shown very few people this story due to the fact I am publishing it in my school newspaper.

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Governor Mike Pence
Subject: FW: new law

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From: Clair Trice [mailto:clair.trice817@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:40 PM
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To Whom It May Concern:

I need for someone to show me where in the Bible it states that Christians should not buy or sell from sodomites. I also need for someone to show me where in the Bible it says that a sodomite should not be allowed to marry in a church, Chapter and verse please. Tell me how, if these things are not in the Bible, this could be a religious issue. Because it seems to me that some people are putting words in Christ's mouth and passing judgement. When all this time I thought that judgement was for God. Please explain as this has me thinking that I no longer wish to be a Christian.

Thank You,

Crisis of Faith

P.S. What if all this is a test of our humanity?

Scott.A.Milkey

From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:35 PM
To: Michael Allen
Cc: Michael Allen;Governor Mike Pence
Subject: Re: RFRA

Points were all well taken Mike--it has been a challenging week.

Jim
James Atterholt
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I know the Governor has many interests to balance in light of the firestorm that has erupted. I am concerned, however, that recent statements about clarifying the RFRA may actually lead to a result that turns the law on its head and codifies the State's purported ability to compel Christians to participate in weddings that we believe blaspheme one of the most sacred religious ceremonies and relationships established by the God we worship. (Genesis 2:24). Whatever clarifications are made, I hope they do not result in laws being established that give individuals or the State a legal basis to sue or otherwise punish persons (including business owners) for refusing to actively participate in a wedding ceremony that violates the core of their deeply held religious convictions. There has been a lot of talk about Indiana and the RFRA making discrimination lawful. I cannot think of a law that is more discriminatory than one that persecutes people of faith by forcing them to choose between abiding by their deeply held religious convictions or suffering fines or other punishment by the State for doing so.

I imagine you have a team of bright and capable attorneys and others considering options to clarify the RFRA. I am happy to share my thoughts with you about how to strike a balance that does not lead to the result I am concerned about as described above.

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Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:24 AM
To: Atterholt, Jim
Cc: Governor Mike Pence
Subject: Re: RFRA

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Thanks for hearing me out.

Mike

From: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
To: 'Michael Allen' <mealaw@[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 12:50 PM
Subject: RE: RFRA

Points all well taken Mike—thanks for your input! Hope all is well.

Jim

James Atterholt
Chief of Staff
Governor Mike Pence
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Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:32 AM
To: Hodgin, Stephanie; Denault, Christina; Cleveland, Bridget; Brooks, Kara D
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Kara, Bridget, Christy and Stephanie,

Please read this back and forth. Some of the facts may be in question, because we are just regular people, not experts in law or history. However, read for the spirit of the issue and arguments for the protection of our first amendment rights, and for the ability for a woman not to participate in a practice that goes against the core of her sincere beliefs. What the issue is not: discrimination. What this issue is: we are eroding our first amendment rights. We cannot provide one person rights and take away the rights of another. There has to be a compromise where both groups have their rights, without fear of being severely punished. We need an advocate to stand up for our first amendment rights. I urge governor Pence to not back down.

Thank you for your time

Jeff Harter
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http://www.christianpost.com/news/florist-who-refused-gay-wedding-offered-settlement-i-will-not-be-like-judas-betray-jesus-for-money-she-replied-134593/

Christian Perspective: This woman chose to not serve a gay couple out of her religious conviction to live by the rules of God. Now she is either forced to go against her religious beliefs and pay a fine/serve gay couples in the future, or lose her business and home and be shunned by those who advocate the LGBT lifestyle. Sadly, this is what our country is coming to: you increasingly can't live by your religious beliefs in our country any more. Respect one person's right, but not right of another. This about respecting the rights of one individual but not another. This is about discrimination for one group of people who choose to live by one set of moral codes and to live a secular homosexual lifestyle, AND this is about punishing another group of people who choose to live by another set of moral codes - to live according to the standards of their religion. It think it does not serve the greater good to force one person to go against their core, fundamental beliefs, then threaten to publicly and financially ruin them in order to conform. I believe that a civilised society should allow both sides should be free to exist and live according to their deeply held convictions without fear or threat or repercussion. If people could respect alternative points of view of others, the world would be better off.

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LGTB Perspective: You consider this an affront to the established christian religion in this country---I see it as simply keeping religion in check. Your beliefs and freedom of religion has limits Jeff. In the eyes of a court, the difference is between religion of belief and religion of action. To quote Thomas Jefferson, "the legislative powers of the government reach actions only, and not opinions. People need to understand that they cannot indulge their self interests (even when it concerns their faith) to the point that society's common good is compromised. In other words...the courts have said and will decree again and again that essentially you and I can have our beliefs and that no law should ever restrict our beliefs. But law of the land will time and again restrict and control ACTIONS. The founding fathers don't care if you worship the spaghetti monster just as long as you don't break laws like steeling pasta, defacing public property with tomato sauce OR discriminate against people by refusing to sell meatballs to people who resemble Bill Murray. Get it? I am saying that lady needs to get over herself and make cupcakes for Adam and Steve...she runs a Business and part of that responsibility is serving the entire public---she can't pick and choose just because of her interpretations of the bible.

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LGTB Perspective: But, isn't that where the issue is? In Indiana, and only Indiana, the LGBT community is not a protected class. Having big feet, being obnoxious, is quite different from what is being talked about. People use religion to create second class citizens all the time. There were plenty of deli counters who would refuse to serve black people, or bakeries who wouldn't make cakes for interracial couples.
I just kind of hoped we were past all that. We are back to square one here: using religion to put self interests ahead of the interests of the common good.

Christian Perspective: You are looking at this in completely the wrong way. To deny someone a first amendment right in order to provide another person a different right is not for the common good.Is there a way for both sides to be able to express their right? Is there a way to tolerate the free expression of the deeply held views of both sides? I think there is a creative solution here.

LGTB Perspective: Laws govern actions, not beliefs. No one is being "forced" here. You can dig in your heels on this, but I'm done explaining.

Christian Perspective: This isn't discrimination, because the woman sold flowers to that gay man before. It's only when he wanted to use the flowers to celebrate gay marriage, which is pretty clear in the bible (one man, one woman). You want to force her to go against her deeply held convictions. Let's turn the tables now. Jessup wants Chalonte to print 1 million t shirts. No problem, right? but Jessup wants the t shirts to say "white power, long live the KKK." With your logic, Chalonte needs to get over herself and print those t shirts. Bart wants to buy 1,000 flowers from Gregg, Jeff and Robert's flower shop. Bart tells him he is going to use them for an event that celebrates the death penalty, or abortion, or every time a gay man or a liberal dies. You need to provide that service Gregg, Jeff and Robert, so get over yourself. So this isn't only about discriminating against another person for being who they are. This is about refusing to promote an idea that goes against your fundamental beliefs. I have no problem protecting everyone above from being forced to go against their beliefs. If the laws are currently this way, then they need to be changed. That's for the greater good.

LGTB Perspective: Try being treated as a second class citizen for awhile, you would have a different stance. Though by again suggestion; being gay is a sin as shown above, I would ask does she turn away men or women on their second marriage after divorce? That too is a sin is it not? If Adam and Steve ordered the cake or cupcakes without saying their purpose, or someone ordered for them would the order have been filled? How many LGBT people ate her culinary creations?!? I would guess many and why now, why this time you ask? Because she discriminated service to them based on their orientation. Yes, refuse service because they are LGBT but I have news for you members of the LGBT community are everywhere. They protect us over seas, they protect us locally, they cure you, perform surgery, rescue you from fire, cook your meals, defend you in court and so much more. Just think your way of saying thank you to these individuals is to turn them away from your business because you don't agree with what they do behind closed doors. Shame.

LGTB Perspective: But isn't the current state of things fall right in line with your wants? Indiana passed the bill that let's people put "Straights Only" signs in their window at their businesses. Free market prevails, and A LOT of people will be taking their money elsewhere. If Indiana can survive economically, then good on them, they'll keep on keeping on being the state that is the home of the KKK.
If economic pressure causes them to change the law, then good on them for making the right choice.

Christian Perspective: Christians are no strangers to second class treatment and persecution around the world. I also agree - Let people put signs up that say "straights only" or "gays only" or "blacks only." We'll see how long they stay in business. Again, that woman in the bakery served that gay man in the past. She is not denying gays from her products or services 99% of the time. It was only that one event that she does not want to participate in. It's not about choosing not to serve a person because of who they are at their core or choose to be, she did so in the past. it's about not wanting to participate or promote a particular idea that she is fundamentally and respectfully against because of because of who SHE is at her core, whether you agree or not. This has to be defined so that we tolerate and protect the first amendment rights of everyone, not just some.

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The Honorable Governor Pence, House Speaker Bosma, and Senate President Pro Tempore Long:

Attached you will find the proposed Fairness for all Hoosiers Act. We look forward to working with you on this legislation to ensure that all Hoosiers are protected by law.

Sincerely,

Katie Blair
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SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments in this bill would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected characteristics under the Indiana Civil Rights law for purposes of housing, employment and public accommodations.

The bill defines sexual orientation and gender identity, making clear that gender identity may be shown by medical history or treatment, consistent and uniform expression, or other evidence that the gender identity is a part of the individual's core identity and not asserted for any improper purpose.

The bill also clarifies that where sex may be lawfully taken into account under the civil rights law, those distinctions must be made in accordance with an individual's gender identity. This ensures that transgender people are not subject to discrimination.

Indiana law already exempts religious organizations and religious schools entirely from the definition of employer for purposes of the civil rights law, and this bill will not change that exemption.

Finally, the bill states that the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act cannot be used as a defense in any claim under the Indiana Civil Rights Act, or local or other state law prohibiting discrimination.

Article 9, Chapter 1 is hereby amended as follows (amendments in red underline):

IC 22-9-1-2
Public policy; construction of chapter

Sec. 2. (a) It is the public policy of the state to provide all of its citizens equal opportunity for education, employment, access to public conveniences and accommodations, and acquisition through purchase or rental of real property, including but not limited to housing, and to eliminate segregation or separation based solely on race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin or ancestry, since such segregation is an impediment to equal opportunity. Equal education and employment opportunities and equal access to and use of public accommodations and equal opportunity for acquisition of real property are hereby declared to be civil rights.

(b) The practice of denying these rights to properly qualified persons by reason of the race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry of such person is contrary to the principles of freedom and equality of opportunity and is a burden to the objectives of the public policy of this state and shall be considered as discriminatory practices. The promotion of equal opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry through reasonable methods is the purpose of this chapter.

(c) It is also the public policy of this state to protect employers, labor organizations, employment agencies, property owners, real estate brokers, builders, and lending institutions from unfounded charges of discrimination.

(d) It is hereby declared to be contrary to the public policy of the state and an unlawful practice for any person, for profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry.

(e) The general assembly recognizes that on February 16, 1972, there are institutions of learning in Indiana presently and traditionally following the practice of limiting admission of students to males or to females. It is further recognized that it would be unreasonable to impose upon these institutions the expense

of remodeling facilities to accommodate students of both sexes, and that educational facilities of similar quality and type are available in coeducational institutions for those students desiring such facilities. It is further recognized that this chapter is susceptible of interpretation to prevent these institutions from continuing their traditional policies, a result not intended by the general assembly. Therefore, the amendment effected by Acts 1972, P.L.176, is desirable to permit the continuation of the policies described.

(f) This chapter shall be construed broadly to effectuate its purpose.

IC 22-9-1-3
Definitions

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Person" means one (1) or more individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, limited liability companies, corporations, labor organizations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and other organized groups of persons.

(b) "Commission" means the civil rights commission created under section 4 of this chapter.

(c) "Director" means the director of the civil rights commission.

(d) "Deputy director" means the deputy director of the civil rights commission.

(e) "Commission attorney" means the deputy attorney general, such assistants of the attorney general as may be assigned to the commission, or such other attorney as may be engaged by the commission.

(f) "Consent agreement" means a formal agreement entered into in lieu of adjudication.

(g) “Gender identity” means gender-related identity, appearance, expression, or behavior, whether or not such gender-related identity, appearance, expression, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's assigned sex at birth. Gender identity can be shown by providing evidence, including, but not limited to: (1) medical history, care, or treatment of the gender identity; (2) consistent and uniform assertion of the gender identity; or (3) other evidence that the gender identity is a sincerely held part of the person's core identity and is not asserted for an improper purpose.

(h) “Sexual orientation” means actual or perceived homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality.

~~(g)~~ (i) "Affirmative action" means those acts that the commission determines necessary to assure compliance with the Indiana civil rights law.

~~(h)~~ (j) "Employer" means the state or any political or civil subdivision thereof and any person employing six (6) or more persons within the state, except that the term "employer" does not include: (1) any nonprofit corporation or association organized exclusively for fraternal or religious purposes; (2) any school, educational, or charitable religious institution owned or conducted by or affiliated with a church or religious institution; or (3) any exclusively social club, corporation, or association that is not organized for profit.

~~(i)~~ (k) "Employee" means any person employed by another for wages or salary. However, the term does not include any individual employed: (1) by the individual's parents, spouse, or child; or (2) in the domestic service of any person.

~~(j)~~ (l) "Labor organization" means any organization that exists for the purpose in whole or in part of collective bargaining or of dealing with employers concerning grievances, terms, or conditions of employment or for other mutual aid or protection in relation to employment.

~~(k)~~ (m) "Employment agency" means any person undertaking with or without compensation to procure, recruit, refer, or place employees.

~~(l)~~ (n) "Discriminatory practice" means:

(1) the exclusion of a person from equal opportunities because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry;

(2) a system that excludes persons from equal opportunities because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry;

(3) the promotion of racial segregation or separation in any manner, including but not limited to the inducing of or the attempting to induce for profit any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry in the neighborhood of a

person or persons of a particular race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry; or

(4) a violation of IC 22-9-5 that occurs after July 25, 1992, and is committed by a covered entity (as defined in IC 22-9-5-4). Every discriminatory practice relating to the acquisition or sale of real estate, education, public accommodations, employment, or the extending of credit (as defined in IC 24-4.5-1-301.5) shall be considered unlawful unless it is specifically exempted by this chapter.

~~(m)~~ (o) "Public accommodation" means any establishment that caters or offers its services or facilities or goods to the general public.

~~(n)~~ (p) "Complainant" means:

(1) any individual charging on the individual's own behalf to have been personally aggrieved by a discriminatory practice; or

(2) the director or deputy director of the commission charging that a discriminatory practice was committed against a person other than himself or a class of people, in order to vindicate the public policy of the state (as defined in section 2 of this chapter).

~~(o)~~ (q) "Complaint" means any written grievance that is:

(1) sufficiently complete and filed by a complainant with the commission; or

(2) filed by a complainant as a civil action in the circuit or superior court having jurisdiction in the county in which the alleged discriminatory practice occurred. The original of any complaint filed under subdivision (1) shall be signed and verified by the complainant.

~~(p)~~ (r) "Sufficiently complete" refers to a complaint that includes:

(1) the full name and address of the complainant;

(2) the name and address of the respondent against whom the complaint is made;

(3) the alleged discriminatory practice and a statement of particulars thereof;

(4) the date or dates and places of the alleged discriminatory practice and if the alleged discriminatory practice is of a continuing nature the dates between which continuing acts of discrimination are alleged to have occurred; and

(5) a statement as to any other action, civil or criminal, instituted in any other form based upon the same grievance alleged in the complaint, together with a statement as to the status or disposition of the other action. No complaint shall be valid unless filed within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory practice.

~~(q)~~ (s) "Sex" as it applies to segregation or separation in this chapter applies to all types of employment, education, public accommodations, and housing. However:

(1) it shall not be a discriminatory practice to maintain separate restrooms;

(2) it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to hire and employ employees, for an employment agency to classify or refer for employment any individual, for a labor organization to classify its membership or to classify or refer for employment any individual, or for an employer, labor organization, or joint labor management committee controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to admit or employ any other individual in any program on the basis of sex in those certain instances where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of that particular business or enterprise;

(3) it shall not be a discriminatory practice for a private or religious educational institution to continue to maintain and enforce a policy of admitting students of one (1) sex only; and

(4) for purposes of this chapter, where distinctions based on sex are authorized, such distinctions must be applied consistent with an individual's gender identity.

~~(r)~~ (t) "Disabled" or "disability" means the physical or mental condition of a person that constitutes a substantial disability. In reference to employment, under this chapter, "disabled or disability" also means the physical or mental condition of a person that constitutes a substantial disability unrelated to the person's ability to engage in a particular occupation.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.3; Acts 1963, c.173, s.3; Acts 1967, c.276, s.2; Acts 1969, c.298, s.2; Acts 1971, P.L.357, SEC.3; Acts 1972, P.L.176, SEC.2; Acts 1974, P.L.111, SEC.1; Acts 1975, P.L.256, SEC.2.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.123, SEC.1; P.L.37-1985, SEC.44; P.L.111-1992, SEC.1; P.L.8-1993, SEC.292; P.L.23-1993, SEC.131; P.L.203-1993, SEC.1; P.L.1-1994, SEC.114; P.L.14-1994, SEC.2; P.L.164-1997, SEC.1; P.L.35-2010, SEC.3.

IC 22-9-1-4
Civil rights commission; creation

Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby created a civil rights commission composed of seven (7) members, not more than four (4) of whom shall be members of the same political party, to be appointed by the governor. In making such appointments, the governor shall take into consideration all interests in the community including but not limited to the interests of minority groups, employers, labor, and the public.

(b) Except as provided in IC 4-21.5-2, IC 4-21.5 applies to the commission.

(c) Successors to all members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years, excepting when appointed to fill a vacancy, in which case such appointment shall be for the unexpired term.

(d) Members of the commission may be removed by the governor for cause but for no other reason.

(e) The members of the commission shall be paid per diem and travel expenses and other necessary and reasonable expenses for attendance at meetings and hearings of the commission.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.4; Acts 1963, c.173, s.4; Acts 1969, c.298, s.3; Acts 1971, P.L.357, SEC.4.) As amended by P.L.7-1987, SEC.99.

IC 22-9-1-5
Civil rights commission; appointment of members; meetings

Sec. 5. The members of the Commission shall be appointed within thirty (30) days after the effective date of IC 1971 22-9-1 and the first meeting thereof shall be called by the member first appointed within sixty (60) days after the effective date of IC 1971, 22-9-1.

At its first meeting and at each annual meeting held thereafter, the Commission shall organize by the election of a chairman and vice chairman from its membership, each of whom, except those first elected, shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until his successor is elected.

The Commission shall hold one (1) regular meeting each month, and such called meetings as its chairman may deem to be necessary. The April meeting shall be the annual meeting.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.5; Acts 1971, P.L.357, SEC.5.)

IC 22-9-1-6
Civil rights commission; powers and duties

Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall establish and maintain a permanent office in the city of Indianapolis.

(b) The commission may appoint such attorneys and other employees and agents as it considers necessary, fix their compensation within the limitation provided by law, and prescribe their duties. All these employees, with the exception of the executive director and attorneys, shall be appointed by the commission from eligible lists to be promulgated by the department of personnel as the result of a competitive examination held under IC 4-15-2 and rules of the department and on the basis of training, practical experience, education, and character. However, special consideration and due weight shall be given to the practical experience and training that a person may have for the particular position involved regardless of his academic training. Promotions, suspensions, and removal of persons appointed from such lists shall be in accordance with IC 4-15-2. The reasonable and necessary traveling expenses of each employee of the commission while actually engaged in the performance of duties in behalf of the commission shall be paid in accordance with the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(c) Except as it concerns judicial review, the commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

(d) The commission shall formulate policies to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and make recommendations to agencies and officers of the state or local subdivisions thereof to effectuate such policies. The several departments, commissions, divisions, authorities, boards, bureaus, agencies, and

officers of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall furnish the commission, upon its request, all records, papers, and information in their possession relating to any matter before the commission.

(e) The commission shall receive and investigate complaints alleging discriminatory practices. The commission shall not hold hearings in the absence of a complaint. All investigations of complaints shall be conducted by staff members of the civil rights commission or their agents.

(f) The commission may create such advisory agencies and conciliation councils, local or statewide, as will aid in effectuating the purposes of this chapter. The commission may itself, or it may empower these agencies and councils to:

(1) study the problems of discrimination in the areas covered by section 2 of this chapter when based on race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, handicap, national origin, or ancestry; and

(2) foster through community effort, or otherwise, good will among the groups and elements of the population of the state. These agencies and councils may make recommendation to the commission for the development of policies and procedures in general. Advisory agencies and conciliation councils created by the commission shall be composed of representative citizens serving without pay, but with reimbursement for reasonable and necessary actual expenses.

(g) The commission may issue such publications and such results of investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to promote good will and minimize or eliminate discrimination because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, handicap, national origin, or ancestry.

(h) The commission shall prevent any person from discharging, expelling, or otherwise discriminating against any other person because he filed a complaint, testified in any hearing before this commission, or in any way assisted the commission in any matter under its investigation.

(i) The commission may hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, administer oaths, take the testimony of any person under oath, and require the production for examination of any books and papers relating to any matter under investigation or in question before the commission. The commission may make rules as to the issuance of subpoenas by individual commissioners. Contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued under this section shall constitute a contempt. All hearings shall be held within Indiana at a location determined by the commission. A citation of contempt may be issued upon application by the commission to the circuit or superior court in the county in which the hearing is held or in which the witness resides or transacts business.

(j) The commission may appoint administrative law judges other than commissioners, when an appointment is deemed necessary by a majority of the commission. The administrative law judges shall be members in good standing before the bar of Indiana and shall be appointed by the chairman of the commission. An administrative law judge appointed under this subsection shall have the same powers and duties as a commissioner sitting as an administrative law judge. However, the administrative law judge may not issue subpoenas.

(k) The commission shall state its findings of fact after a hearing and, if the commission finds a person has engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice, shall cause to be served on this person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from the unlawful discriminatory practice and requiring the person to take further affirmative action as will effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including but not limited to the power:

(A) to restore complainant's losses incurred as a result of discriminatory treatment, as the commission may deem necessary to assure justice; however, this specific provision when applied to orders pertaining to employment shall include only wages, salary, or commissions;

(B) to require the posting of notice setting forth the public policy of Indiana concerning civil rights and respondent's compliance with the policy in places of public accommodations;

(C) to require proof of compliance to be filed by respondent at periodic intervals; and

(D) to require a person who has been found to be in violation of this chapter and who is licensed by a state agency authorized to grant a license to show cause to the licensing agency why his license should not be revoked or suspended.

(l) Judicial review of a cease and desist order or other affirmative action as referred to in this chapter may be obtained under IC 22-9-8. If no proceeding to obtain judicial review is instituted within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice by a person that an order has been made by the commission, the commission, if it determines that the person upon whom the cease and desist order has been served is not complying or is making no effort to comply, may obtain a decree of a court for the enforcement of the order

in circuit or superior court upon showing that the person is subject to the commission's jurisdiction and resides or transacts business within the county in which the petition for enforcement is brought.

(m) If, upon all the evidence, the commission shall find that a person has not engaged in any unlawful practice or violation of this chapter, the commission shall state its findings of facts and shall issue and cause to be served on the complainant an order dismissing the complaint as to the person.

(n) The commission may furnish technical assistance requested by persons subject to this chapter to further compliance with this chapter or with an order issued thereunder.

(o) The commission shall promote the creation of local civil rights agencies to cooperate with individuals, neighborhood associations, and state, local, and other agencies, both public and private, including agencies of the federal government and of other states.

(p) The commission may reduce the terms of conciliation agreed to by the parties to writing (to be called a consent agreement) that the parties and a majority of the commissioners shall sign. When signed, the consent agreement shall have the same effect as a cease and desist order issued under subsection (k). If the commission determines that a party to the consent agreement is not complying with it, the commission may obtain enforcement of the consent agreement in a circuit or superior court upon showing that the party is not complying with the consent agreement and the party is subject to the commission's jurisdiction and resides or transacts business within the county in which the petition for enforcement is brought.

(q) In lieu of investigating a complaint and holding a hearing under this section, the commission may issue an order based on findings and determinations by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development or the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concerning a complaint that has been filed with one (1) of these federal agencies and with the commission. The commission shall adopt by rule standards under which the commission may issue such an order.

(r) Upon notice that a complaint is the subject of an action in a federal court, the commission shall immediately cease investigation of the complaint and may not conduct hearings or issue findings of fact or orders concerning that complaint.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.6; Acts 1963, c.173, s.5; Acts 1965, c.214, s.2; Acts 1967, c.276, s.3; Acts 1969, c.298, s.4; Acts 1971, P.L.357, SEC.6; Acts 1974, P.L.111, SEC.2; Acts 1975, P.L.256, SEC.3.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.6, SEC.33; Acts 1979, P.L.31, SEC.13; P.L.37-1985, SEC.45; P.L.7-1987, SEC.100; P.L.111-1992, SEC.2; P.L.1-1993, SEC.187; P.L.23-1993, SEC.132; P.L.203-1993, SEC.2; P.L.14-1994, SEC.3; P.L.1-1994, SEC.115; P.L.2-1995, SEC.84.

IC 22-9-1-7
Educational programs

Sec. 7. In order to eliminate prejudice among the various racial, religious, and ethnic groups in this state and to further goodwill among such groups, the commission, in cooperation with the state department of education and the universities and colleges of the state, and such other universities and colleges as are willing to cooperate, is directed to prepare a comprehensive educational program, designed to emphasize the origin of prejudice against such minority groups, its harmful effects, its incompatibility with American principles of equality and fair play, and violation of the brotherhood of man.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.7.) As amended by P.L.20-1984, SEC.196.

IC 22-9-1-8
Civil rights commission; director

Sec. 8. The governor shall select and appoint a director who shall be secretary of the commission and chief administrative officer for the commission. The director shall devote his entire time and effort to the administration of the provisions of this chapter and shall not engage in or have any interest in any business or activity which may create a conflict of interest. The salary of the director shall be fixed by the governor with the approval of the budget agency.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.8.) As amended by P.L.144-1986, SEC.178.

IC 22-9-1-9

Civil rights commission; director; oath of office

Sec. 9. The director and the members of the commission before entering upon the discharge of their official duties shall each take and subscribe to an oath of office which shall be endorsed upon their respective certificates of appointment.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.9.)

IC 22-9-1-10
Public contractors; public utility franchises

Sec. 10. Every contract to which the state or any of its political or civil subdivisions is a party, including franchises granted to public utilities, shall contain a provision requiring the contractor and his subcontractors not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of such contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of his race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, or ancestry. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the contract.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.10; Acts 1971, P.L.357, SEC.7; Acts 1975, P.L.256, SEC.4.) As amended by P.L.23-1993, SEC.133.

IC 22-9-1-11
Investigation of complaints; recommendations to legislature

Sec. 11. In addition to its power to investigate the discriminatory practices referred to in this chapter, the commission may receive written complaints of violation of this chapter or other discriminatory practices based upon race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or ancestry and to investigate such complaints as it deems meritorious, or to conduct such investigation in the absence of complaints whenever it deems it in the public interest. It may transmit to the general assembly its recommendations for legislation designed to aid in the removing of such discrimination.

(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.208, s.11; Acts 1974, P.L.111, SEC.3.) As amended by P.L.144-1986, SEC.179. IC 22-9-1-12 Repealed (Repealed by Acts 1978, P.L.123, SEC.3.)

IC 22-9-1-12.1
"State agency" defined; local government; ordinances; exclusive jurisdiction; transfer of complaints; appeals

Sec. 12.1. (a) As used in this section, the term "state agency" means:

(1) every office, officer, board, commission, department, division, bureau, committee, fund, agency; and

(2) without limitation by reason of any enumeration in this section:

(A) every other instrumentality of the state, every hospital, every penal institution, and every other institutional enterprise and activity of the state, wherever located;

(B) the state educational institutions; and

(C) the judicial department of the state. "State agency" does not mean counties, county offices of family and children, cities, towns, townships, school corporations (as defined in IC 20-18-2-16), or other municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or units of local government.

(b) Any city, town, or county is hereby authorized to adopt an ordinance or ordinances, which may include establishment or designation of an appropriate local commission, office, or agency to effectuate within its territorial jurisdiction the public policy of the state as declared in section 2 of this chapter without conflict with any of the provisions of this chapter. Any city or town may adopt such an ordinance or ordinances jointly with any other city or town located in the same county or jointly with that county. A city

ordinance that establishes a local commission may provide that the members of the commission are to be appointed solely by the city executive or solely by the city legislative body or may provide for a combination of appointments by the city executive and the city legislative body. The board of commissioners of each county is also authorized to adopt ordinances in accordance with this section. An agency established or designated under this section has no jurisdiction over the state or any of its agencies.

(c) An ordinance adopted under this section may grant to the local agency the power to:

(1) investigate, conciliate, and hear complaints;

(2) subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses or production of pertinent documents and records;

(3) administer oaths;

(4) examine witnesses;

(5) appoint hearing examiners or panels;

(6) make findings and recommendations;

(7) issue cease and desist orders or orders requiring remedial action;

(8) order payment of actual damages, except that damages to be paid as a result of discriminatory practices relating to employment shall be limited to lost wages, salaries, commissions, or fringe benefits;

(9) institute actions for appropriate legal or equitable relief in a circuit or superior court;

(10) employ an executive director and other staff personnel;

(11) adopt rules and regulations;

(12) initiate complaints, except that no person who initiates a complaint may participate as a member of the agency in the hearing or disposition of the complaint; and

(13) conduct programs and activities to carry out the public policy of the state, as provided in section 2 of this chapter, within the territorial boundaries of a local agency.

(d) Any person who files a complaint with any local agency may not also file a complaint with the civil rights commission concerning any of the matters alleged in such complaint, and any person who files a complaint with the civil rights commission may not also file a complaint with any local agency concerning any of the matters alleged in such complaint. Any complaint filed with the commission may be transferred by the commission to any local agency having jurisdiction. The local agency shall proceed to act on the complaint as if it had been originally filed with the local agency as of the date that the complaint was filed with the commission. Any complaint filed with a local agency may be transferred by the local agency to the commission if the commission has jurisdiction. The commission shall proceed to act on the complaint as if it had been originally filed with the commission as of the date that the complaint was filed with the local agency. Nothing in this subsection shall affect such person's right to pursue any and all other rights and remedies available in any other state or federal forum.

(e) A decision of the local agency may be appealed under the terms of IC 4-21.5 the same as if it was a decision of a state agency.

As added by Acts 1978, P.L.123, SEC.2. Amended by Acts 1979, P.L.230, SEC.1; P.L.7-1987, SEC.101; P.L.111-1992, SEC.3; P.L.4-1993, SEC.259; P.L.5-1993, SEC.272; P.L.1-2005, SEC.188; P.L.2-2007, SEC.307.

IC 22-9-1-13

Employment of persons with physical disability; discrimination; promotion or transfer; physical accommodations

Sec. 13. (a) The prohibition against discrimination in employment because of disability does not apply to failure of an employer to employ or to retain as an employee any person who because of a disability is physically or otherwise unable to efficiently and safely perform, at the standards set by the employer, the duties required in that job.

(b) After a person with a disability is employed, the employer shall not be required under this chapter to promote or transfer such person with a disability to another job or occupation, unless, prior to such transfer, such person with a disability by training or experience is qualified for such job or occupation.

(c) This section shall not be construed to require any employer to modify any physical accommodations or administrative procedures to accommodate a person with a disability.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.256, SEC.6.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.123, SEC.1; P.L.226-1985, SEC.1; P.L.23-1993, SEC.134. IC 22-9-1-14 Repealed (Repealed by P.L.2-1995, SEC.140.)

IC 22-9-1-15 Reserved

IC 22-9-1-16
Election of civil action

Sec. 16. (a) A respondent or a complainant may elect to have the claims that are the basis for a finding of probable cause decided in a civil action as provided by section 17 of this chapter. However, both the respondent and the complainant must agree in writing to have the claims decided in a court of law. The agreement must be on a form provided by the commission.

(b) The election may not be made if the commission has begun a hearing on the record under this chapter with regard to a finding of probable cause.

As added by P.L.14-1994, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.167-1996, SEC.1.

IC 22-9-1-17
Filing of civil action; relief; trial by court

Sec. 17. (a) If a timely election is made under section 16 of this chapter, the complainant may file a civil action in a circuit or superior court having jurisdiction in the county in which a discriminatory practice allegedly occurred.

(b) If the court finds that a discriminatory practice has occurred the court may grant the relief allowed under IC 22-9-1-6(k).

(c) A civil action filed under this section must be tried by the court without benefit of a jury.

As added by P.L.14-1994, SEC.5.

IC 22-9-1-18
Hearings by commission; appeals

Sec. 18. (a) If a timely election is not made under section 16 of this chapter, the commission shall schedule a hearing on the finding of probable cause.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), IC 4-21.5 governs a hearing under this section.

(c) A proceeding under this section may not continue regarding an alleged discriminatory practice after the filing of a civil action.

(d) IC 22-9-8 governs appeal of a final order issued under this section.

As added by P.L.14-1994, SEC.6.

Effect of Religious Freedom Restoration Act
Sec. 19

The Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act, P.L. ____, shall not establish or eliminate a defense to any claim under this chapter, or under any local ordinance or other state law prohibiting discrimination.

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My family in Indiana will have to (travel visit me. How does this govern(or define discrimination, anyway. Can Muslim physicians now refuse treatment to uncircumcised women without burkas?

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Dr. Wernert: I am sending you a follow up letter from the meeting with the Indiana State Chiropractic Association (ISCA) along with Chiropractic Cost-Effectiveness Studies. We look forward to your response and can be reached at 317[redacted]-[redacted] or indianastatechiros.org.

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Chiropractic Cost-Effectiveness Studies 2014 - 2010

2014 Tracking Low Back Problems in a Major Self-Insured Workforce Toward Improvement in the Patient's Journey: Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (56),(6), June 2014; Harris Allen, PhD, Marcia Wright, PharmD, Terri Craig, PharmD, Jack Mardekian, PhD, Raymond Cheung, PhD, Robert Sanchez, PhD, William B. Bunn III, MD, JD, MPH, and William Rogers, PhD

From the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine comes a study that gives excellent direction to employers (and insurers) regarding the management of low back problems (LBP). The authors analyzed databases belonging to a large, self-insured company over the course of nine years to evaluate the direct and indirect costs of LBP for the company's employees (EEs). In so doing, they discovered that chiropractic care cost significantly less than physical therapy, complex medical management, information/advice (which included lab testing and imaging), and multiple-provider care.

2013 Early predictors of lumbar spine surgery after occupational back injury: results from a prospective study of workers in Washington State. Spine(Phila Pa 1976). 2013 May 15;38(11):953-64. Keeney BJ, Fulton-Kehoe D, Turner JA, Wickizer TM, Chan KC, Franklin GM.

This important study was conducted by a collaboration of prestigious institutions, including Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, University of Washington School of Public Health, University of Washington School of Medicine, Ohio State University College of Public Health and the Washington State Dept. of Labor and Industries. In total, 42.7 percent of workers who initially visited a surgeon underwent surgery, in contrast to only 1.5 percent of those who first consulted a chiropractor. These results further documents chiropractic care as a first option for back pain relief and surgical avoidance.

2013 Outcomes of osteopathic manual treatment for chronic low back pain according to baseline pain severity: Results from the OSTEOPATHIC Trial. Manual Therapy, 06/14/2013 Clinical Article; Licciardone JC et al.

This study was carried out by the osteopathic profession and was designed to evaluate the response of patients with chronic low back pain to spinal manual (manipulative) treatment (OMT). Substantial pain reduction in patients with chronic LBP of high severity was associated with clinically important improvement in back-specific functioning, by treating with spinal manipulation. It was determined that spinal manipulation therapy may be an attractive option in such patients before proceeding to more invasive and costly treatments**.**

2013 Non-drug Treatment for Chronic Tension Headache in Teens; American Academy of Pain Management (AAPM) 24th Annual Clinical Meeting. Abstract #25. Presented September 27, 2013; P Przekop, DO, PhD, Betty Ford Center, Rancho Mirage, and Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, California.

Chronic tension-type headache (CTTH), which may affect up to 20% of teens, can be successfully treated without pharmacologic agents, a new study shows. The American Academy of Pain Management determined that the improvement was much more dramatic in the group that underwent manipulation as compared to the group that underwent pharmacologic intervention.

2013 Adding chiropractic manipulative therapy to standard medical care for patients with acute low back pain: results of a pragmatic randomized comparative effectiveness study. Goertz CM, et al; Spine 2013 Apr 15;38(8):627-34

In a study printed in journal Spine, 2013, standard medical care was combined with chiropractic manipulative therapy and was found to have a significant advantage for decreasing pain and improving physical functioning when compared with only standard care, for men and women between 18 and 35 years of age with acute LBP.

2012 Early Predictors of Lumbar Spine Surgery after Occupational Back Injury: Results from a Prospective Study of Workers in Washington State. Keeney BJ, Fulton-Kehoe D, Turner JA, Wickizer TM, Chan KC, Franklin GM. Spine, 2012.

In a 2012 study to identify early predictors of lumbar spine surgery after occupational back injury, reduced odds of surgery were observed for those under age 35, women, Hispanics and those whose first provider was a Doctor of Chiropractic. 42.7 percent of patients who first saw a surgeon had surgery, in contrast to only 1.5 percent of those who first saw a Doctor of Chiropractic, a result not due to any difference in severity of cases seen by DCs and surgeons. The researchers found spinal manipulation therapy provided by DCs more effective than medication in both the short and long term

2012 University of Pittsburgh Mandates Conservative Care
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). http://www.upmchealthplan.com/pdf/PandP/MP.059.pdf

On January 1, 2012, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) mandated chiropractic care as a first-line conservative treatment for a 3-month period, prior to any advanced imaging and/or surgical consultation, for non-specific spine pain.

2012 Predictors of Improvement in Patients With Acute and Chronic Low Back Pain Undergoing Chiropractic Treatment; Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, Volume 35, Issue 7, p 525-533, Sept 2012; CK Peterson, DC, MMedEd,J Bolton, PhD, MAEdB. K Humphreys, DC, PhD.

In a 2012 study published in the Journal of Manipulative Therapeutics, patients with chronic and acute pain reported that they were "much better" or "better" on the Patient Global Impression of Change scale at 1 week after the first chiropractic visit, and were 4 to 5 times more likely to be improved at both 1 and 3 months compared with patients who were not improved at 1 week. Patients with acute pain reported more severe pain and disability initially but recovered faster. Patients with chronic and acute back pain both reported good outcomes, and most patients with radiculopathy also improved.

2012 Spinal Manipulation Epidemiology: Systematic Review of Cost Effectiveness – Studies; Electromyogr Kinesiol. 2012 (Oct); 22 (5): 655–662; Michaleff ZA, Lin CW, Maher CG, van Tulder MW. The George Institute for Global Health, The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

The University of Sydney, Australia, conducted a study in 2012 to investigate the cost-effectiveness of spinal Manipulative therapy (SMT) compared to other treatment options for people with spinal pain of any duration. Their determinations were that SMT was found to be a cost-effective treatment to manage neck and back pain when used alone or in combination with other techniques compared to General Practitioner (GP) care, exercise and physiotherapy.

2012 Value of Chiropractic Services at an On-site Health Center; J Occupational and Environmental Med 2012 (Aug);54 (8):917–921 ; Curt A. Krause, DC; Lisa Kaspin, PhD; Kathleen M. Gorman, MPH; Ross M. Miller, MD, MPH

A 2012 study, undertaken by the Cerner Healthe Clinic, Kansas City, MO; Cerner LifeSciences Consulting, Beverly Hills, CA; and Cerner Employer Services, Cerner Corporation, Beverly Hills, CA, published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, studied on-site chiropractic care, versus off-site physical therapy, and concluded that chiropractic services offered at on-site health centers may promote lower utilization of certain health care services, while improving musculoskeletal function. Additionally, patients who receive chiropractic treatment often have a more conservative, less invasive treatment profile which can significantly reduce the overall cost of treatment.

2012 Spinal Manipulation, Medication, or Home Exercise With Advice for Acute and Subacute Neck Pain. Annals of Internal Medicine, 2012.Bronfort G, Evans R, Anderson A, et.al.

A 2012 study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine concluded that patients with acute and sub-acute neck pain found spinal manipulation therapy provided by doctors of chiropractic more effective than medication in both the short and long term.

2012 The Association of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use and Health Care Expenditures for Back and Neck Problems, Medical Care, 2012; Martin IM, Gerkovich M, Goertz C, et. al.

In 2012, an article published in Medical Care showed that costs are less for patients with neck pain and back pain who see a Doctor of Chiropractic, based on a risk-adjusted analysis of a large nationally representative dataset.

2011 A Hospital-Based Standardized Spine Care Pathway: Report of a Multidisciplinary, Evidence-Based Process; J Manipulative Physiol Ther 2011 (Feb); 34 (2): 98–106In 2011,

A health care facility (Jordan Hospital) reported on the implementation of a multidimensional spine care pathway, utilizing a multidisciplinary, evidence-based, standardized process, to improve clinical outcomes, and to reduce the costs associated with treatment and diagnostic testing. The conclusion was that "interprofessional collaboration between doctors of chiropractic, physical therapists, and medical doctors within teams improved spine care; that promotion of care coordination reduced unnecessary testing and procedures; and the standardization of LBP management reduced practice variations and significantly reduced the costs of care.

2011 Cost-effectiveness of Guideline-endorsed Treatments for Low Back Pain: A Systematic Review; Eur Spine J. 2011 (Jan 13) [Epub ahead of print]

This 2011 systematic review of the cost-effectiveness of treatments endorsed in the APS-ACP guidelines found that spinal manipulation was cost-effective for sub-acute and chronic low back pain, as were other methods usually within the chiropractor's scope of practice (interdisciplinary rehabilitation, exercise, and acupuncture)

2011 Health Maintenance Care in Work-Related Low Back Pain and its association with Disability Recurrence; Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine 2011 (Apr); 53 (4):396–404; http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21407100

This study found that a patient was twice as likely to end up disabled if the patient received care from a Physical Therapist, rather than from a Doctor of Chiropractic, and that patients were 60% more likely to be disabled if they choose an MD to manage their care, rather than a Doctor of Chiropractic

2011 Health Maintenance Care in Work-Related Low Back Pain and Its Association With Disability Recurrence; Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine 2011 (Apr); 53 (4):396–404; Willetts J, Wasiak R.;From the Center for Disability Research at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety (Dr Cifuentes and Ms Willetts) and University of Massachusetts Lowell (Dr Cifuentes), Hopkinton, Mass; and Center for Health Economics & Science Policy at United BioSource Corporation, London, United Kingdom (Dr Wasiak).

This study is unique in that it was conducted by the Center for Disability Research at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety and the University of Massachusetts Lowell, Hopkinton, Mass; and the Center for Health Economics & Science Policy at United BioSource Corporation, London, United Kingdom. The authors concluded: Statistically, a patient is twice as likely to end up disabled if the patient received care from a Physical Therapists (PT), rather than from a chiropractor. The patient was also 60% more likely to be disabled if the patient chose a Physician (MD) to manage their care, rather than a chiropractor.

2010 Cost of Care for Common Back Pain Conditions Initiated With Chiropractic Doctor vs Medical Doctor/Doctor of Osteopathy as First Physician: Experience of One Tennessee-Based General Health Insurer; J Manipulative Physiol Ther 2010 (Nov); 33 (9): 640–643.

A 2010 study evaluating data from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee found that risk-adjusted costs for low back pain episodes of care initiated with a DC were 20 percent less costly than episodes initiated through a medical doctor.

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2010 The Chiropractic Hospital-based Interventions Research Outcomes study: a randomized controlled trial on the effectiveness of clinical practice guidelines in the medical and chiropractic management of patients with acute mechanical low back pain. Bishop PB, Quon JA, Fisher CG, Dvorak MF. Spine Journal, 2010.

A 2010 study at the University of British Columbia found that guidelines-based care which included spinal manipulation provided by a DC was significantly more effective than "usual care" provided by medical physicians for patients with lower back pain of less than 16 weeks duration.

February 23, 2015

Dr. John Wernert, FSSA Secretary
Family and Social Services Administration
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Subject: Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 (HIP 2.0) waiver proposal and Chiropractic Services

Dear Dr. Wernert:

Thank you for meeting with the Indiana State Chiropractic Association. Congratulations on your success in obtaining the HIP 2.0 expansion waiver from CMS to provide health care insurance to more Hoosiers.

We appreciated the opportunity to provide you information regarding the exclusion of chiropractic spinal manipulation from HIP Basic and Hip Plus. The ISCA believes the chiropractic profession has been clearly discriminated against through the exclusion of its mainstay treatment, spinal manipulation. This action will result in significant cost increases to the State through cost-shifting from the most cost-effective and cost-efficient healthcare for spine-related injuries to far more costly traditional medical care. Since we know that up to 40% of Hoosiers on Medicaid seek care for spine pain, this is an especially important oversight. Also, exclusion of the full chiropractic benefit is contrary to both the spirit and intent of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Section 2706, which explicitly prohibits discrimination against duly-licensed health providers.

In view of the scientific evidence supporting the cost-effectiveness, cost-efficiency and superior outcomes of spinal manipulative therapy over both that of traditional medical care and physical therapy, the ISCA is understandably disappointed to learn that the HIP 2.0 expansion waiver will continue to exclude chiropractic spinal manipulation. We have attached a summary of the latest studies that demonstrate the money saved, the positive outcomes, and the consumer satisfaction when the chiropractic spinal manipulation is included in the healthcare benefit.

Additionally, HIP 2.0, as it stands, presents confusion to both doctors of chiropractic and their patients regarding the number of different chiropractic benefits outlined in the various HIP plans. The ISCA requests that the State rectify this problem by adding spinal manipulation/adjustments to the HIP Basic and HIP Plus plans just as it is in HIP State Plan and HIP State Plan Plus. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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States Status of Compliance

On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- No state has indicated that they do not intend to comply.
- **2 States (TX and GA) are confirmed compliant.**
- VA has provided Technical Assistance to 30 states (AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, KS, KY, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NJ, NV, NM, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY)
- 14 of the Tech Assists VA determined, if adopted, would bring the state into compliance (AZ, MN, MS, ND, NE, NJ, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WY)
- 17 states have introduced the bill or amendment to the state legislature (AK, AZ, KS, MD, ND, NE, NJ, OH, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WI, WV, WY)

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
  - *Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using CH 30 or 33.*

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Methodology to Comply

- State Level
  - Change in State Legislation, regulation, or policy

Example: Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k)

(k) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

available at: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

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Methodology to Comply

- Below State Level
  - Board of Regent, University/College System
  - Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)
    - Policy Amendment

Example: Georgia policy and procedural manual changes at the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia (see excerpt on next slide)

Note: *VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates; however, VA will disapprove the impacted programs if a school charges tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.*

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Georgia's Compliance through Policy Change

GA Board Policy:

Per subsequent VA guidance, and to ensure all "covered individuals" are clearly defined, the Procedures Manual further clarifies Board Policy 7.3.4.1 (above). Specifically, the Procedures Manual reads:

> *"Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 requires institutions to provide in-state tuition to "covered individuals" in order for that institution to maintain eligibility to participate in either the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty programs. Institutions shall, in order to comply with this law, offer military waivers to spouses and dependent children as defined in Military waiver #3 in Board Policy 7.3.4.1. Additionally, for the purposes of this specific policy provision, "spouses and dependent children" shall be defined also to include those "covered individuals" outlined as eligible for in-state tuition under the provisions of Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. Covered individuals include those using transferred benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill programs within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more."*
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> *Note: As stated in the Policy Manual, this policy remains in effect as long as continuous enrollment is maintained by the "covered" individual.*

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Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”

    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using CH 30 or 33)

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Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.
- Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.
- Point of Contact
- **Email** official response to: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov
  - In the **Subject Line** provide: **State Name**
- Mail official response to:

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Education Service (22)
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Washington D.C., 20006

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VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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States Status of Compliance

On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- 31 States and the District of Columbia have formally replied to date and indicated an intent to comply by July 1, 2015 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, DC, DE, HI, IA, ID, IL, KY, MA, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV) ****Updated status needed***
- 14 States and 5 Territories have contacted VA (either asking questions or requesting more time), but have not issued a formal response to all 3 questions in the letter (AS, CA, CO, CT, FL, GU, IN, KS, LA, ME, MP, NJ, NM, PA, PR, RI, VI, VT, WY) ****Imperative that states listed in this category contact VA***
- 3 States (MD, MI, and MO) responded stating that the decision and changes will be made below the state level
- **2 States (TX and GA) are confirmed compliant.**

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- VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***24*** states (AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, KS, KY, ME, MN, MS, ND, NE, NJ, NV, NM, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WY)
- ***14*** of the Tech Assists VA determined, if adopted, would bring the state into compliance (AK, AZ, KY, MS, NE, ND, NJ, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV)
- ***10*** states have introduced the bill or amendment to the state legislature (AZ, ND, NE, NJ, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV)
- VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***3*** States planning to comply below state level (MD, MI, and MO)

** States in blue, VA have not formally received a State Response*

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
  - *Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using CH 30 or 33.*

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Methodology to Comply

- State Level
  - Change in State Legislation, regulation, or policy

Example: Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k)

(k) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

available at: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

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Methodology to Comply

- Below State Level
  - Board of Regent, University/College System
  - Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)
    - Policy Amendment

Example: Georgia policy and procedural manual changes at the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia (see excerpt on next slide)

Note: *VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates; however, VA will disapprove the impacted programs if a school charges tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.*

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Georgia's Compliance through Policy Change

GA Board Policy:

Per subsequent VA guidance, and to ensure all "covered individuals" are clearly defined, the Procedures Manual further clarifies Board Policy 7.3.4.1 (above). Specifically, the Procedures Manual reads:

> *"Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 requires institutions to provide in-state tuition to "covered individuals" in order for that institution to maintain eligibility to participate in either the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty programs. Institutions shall, in order to comply with this law, offer military waivers to spouses and dependent children as defined in Military waiver #3 in Board Policy 7.3.4.1. Additionally, for the purposes of this specific policy provision, "spouses and dependent children" shall be defined also to include those "covered individuals" outlined as eligible for in-state tuition under the provisions of Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. Covered individuals include those using transferred benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill programs within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more."*
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> *Note: As stated in the Policy Manual, this policy remains in effect as long as continuous enrollment is maintained by the "covered" individual.*

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Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”

    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using CH 30 or 33)

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Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.
- Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.
- Point of Contact
- Email official response to: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov
  - In the subject line provide: **State Name**
- Mail official response to:

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VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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States Status of Compliance

On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- 31 States and the District of Columbia have formally replied to date and indicated an intent to comply by July 1, 2015 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, DC, DE, HI, IA, ID, IL, KY, MA, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV) ****Updated status needed***
- 14 States and 5 Territories have contacted VA (either asking questions or requesting more time), but have not issued a formal response to all 3 questions in the letter (AS, CA, CO, CT, FL, GU, IN, KS, LA, ME, MP, NJ, NM, PA, PR, RI, VI, VT, WY) ****Imperative that states listed in this category contact VA***
- 3 States (MD, MI, and MO) responded stating that the decision and changes will be made below the state level
- **2 States (TX and GA) are confirmed compliant.**

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- VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***24*** states (AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, KS, KY, ME, MN, MS, ND, NE, NJ, NV, NM, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WY)
- ***14*** of the Tech Assists VA determined, if adopted, would bring the state into compliance (AK, AZ, KY, MS, NE, ND, NJ, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV)
- ***10*** states have introduced the bill or amendment to the state legislature (AZ, ND, NE, NJ, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV)
- VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***3*** States planning to comply below state level (MD, MI, and MO)

** States in blue, VA have not formally received a State Response*

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
  - *Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using CH 30 or 33.*

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Methodology to Comply

- State Level
  - Change in State Legislation, regulation, or policy

Example: Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k)

(k) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

available at: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

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Methodology to Comply

- Below State Level
  - Board of Regent, University/College System
  - Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)
    - Policy Amendment

Example: Georgia policy and procedural manual changes at the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia (see excerpt on next slide)

Note: *VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates; however, VA will disapprove the impacted programs if a school charges tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.*

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Georgia's Compliance through Policy Change

GA Board Policy:

Per subsequent VA guidance, and to ensure all "covered individuals" are clearly defined, the Procedures Manual further clarifies Board Policy 7.3.4.1 (above). Specifically, the Procedures Manual reads:

> *"Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 requires institutions to provide in-state tuition to "covered individuals" in order for that institution to maintain eligibility to participate in either the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty programs. Institutions shall, in order to comply with this law, offer military waivers to spouses and dependent children as defined in Military waiver #3 in Board Policy 7.3.4.1. Additionally, for the purposes of this specific policy provision, "spouses and dependent children" shall be defined also to include those "covered individuals" outlined as eligible for in-state tuition under the provisions of Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. Covered individuals include those using transferred benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill programs within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more."*
>
> *Note: As stated in the Policy Manual, this policy remains in effect as long as continuous enrollment is maintained by the "covered" individual.*

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Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”

    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using CH 30 or 33)

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Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.
- Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.
- Point of Contact
- Email official response to: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov
  - In the subject line provide: **State Name**
- Mail official response to:

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Questions?

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To ask additional questions

or

To receive technical assistance

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Good Afternoon-

You may have caught this already, but I thought I would send anyways. There is a very quick, albeit temporary, way to solve the acute crisis with ISTEP. This could easily happen as early as this Friday's board meeting.

A simple, temporary date change will alleviate the immediate need. Perhaps to a day like, say May 28, when there is simply not enough time left in the school year to get in 15 hours of testing..

> IC 20-32-5-4
> Duties of board, state superintendent, and department
> Sec. 4. **(a) The state board shall**:
> (1) authorize the development and implementation of the ISTEP program; and
> **(2) determine the date on which the statewide testing is administered in each school corporation**

The following statute only seems to state that Supt. Ritz must develop a schedule. It does not say that the BOE has to accept the schedule she develops.

> IC 20-32-5-15
> Testing schedule
> Sec. 15. (a) The state superintendent shall develop an ISTEP program testing schedule in which:
> (1) each student in grades 3, 6, 8, and 10 must be tested; and
> (2) each student in grade 10 or grade 11 must take a graduation examination.
> (b) The state board shall adopt rules to establish when a student is considered to be in grade 10 for purposes of initially taking the graduation examination.
> As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.229-2011, SEC.191.

I could not find any rules in 511 IAC that would prohibit this. Of course, the board could just deauthorize implementation for a year under that same statute, but that might be a little drastic. I'm not an attorney, so I can't speak with authority on this, but it does seem pretty well laid out in everyday language to a layman like myself.

Just a couple quick suggestions from a concerned father.

Thank you,
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PL 113-146 Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act 2014 (Section 702)

PL 113-146 - Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014

On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- 34 States have formally replied and indicated an intent to comply by July 1, 2015 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, DC, DE, HI, IA, ID, IL, KY, MA, MD, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV).
- 13 States and 3 territories have contacted VA (either asking questions or requesting more time), but have not issued a formal response to all 3 questions in the letter (CA, CO, CT, FL, GU, IN, KS, LA, ME, NM, PA, PR, RI, VI, VT, WY).
- 2 States (MI, MO) responded stating that the decision and changes will be made below the state level.
- 2 States (TX and GA) are confirmed by Education Service and Office of General Counsel to be compliant.

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- VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***19*** states (AK, AZ, CO, DC, KY, MD, MN, NJ, ND, NE, NV, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WY)
- ***11*** of the Tech Assists if adopted, VA determined would bring the state into compliance (AK, AZ, NE, NJ, ND, SC, SD, UT, VA, WV, WY)
- **5** states have introduced the bill or amendment to the state legislature (AK, AZ, NE, SC, WV)

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  - VA has provided Technical Assistance to MO.

Overview

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VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
    - Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using CH 30 or 33.

Methodology to Comply

- State Level
  - Change in State Legislation, regulation, or policy
- Below State Level
  - Board of Regent, University/College System
    - Policy Amendment
  - Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)
    - Policy Amendment

Note: VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates; however, VA will disapprove the impacted programs if a school charges tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.

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Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”
    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using CH 30 or 33)

Sample of Compliant Legislation

Texas Statute:

(k) A **person** is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a **letter of intent** to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is **eligible for benefits** under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k). *available at*: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.
- Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.
- Point of Contact
- Email official response to: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov
  - In the subject line provide: **State Name**
- Mail official response to:

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810 Vermont Ave
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Questions?

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To ask additional questions

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To receive technical assistance

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(Section 702)

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On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- 1 Territory has not responded or contacted VA (VI)
- 34 States have formally replied and indicated an intent to comply by July 1, 2015 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, DC, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, KY, MA, MD, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV)
- 15 States have contacted VA (either asking questions or requesting more time), but have not issued a formal response to all 3 questions in the letter (CA, CT, FL, GU, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, NM, PA, PR, RI, VT, WY).
- 3 States (MI, MO, and NE) responded stating that the decision and changes will be made below the state level.
- 1 State (TX) reported compliance with section 702 and was confirmed by Education Service and Office of General Counsel.

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- VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***16*** of the above mentioned states (AZ, GA, MD, MN, NJ, ND, NE, NV, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WY)
- ***6*** of the Tech Assists if adopted, VA determined would bring the state into compliance (NJ, ND, NV, SD, VA, WV)
- 1 state has introduced the bill or amendment to the state legislature (WV)

- 3 States (MI, MO, and NE) responded stating that the decision and changes will be made below the state level.
  - VA has provided Technical Assistance to ***2*** of the above mentioned states (MO and NE)

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Overview

- General Overview
- Methodology to Comply
- Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies
- Sample of Compliant Legislation
- Info Needed for VA to determine compliance
- Question & Answer Session

VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
    - Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using CH 30 or 33.

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Methodology to Comply

- State Level
  - Change in State Legislation, regulation, or policy
- Below State Level
  - Board of Regent, University/College System
    - Policy Amendment
  - Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)
    - Policy Amendment

Note: VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates; however, VA will disapprove the impacted programs if a school charges tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.

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Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”
    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using CH 30 or 33)

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Sample of Compliant Legislation

Texas Statute:

(k) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a **letter of intent** to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is **eligible for benefits** under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k). *available at*:
http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

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Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.
- Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.
- Point of Contact
- Mail or Email official response to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Education Service (22)
810 Vermont Ave
Washington D.C., 20006
Email: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov

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Questions?

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To ask additional questions

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To receive technical assistance

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PL 113-146
Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act 2014
(Section 702)

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PL 113-146 - Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014

On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- 2 Territories have not responded or contacted VA. (GU, VI)
- 34 States have indicated an intent to comply by July 1, 2015. (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, DE, DC, GA, HI, ID, IA, KY, MD, MA, MN, MS, MT, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI)
- 14 States have contacted VA (either asking questions or requesting more time), but haven't issued a formal response to all 3 questions in the letter. (CA, CT, FL, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, NM, PA, PR, RI, VT, WY)
- 3 States (MI, MO, NE) responded stating decision decided below the state level.
- 1 State reported compliant with section 702 and was confirmed by Education Service and OGC (TX).

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Overview

- General Overview
- Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies
- Question & Answer Session
- Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
    - Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using Ch 30 or 33.
- VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates.
- VA will disapprove the impacted programs if school does not charge in-State rates.

Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”
    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using Ch 30 or 33

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Texas Statute that is Compliant with Section 702 of the Choice Act

(k) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k). *available at*:
http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

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Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- **Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.**
- **Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.**
- **Point of Contact**
- **Mail or Email official response to:**

Department of Veterans Affairs
Education Service (22)
810 Vermont Ave
Washington D.C., 20006
Email: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov

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Questions?

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Any additional questions or
To receive additional assistance
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Senator Joe Zakas.....Indiana Senate

Dear Joe

As I near the end of both my life and over a quarter of a century as Indiana's only citizen Lobbyist, I wanted to identify those devout Christians in both the Senate and House to help me create a lasting legacy of my life as a devout and concerned Catholic by paying tribute to the very Institution of Marriage created by Christ.

I have spoken to date only to you, the Governor, Jim Atterholt, Scott Pelath,and Shelia Klinker.....all devout Christians

I am truly the least of God's servants but for reasons I may never fully understand in this life God has kept me here for a reason.....beginning in February 2013 I began a remarkable medical journey when I had emergency open heart surgery where months later the surgical nurse in that operation told me that I died three times telling me God must have had a reason for keeping you around ...that experience was followed by two more trips to the Hospital where I cheated death again with severe congested Heart failure....then Cancer....then the first of three stokes...one major the other two "TIA's" then another trip to Community Hospital East when two compression Fractures in my back shut down my colon.....then last November 17Th another surgery to open up my chest to remove wires from the original surgery and repair an abdominal wall hernia caused by that original open heart surgery..very.painful chest and back pains that seem to be proportionate to how tired I get.... then annoying liver and G.I. problems remain.....all in all I can really say .....yes .....that nurse was right my job here was not finished.

For over 38 years I have prayed almost daily....and at every mass asking God to help me understand asking the question why ...what do you want me to do now .....thus I set out to try and help ordinary people without seeking money.....thus my career as a citizen lobbyist..... I am also shamefully a Divorced Catholic who first learned from my next door neighbor on my birthday (Dec 26Th, 1976) that my wife was leaving at the insistence of Father who strongly felt a woman's place was in the home versus working ...versus helping to financially support our marriage (she was an excellent pediatrics nurse and wife) I Have been plagued by a thousand and one questions why she left ..... she left very early the next day with her father never explaining why to me personally .....while she had problems in her ability to open up and communicate her feelings their was never even a hint even days before her parents visit that she was thinking about divorce....to say I was blown away would be an extremely huge understatement....three years later she abandoned her faith, turned her back on the annulment process and remarried in a civil ceremony.....a step I could never consider

as the vows I took were not just to her but to God.....while I applied for an annulment it failed as I too could not explain why and it seem unbelievable a parent could have such influence..... I could never turn my back on our faith thus I have lived as a single man despite the loneliness that created for the past 38 years..... during that time I have listen to the problems, excuses couples use to get a divorce and sadly the devastating effect on their children..... when ever and where ever I could I would try and help defuse such emotions.....few folks have this experience.....nor would they want it.

Today well over 50% of all marriages end in divorce regardless of their religious affiliation .....
Did God keep me here to help address this issue,I honestly do not know.....despite the daily medical challenges and the fatigue and pain that is with me every day I know I will never walk alone so long as I walk with God....giving up my allegiance to Christ is simply unthinkable..... I do know all concerned Catholic's and all concerned Christians have an obligation to help defend the institution of marriage .....The disintegration of a couple's commitment, their marriage, is having a serious impact on society....some folks have referred to this as an epidemic....Despite the fact that Christ tried to teach us about forgiveness and love and that marriage was a permanent institution so many are ill prepared first to get married then how to communicate, to say I'm sorry and how to accept and deal with their partners imperfections.....understand better why counseling is so critical.I have had 38 years of speaking with couples.....by using this experience and my many years here at the statehouse I can bring much to this problem. I also turned to many to try and craft the best document possible for a functional, inspiring, non-controversial prenuptial agreement that would be easy to sell to couples first getting married....**two critical elements are needed:.... a cooling off period of a year and crisis counseling....**
.....one is no good without the other. In 2011 Rep Cindy Noe filed HB2011 and in 2012 HB 1252 both failed....the opposition lawyers and judges.....interesting right now DOC mandates in depth counseling.....input courtesy of Susan Swayze....an intelligent and strong ally we clearly need....I also eliminated any language that might bring folks back to the same sex debate

Why did I seek you out as the **primary sponsor** because I am led to believe your faith is very strong and you care
Despite the lateness of this request, I am sure a vehicle bill could be obtained and many would join as co-sponsors in both the House and Senate and across the isles....as a very respected Catholic leader the feeling is you would be an excellent captain ....feelings shared by Charlie Hiltunen and your own colleagues. I need such help to successfully steer this through.....despite my failing health I will help you in any way you need as this will be my final swain song....it is an issue very. very close to my heart.....I will not fail God on this no matter what challenges lie before me....the next time I stand before those pearly gates I hope I can say I finished my job.I hope you understand and will give it your all....not for me, but for our common faith and our allegiance to Christ.

I know without any doubt that such a law must be kept as simple and as short as possible yet inspiring as it must become by itself a sales tool that young couples first entering marriage would not have any reservation on signing it ....also I have taken into consideration the experiences of 38 years and have carefully listen to every suggestion to help create the best possible bill .

I have enlisted the aid of Micah Clark, Susan Swayze, and Charlie Hiltunen all well respected friends.... Feed back from all major faiths has been very positive as all recognize the level of divorce is quite serious. The Catholic Church's public and private support is critical. As a courtesy I would like to give to the Archbishop Joseph w. Tobin a copy of this bill once LSA has had time to put the attached PDF into bill form and file it and before it is heads to any committee for any changes he may suggest....OK

I know submitting this to you this late becomes a problem but I had little control over my second heart surgery..... I know we can overcome this delay via a vehicle bill.....or..... as a last resort as an amendment to another Bill.....plus their is that unusual process of strip and insert... I will be meeting with Senator Long (

President pro temp) this coming week to go over this and utility reform efforts. Perhaps he will help us. David is really a good man and I am sure he recognizes how serious
this problem is ....especially when one realizes the rate of divorces is well over 50%

To date I have not had any negative responses but realistically I can not believe it will not happen. I hope via your leadership we can create a true bipartisan Bill with many co-sponsors. The stronger and more successful we can make this bill the greater our odds of success in all 50 states. I also plan on submitting it to Rome to secure their help as we expand across the U.S. then later through out the entire church.

Yes these are very ambitious plans but don't you agree it is worth the effort.....Thousands upon thousands of Catholics have left the Church over the issue of divorce and remarriage .....Divorce is a universal problem in all Christian faiths.....millions are poorly prepared,and educated to the challenges that marriage brings to a relationship.....as a result the family structure has dramatically suffered .....multiple marriages, multiple husbands.....family values in so many ways have decline which contributes to poorer community values and an increased in crime.....need I go on???? Please let me know how you feel so I can help you I am proud folks suggested you as I need a lot of help.....I pray I will have several more years thus I'll be with you till the end and with you witness the Governor signing this into law.....right now my biggest challenge at the statehouse is the stairs and close parking which Jim Atterholt I hope can help me fix.....While I am free to meet with you at any time I need to ask you a favor....can we meet in the senate chambers or on the 4th floor so I can avoid the stairs.....while my health remains rather questionable ....I promise you, I could not be more committed.....and I will be with you till Mike signs the Bill into law....I have the very best partners helping me....The Holy family.

As always, may God keep you safely in the palms of his hands as he guides you through this session

Charlie Goodman....3[redacted]

The updated and corrected version is attached in PDF form. Two LSA attorneys Lisa Freeman and Andy would be good choices if available.....both know me

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Synopsis: …….Preface:…….

The rate of divorces across the U.S. has reached epidemic proportions from approximately 50% to a high of 60%. This figure will vary regionally but common sense tells all that the disintegration of the family has a very serious economic, social, and moral impact on society.

The use of the following prenuptial agreement is not intended to prevent divorces but merely slow down the process to give couples time to let emotions cool down, to examine what has happened to cause their commitment to each other once so solid to now wither and possibly die. Perhaps this cool down period coupled with intensive counseling that teaches communication skills, anger management skills, etc. will help save some marriages; but at the very least, the mandatory counseling will help educate all parties so that mistakes will not be carried forward into a new relationship

As a society we must understand that the disintegration of the family structure has a very serious negative impact in so many ways, thus we….. Society….must find ways to support the very institution of marriage itself.

Proposed Pre Nuptial Agreement

Out line for a proposed Indiana bill for the 2015 legislature

I ……(Groom's name)…… and……..(Brides name)……; understand Marriage is intended to be a lifetime commitment of love, understanding, patience, and forgiveness. This pre-nuptial agreement is a voluntary civil agreement that may be used by all couples seeking to get married in Indiana.

It is intended to help strengthen and guide a couple as they embark on a lifetime journey of love, understanding, and forgiveness……..better described as their marriage. This agreement does not address or alter the property rights already defined by the courts nor does it prevent a couple from securing a divorce rather it creates a cooling off period coupled with crisis counseling to address the causes of a an individual desire to seek a divorce.

While it is agreed that this is a voluntary civil agreement, should the couple choose to get married within a specific religious ceremony (aka Church) where that faith has included this pre-nuptial agreement as a mandatory legal agreement then …….. and …….concur and agree that this prenuptial agreement is a binding lifetime civil agreement that mandates a one year delay and crisis counseling should either person choose to seek a divorce.

It is acknowledged that emotional and physical challenges often tears at the very core of any lifetime commitment. The parties understand that no marriage is the embodiment of perfection; rather it is journey fraught with seemingly insurmountable challenges that requires love, patience, and most of all forgiveness as our imperfections as human's beings test the very core of that commitment to each other.

Therefore: We……..and ……are freely entering into this binding prenuptial agreement voluntary as a means to help us grow as a couple, as human beings, as children of God, as future

parents, and as responsible members of our community. We concur and accept that this agreement is a binding civil agreement that shall be binding upon us in all fifty states.

This prenuptial agreement does not prevent us from getting a divorce if one or both feels it is necessary rather it simply requires a cooling off period and counseling prior to any divorce proceedings.

We further understand: that we may be faced with problems that may seem impossible to resolve therefore we agree that we will seek counseling before our marriage to better prepare ourselves for marriage and during the course of our marriage as a part of our lifetime commitment to each other

An example of help that we are willing to accept before, during and following a decision by either party to seek a divorce includes but is not limited to the following.

1….A doctor or a psychologist if we feel we are faced with insurmountable medical, mental or emotional problems such as being childless, a terminal illness, the loss of a loved one.
2….A marriage counselor, priest, pastor, lay worker skilled in those areas that we are finding difficult to resolve on our own.
3….A professional skilled in the art of communications to teach us how to Communicate and resolve differences. The use of the "Prep" educational and counseling services/material developed in conjunction with the University of Denver is a highly recommended and successful counseling support system.

We understand and agree…… that marriage is a continuing series of challenges that may require the aid, counsel, advice, and understanding of a third party as listed above to resolve those hurdles we find difficult to resolve on our own. In a continuing effort to honor our lifetime commitment to each other, we agree to such pre-marriage counseling that our church feels best prepares us for the journey ahead. The costs of such services may be waived based upon our income, however we agree if such costs are reasonable and we are able to pay such costs then we agree that we will work out a payment

plan. If we are unable to cover such costs that we will agree to humbly accept help from our church or our community to offset such costs.

We further agree and under stand : If the basis of the party seeking a divorce is based upon physical abuse of an adult or a child then the following shall apply:

Abuse of an adult: The abused party shall be free to immediately seek a restraining from the courts who shall order the couples to take anger management counseling and/or the "PREP" educational counseling.

Abuse of an Child: When the basis of the decision by either party to seek A divorce is founded upon allegations of child abuse then their exists the obligation of the party seeking a divorce to immediately notify the division of child services within the State Department of Family and Social Services who shall Immediately launch an investigation into such allegations and report their findings within 30 days to the appropriate court. The party seeking a divorce shall immediately request a temporary restraining order from the courts who shall be guided by the information from child services.

The courts shall order intensive counseling and is free to take any other action it deems appropriate to protect the interests of the child from such proven abuse.

We further agree: following a ninety day cooling that we will attend as a couple crises counseling to identify those issues which created this impasse and will try to resolve these issues as well as answer the question "Did these issues exist prior to our marriage rendering our ability to make a lifetime commitment invalid "

Note well: this is a work in progress and needs to be polished to become a legally binding agreement acceptable to all Christian faiths in all 50 states. Your thoughts and revisions are encouraged……. This effort to create an appropriate prenuptial law will be submitted to all fifty states as the disintegration of the family caused by divorce has a huge impact on many generations of children and society economically.

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Subject: Choice Act Conference Call - Powerpoint slides for today's call

Attachments: Section 702 Webinar 1-9-15.ppt

Good morning everyone,

Attached please find a copy of the slides that we will be using today for our call on Section 702 compliance with the Choice Act.

VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

PL 113-146 Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act 2014 (Section 702)

PL 113-146 - Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014

On October 29, 2014, VA sent a letter to Governors and requested definitive information on the states' ability to meet the requirements of Section 702 of the Public Law. ***VA requested a response by November 28, 2014***

- 3 States have not responded or contacted VA. (GU, SC, VI)
- 32 States have indicated an intent to comply by July 1, 2015. (AL, AK, AZ, AR, DE, DC, GA, HI, ID, IA, KY, MD, MA, MN, MS, MT, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI)
- 15 States have contacted VA (either asking questions or requesting more time), but haven't issued a formal response to all 3 questions in the letter. (CA, CO, CT, FL, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, NM, PA, PR, RI, VT, WY)
- 3 States (MI, MO, NE) responded stating decision decided below the state level.
- 1 State reported compliant with section 702 and was confirmed by Education Service and OGC (TX).

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Overview

- General Overview
- Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies
- Question & Answer Session
- Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

VA is very committed to working with State Approving Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Affairs partners, Veterans Service Organizations, and other stakeholders to inform them of the requirements.

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General Overview of Section 702

- Requires VA disapprove programs of education if while living in the state of the institution, a covered individual is charged tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students.
- Covered individuals
  - Receiving Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance; and
    - Enrolls within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Anyone using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor's discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty; or
    - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember's death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more; or
    - Individuals who remain continuously enrolled after initially meeting the requirements and are using Ch 30 or 33.
- VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates.
- VA will disapprove the impacted programs if school does not charge in-State rates.

Common Pitfalls to Avoid when drafting legislation, rules, and/or policies

- You can always be more liberal than what the statute requires.
- Exercise caution:
  - If using the terms “Veteran” or “Armed Forces.”
    “Veteran” for the purposes of title 38, United States Code, must include veterans who performed certain full-time service in, or were called up from, the reserve components or the National Guard, and veterans of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - When limiting applicability based on the character of discharge (e.g., honorable discharge)
  - When using terms such as “spouse,” “child,” “dependent”
- Remember to account for individuals “continuously enrolled” beyond 3 years of discharge (so long as they are still using Ch 30 or 33

Texas Statute that is Compliant with Section 702 of the Choice Act

(k) A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person:

(1) is eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans

Texas Education Code Section 54.241(k). *available at*:
http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm

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Info Needed for VA to determine compliance

- **Official letter from state authority confirming compliance with Section 702.**
- **Provide reference of legislation or policy directive.**
- **Point of Contact**
- **Mail or Email official response to:**

Department of Veterans Affairs
Education Service (22)
810 Vermont Ave
Washington D.C., 20006
Email: Section702.vbavaco@va.gov

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Questions?

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PL 113-146 - Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014

Any additional questions or
To receive additional assistance
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Attachments: Resonate ACA Open Enrollment 2015 Report.pdf

Brian, nice to meet you and Happy New Year. I thank Jim for the introduction. I wanted to bubble this up to see if we could connect on Monday 1/19 @ 1:30P EDT for a 30 min screen share. I would bring my research people (who assembled this PPT) and walk you through this information, our process and platform in regards to those signing up for ACA in 2015; and answer any questions you may have. I can also tell you how other Government agencies, PACs, Issue groups and Candidates used our motivations targeting to move the needle to their advantage last cycle.

Is Monday 1/19 @ 1:30P EDT good for a conference call? Let me know what works.

My best!

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Felix,

Thanks for taking the time to share with us this helpful information. I have included our Policy Director, Brian Neale, on this e-mail as he would be the best person in our office to utilize this data. I will defer to Brian on next steps. Thanks again for reaching out to our office on this important issue. Hope all is well.

Jim

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Cc: Governor Mike Pence
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Jim, Happy Holidays! I wanted to drop you a line because I read (in todays WSJ & Politico) about the planned Medicaid expansion in Indiana. Perhaps you and Governor Pence would be interested in this specific research and information attached. Resonate in DC working with many Public Affairs companies inside and outside the beltway on education/persuasion digital ad campaigns targeting healthcare and political awareness campaigns. I'm writing to set up a conference call on Friday 1/9 @ 1:30P EDT to introduce our Motivations targeting –Survey data and digital capabilities.

Towards that end, I've included an interesting piece of research from our "Motivations" survey data on the ACA-Affordable Care Act. We identified what the target "Who Intends to Enroll in 2015" (Page 13) and The differences between who enrolled in 2014 vs. who intends to enroll in 2015. Remember, we're the only marketing intelligence company that delivers media (Pre-roll & Display Ads) based on "WHY" consumers vote or make healthcare related decisions. And because we are the largest primary research platform in the US, with larger sample based than Simmons and MRI combined, we can provide deeper digital insights and more precise online targeting for Tennessee's digital awareness campaign. Specifically to Indiana, we can provide the motivations, the "WHY's" Indiana voters act and the subsequent targeting. It will help you and the Governor Pence know more about these kinds of folks so you can shape your video / display messaging and reach them more effectively.

Let me know if I can download you on how we're helped other Political Campaigns, advocacy groups, issues hospital and wellness groups and how they used us effectively this past cycle. Is Friday 1/9 @ 1:30P EDT good for a 30 minute conference call. It will be an organized, concise call with your limited time in mind.

All my best,

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Recruiting Health Exchange Enrollees

From demographics to personal drivers, what Exchanges need to know about this year's participants

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2015 Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

To engage potential enrollees during Open Enrollment, Federal and State Exchanges need to understand the underlying reasons people are evaluating their insurance options.

They need to understand the reasons for lack of insurance or why someone with insurance is considering the open exchange. And what will motivate different groups to take action.

This report helps Exchanges convert intenders to enrollees by answering critical questions such as:

- What is the composition of uninsured, and what are their value drivers?
- How do Millennials' attitudes toward their own health impact their outlook on insurance?
- What are the key differences of those just browsing vs those who will take action?

Executive Summary

Understanding the uninsured is critical to connecting with potential Affordable Care Act enrollees. This report dives into the reasons behind the lack of insurance and the drivers that will influence people to sign up on the exchange.

Who are the Uninsured?

The uninsured population continues to skew **young** (49% are Millennials), **lower-income** (58% have a household income less than $50,000), and **minority** (63% more likely to be black and 44% more likely to be Hispanic than the insured population).

Not surprisingly, **47% cite cost as the main reason for lack of insurance**. But the uninsured are also 33% less likely to value health. Instead, they prioritize peace of mind, self-fulfillment, and self-image. Exchanges who wish to engage the uninsured will need to appeal to these motivations – connecting insurance to the achievement of these goals.

Focus on Millennials

A deeper look at the uninsured Millennials reveals that **only 19% claim they don't need insurance**. Instead, cost and job status are top reasons for their lack of insurance. **Millennials in jobs where coverage is no offered are 132% more likely to be uninsured.** But like the larger uninsured population, their health isn't a top priority. Instead, they're driven by their quest for peace of mind, self-preservation, and enjoyment of life.

2015 Intenders

Though most outreach efforts are focused on the uninsured, **70% of those evaluating their options on the open exchange are already insured**. They are more likely to **be driven by a sense of accomplishment, pride and self-image** than their uninsured counterparts.

The general composition and motivations differ from their 2014 predecessors. **This year, intenders are 41% more likely to be a Millennial, 17% more likely to be male and 31% more likely to be employed full-time.** In 2014, intenders were driven by a sense of community and security/well-being. This year's intenders are more likely to be driven by more personal motivations such as personal happiness, sense of self and success.

Preparing for Open Enrollment 2015

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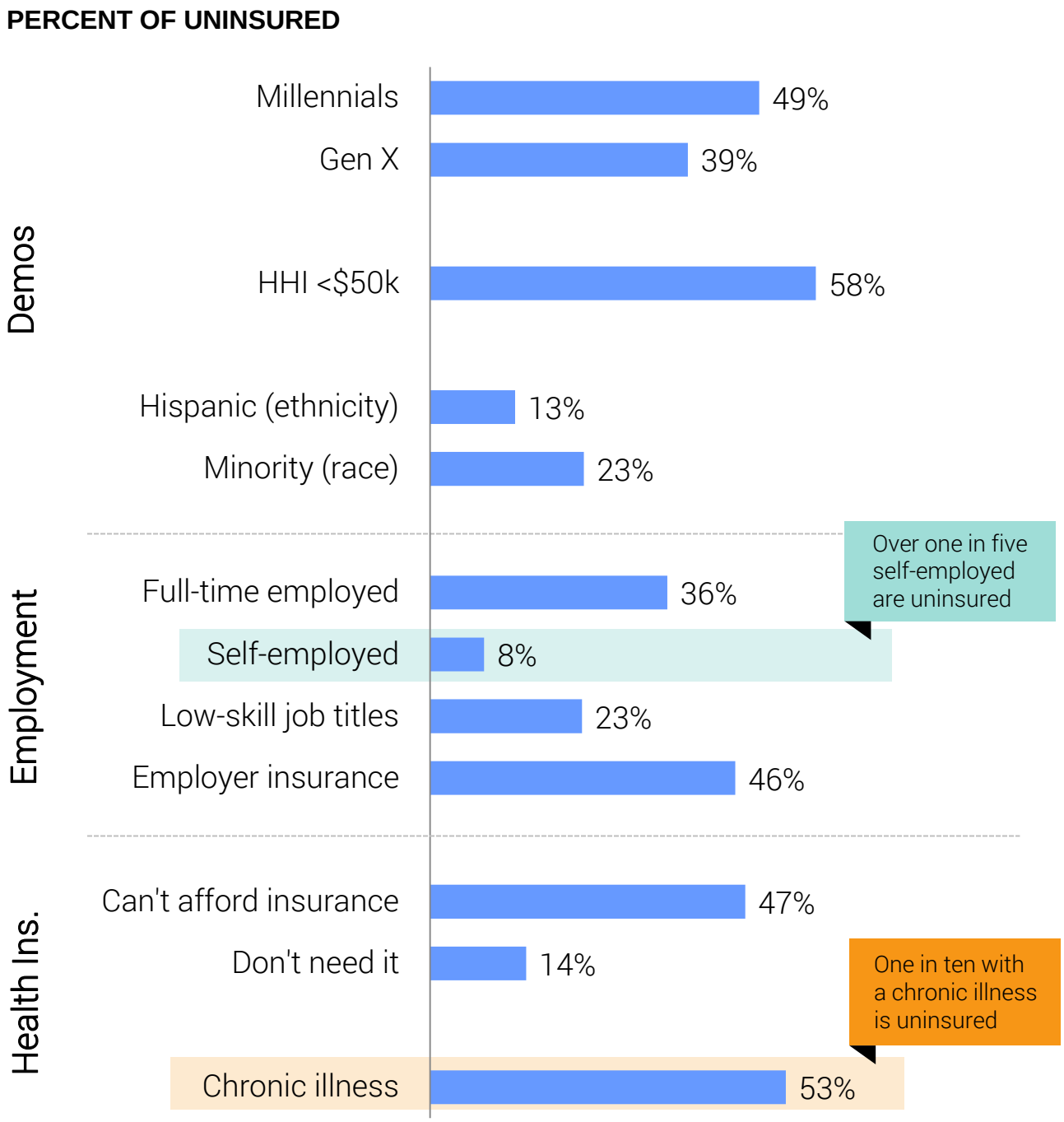
Who Are the Uninsured?

The uninsured run the gamut, but skew to lower incomes, younger populations, and lower-skilled labor.

Few people feel "invincible." Many simply can't afford insurance.

Don't overlook the self-employed population. While it may be small, these workers are much more likely to be uninsured and lack workplace benefits of subsidized insurance.

Almost half of the uninsured have health benefits available through their employer. Some cite missing open enrollment or recent start dates as reasons for being uninsured, but cost is still a factor for many.



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Value Drivers

Uninsured consumers are **more likely to value success** and less likely to value security, but individual values provide the greatest clues to connect with them.

The uninsured are **33% less likely to value health**, so it is important to frame insurance in the light of things they do value.

Compared to those with health insurance, the uninsured are **more likely to value peace of mind, self-fulfillment, and self-image**.

Peace of mind may be a key marketing messaging around health exchanges, since financial and health security is not a highly-indexing value segment.

Self-fulfillment is another message to explore. While the uninsured are pursuing life interests that don't come complete with health insurance, they can still be covered.

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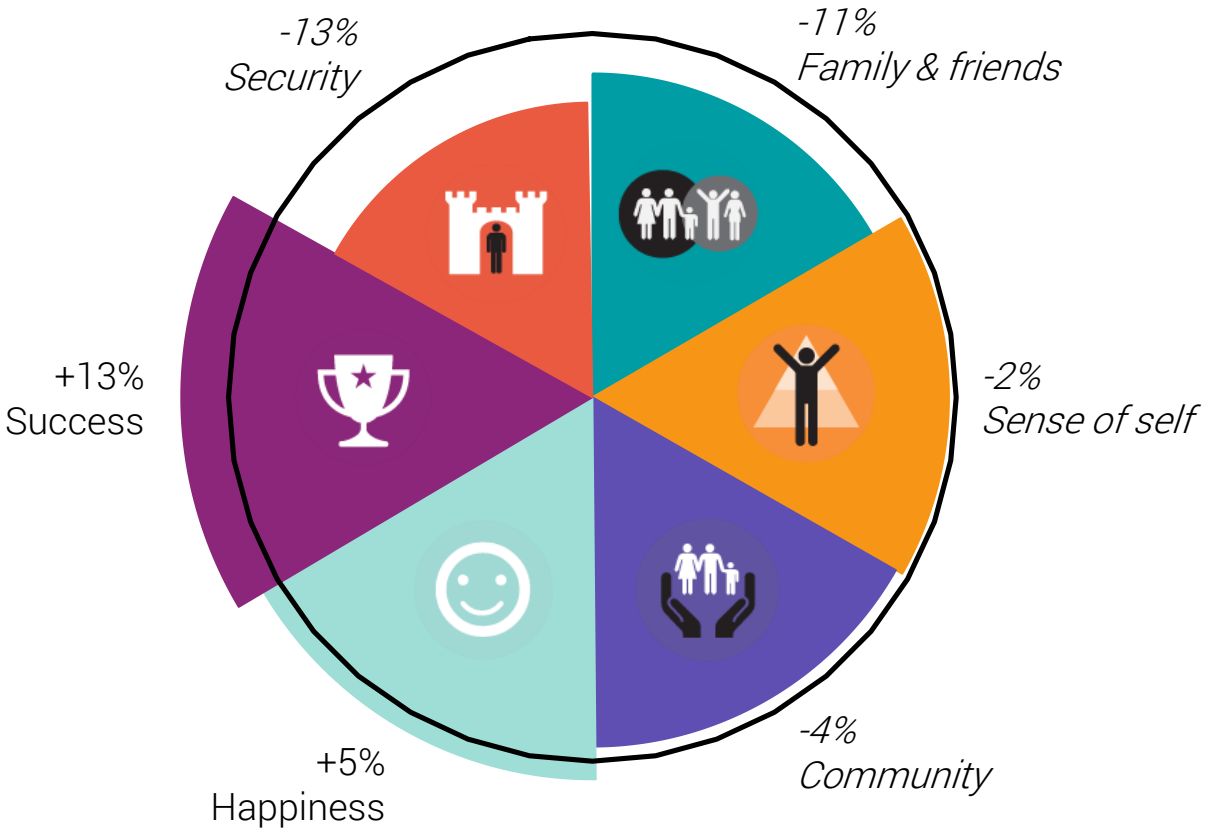
VALUES SEGMENTS
UNINSURED VS INSURED



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TOP OVER-INDEXING VALUES

Self-image (33% more likely)

Self-fulfillment (31% more likely)

Peace of mind (23% more likely)

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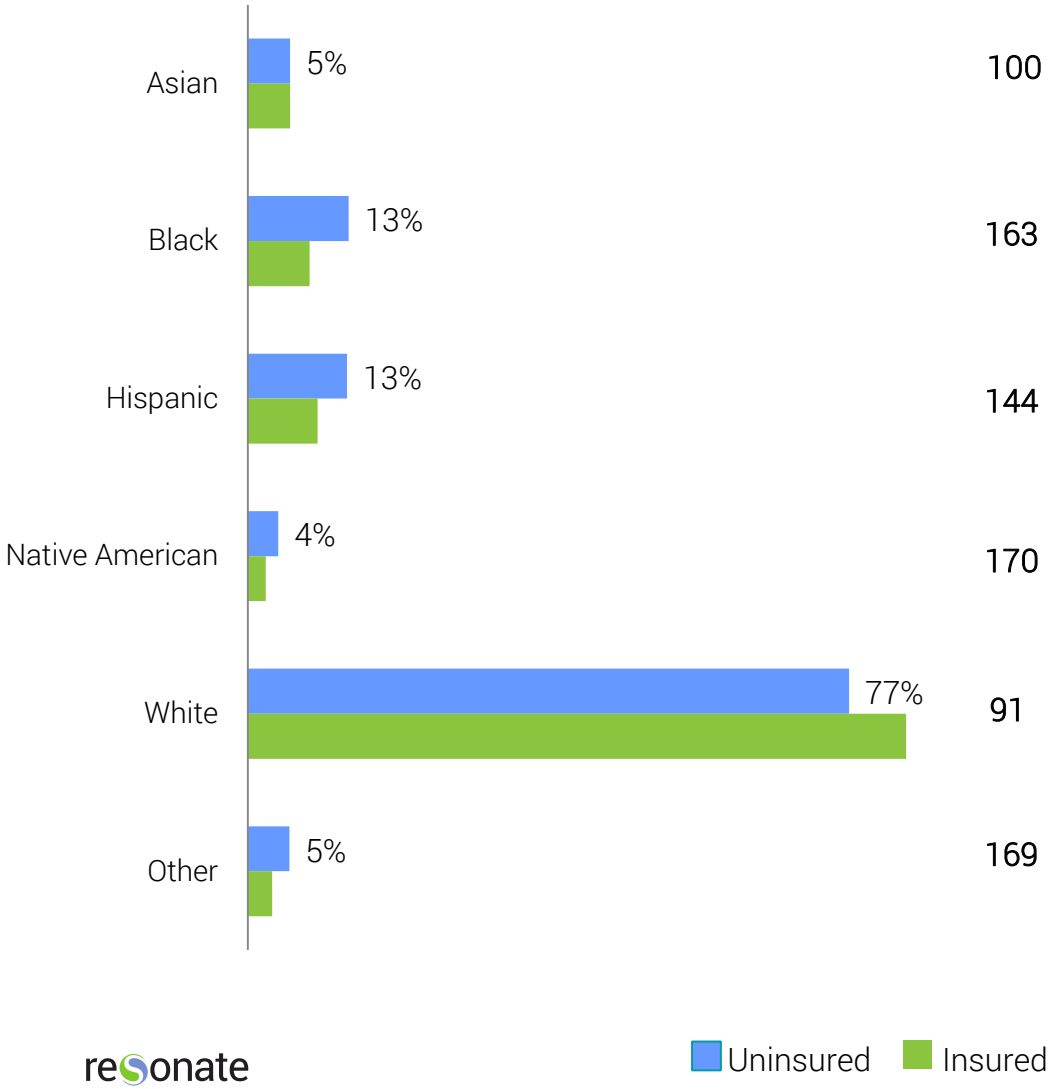
The uninsured skew toward minorities

RACE/ETHNICITY:
UNINSURED vs INSURED



The uninsured are more likely to be minorities, particularly black and Hispanic. There are differences between the minority uninsured and the rest of the uninsured population.

Assimilation: The uninsured are more likely to live in less-assimilated households, speaking languages other than English (though often in addition to English).

Age: On average, 46% of the uninsured population are under 35. But 65% of Hispanic uninsured and 57% of black uninsured are under 35.

Income: Uninsured Hispanics have higher income than the rest of the uninsured (14% over $100k), while the black uninsured population has lower income (66% under $50k).

Employment: Uninsured Hispanics are also more likely to be employed full-time than the rest of the uninsured population.

July 2014, n=14,268

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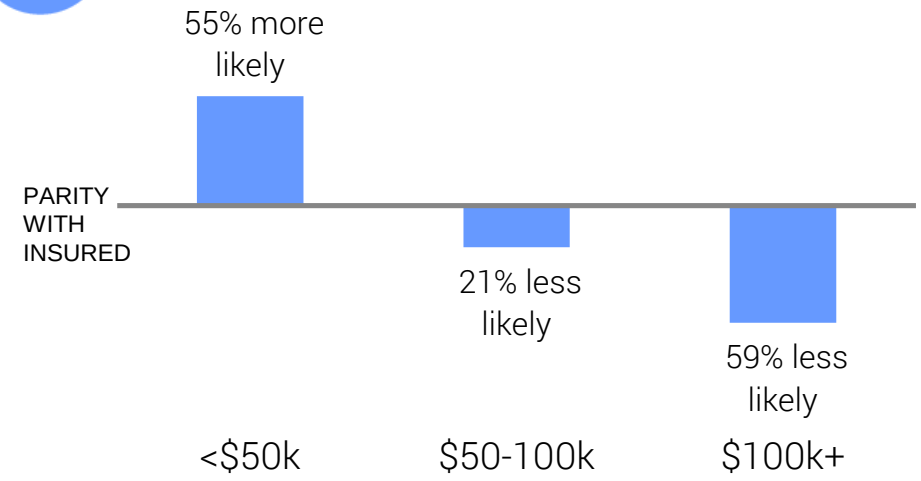
Deeper Look at Millennials

Demographic Drivers

INCOME
18-34: UNINSURED vs INSURED



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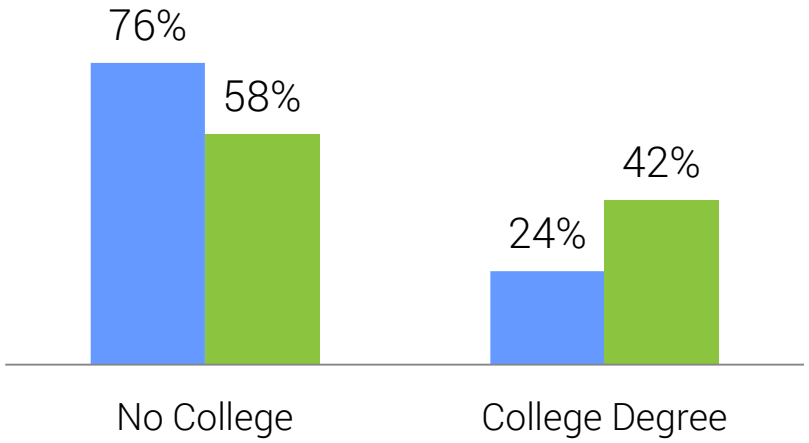
18-34: UNINSURED vs INSURED



Money and opportunity are big drivers in the differences between insured and uninsured Millennials.

25% of uninsured 18-34 year olds have a household income less than $25k.

These uninsured Millennials are 135% more likely to be employed in Construction/Labor and 26% more likely to be in Retail. These two industries make up 19% of the employed uninsured.

37% of the employed uninsured state that their employer does not offer health insurance. Those whose employers do not offer insurance are 132% more likely to be uninsured.

The uninsured are also 1.7 times more likely to be unemployed.

Uninsured Insured

July 2014, n=4,426

Value Drivers

There are three key differences in values that drive the uninsured versus the insured Millennials.

Uninsured Millennials are more likely to value **peace of mind, self-preservation**, and **enjoyment of life**.

The first two motivations (peace of mind and self-preservation) suggest uncertainty introduced by their financial situation and lack of security.

Health exchanges offer services that compliment the motivations of this group, but there are two main challenges. First, they need to help Millennials understand that they can afford insurance. And second, exchanges need to convince this group it's worth the time commitment to learn about their options.

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VALUES SEGMENTS

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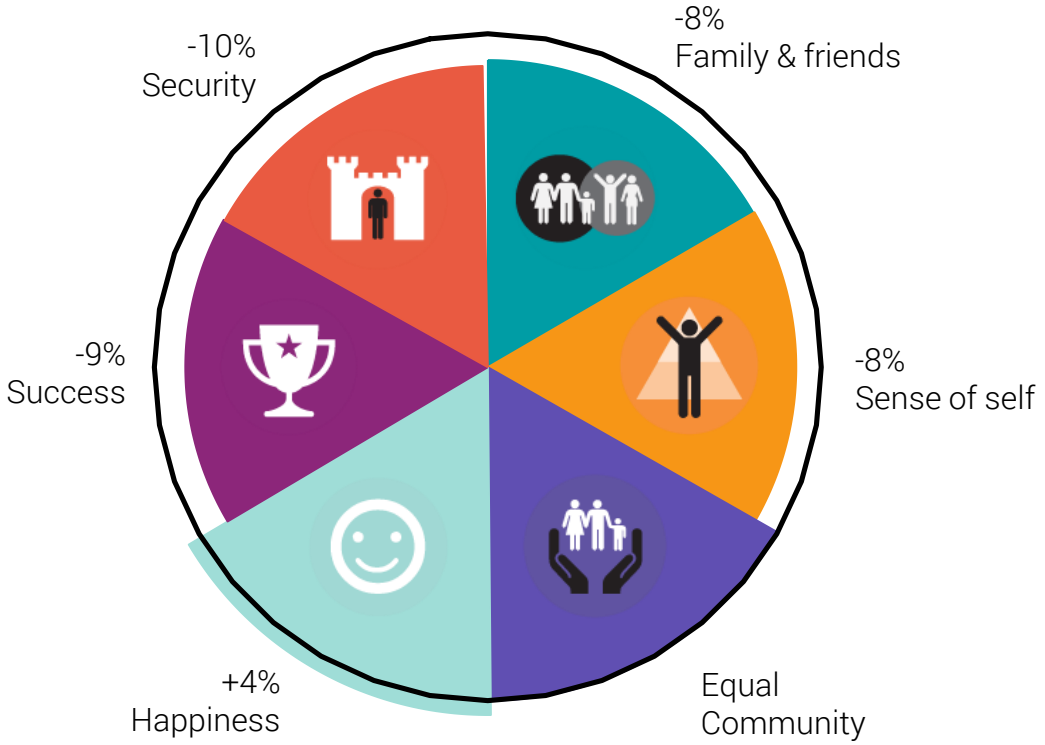


AT PARITY WITH 18-34 INSURED POP

TOP OVER-INDEXING VALUES

- Peace of mind (43% more likely)
- Self-preservation (22% more likely)
- Enjoyment (19% more likely)

July 2014, n=4,426

Health Psychographics

Uninsured Millennials report a 12% lower incidence of having a chronic condition. But judging from their less proactive behavior, it's possible they just haven't been diagnosed yet.

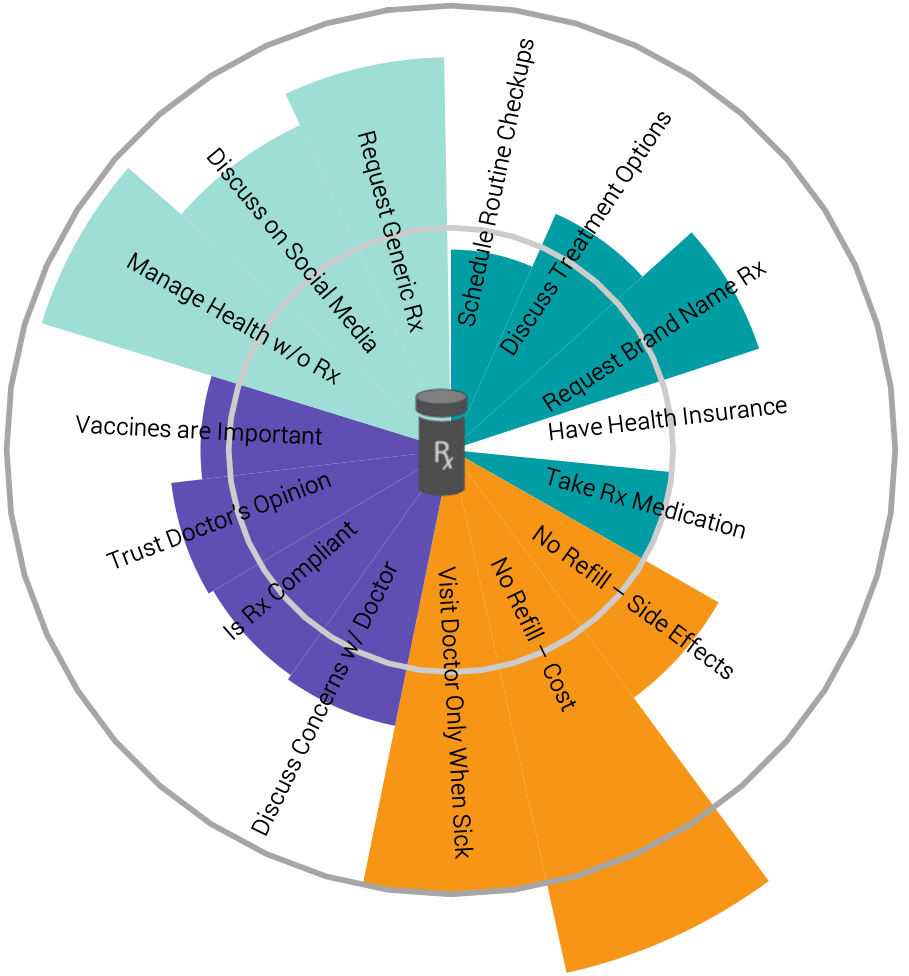
Nonetheless, half of the uninsured report having a chronic condition.

Only 19% of the uninsured get routine medical care, compared to 42% of the insured.

The uninsured are also less compliant when taking medication. Only one in four report taking medication as directed for as long as directed, and they are 21% more likely to stop a medication due to cost.

Their health behaviors are possibly in conflict with their personal motivations, providing an opportunity for health exchanges to assist with resolution

HEALTH BEHAVIORS
18-34: UNINSURED vs INSURED



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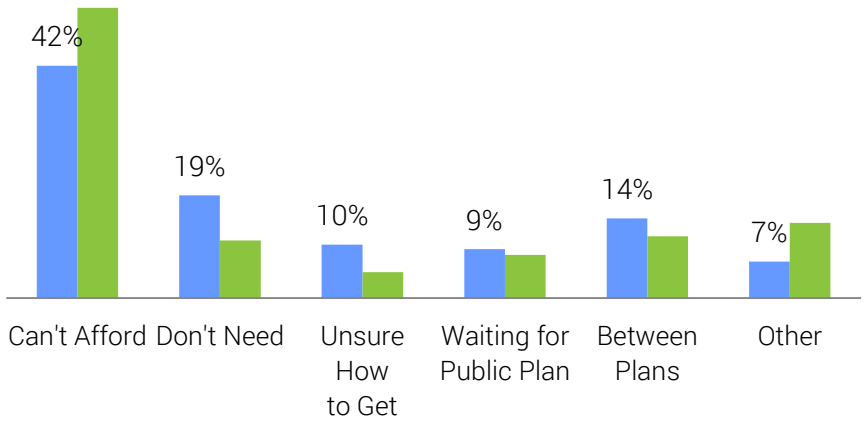
Insurance Intentions

REASONS FOR BEING UNINSURED
UNINSURED: 18-34 vs 35+



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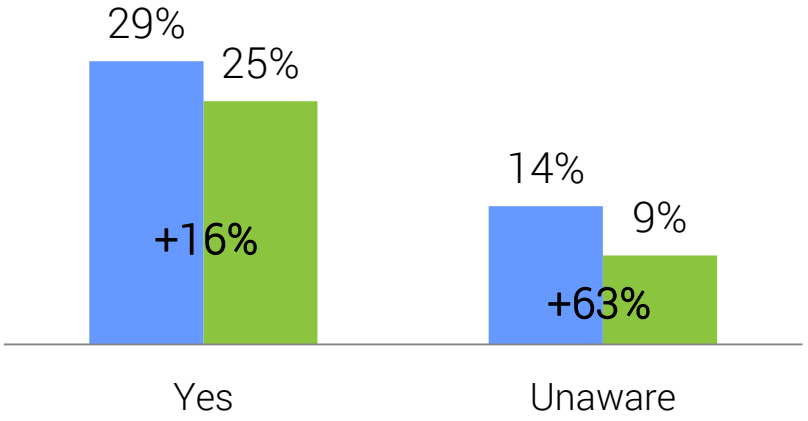
UNINSURED: 18-34 vs 35+



Although Millennials are more likely than A35+ to say that they just don't need insurance, over 80% still cite another reason.

Over 40% of Millennials say that they can't afford insurance, while 10% say that they don't know how to get it.

Employment difficulties shows itself in reasons for not being insured, with 14% citing being "between plans (e.g. lost a job or got a new one)" as a reason.

Millennials actually show a bias for buying on the exchanges, but also show a higher unawareness. Certain populations need to be educated versus persuaded.

03

Who Intends to Enroll in 2015?

Who are the intenders?

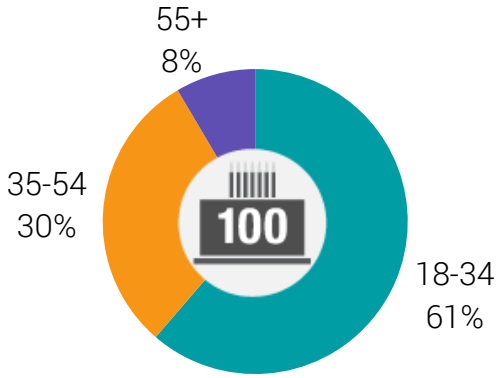
MOST DISTINGUISHING VALUES*

- Self-image: 105% more likely
- Accomplishment: 50% more likely
- Pride: 41% more likely

DID YOU KNOW?

- 30% of intenders are uninsured
- Two-thirds of intenders report a chronic condition
- Intenders are 26% less likely to adhere to a doctor's prescription

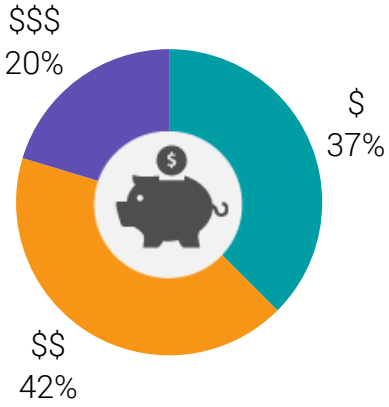
*Compared to total online adult population



AGE

61% 39%

GENDER



INCOME

July 2014, n=1,515

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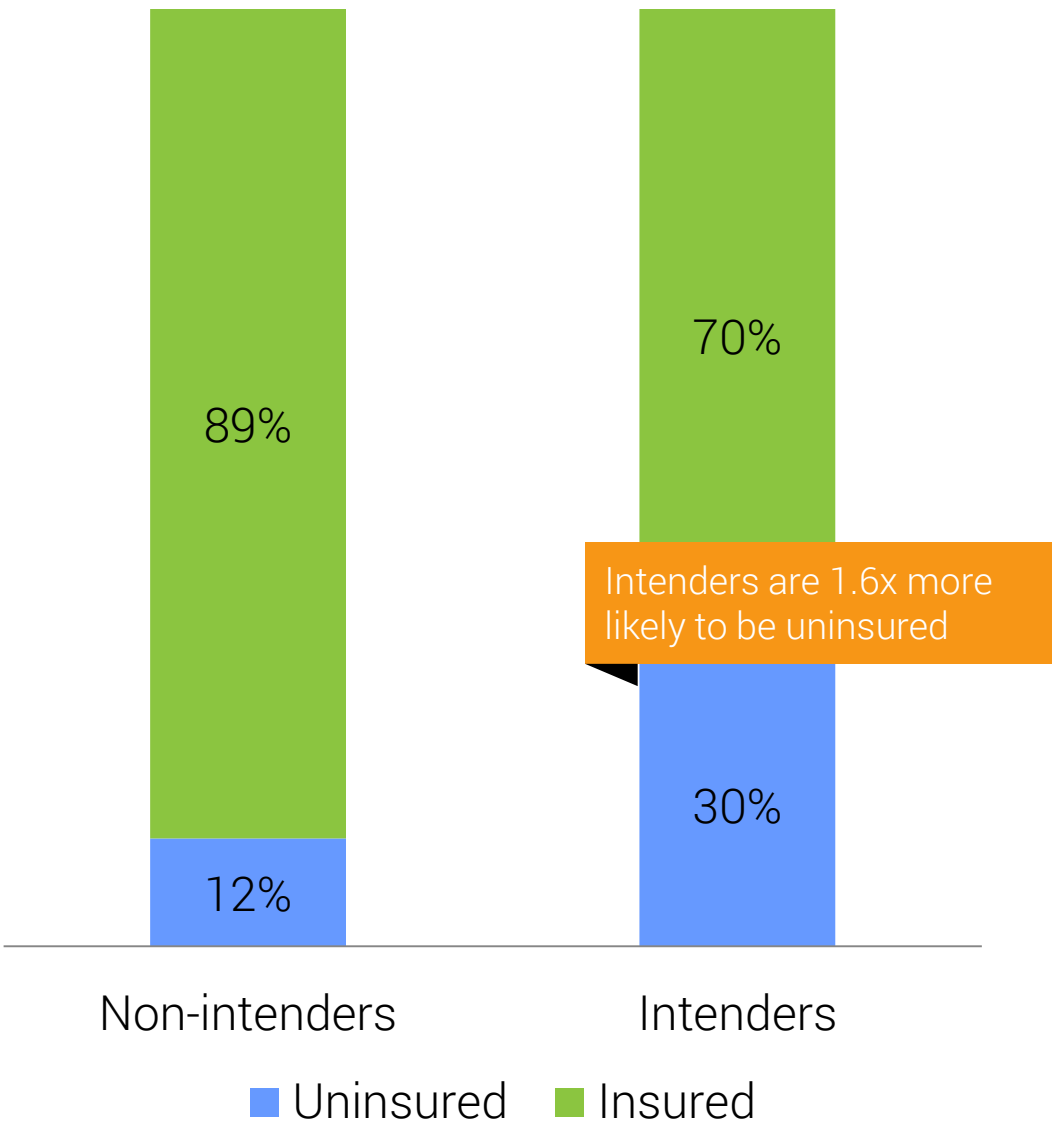
Though the uninsured are more likely to intend enrollment on the exchanges, they are not the only ones interested.

Success in enrollment depends on identifying all intenders, not just uninsured.

INTENT TO ENROLL
UNINSURED vs INSURED



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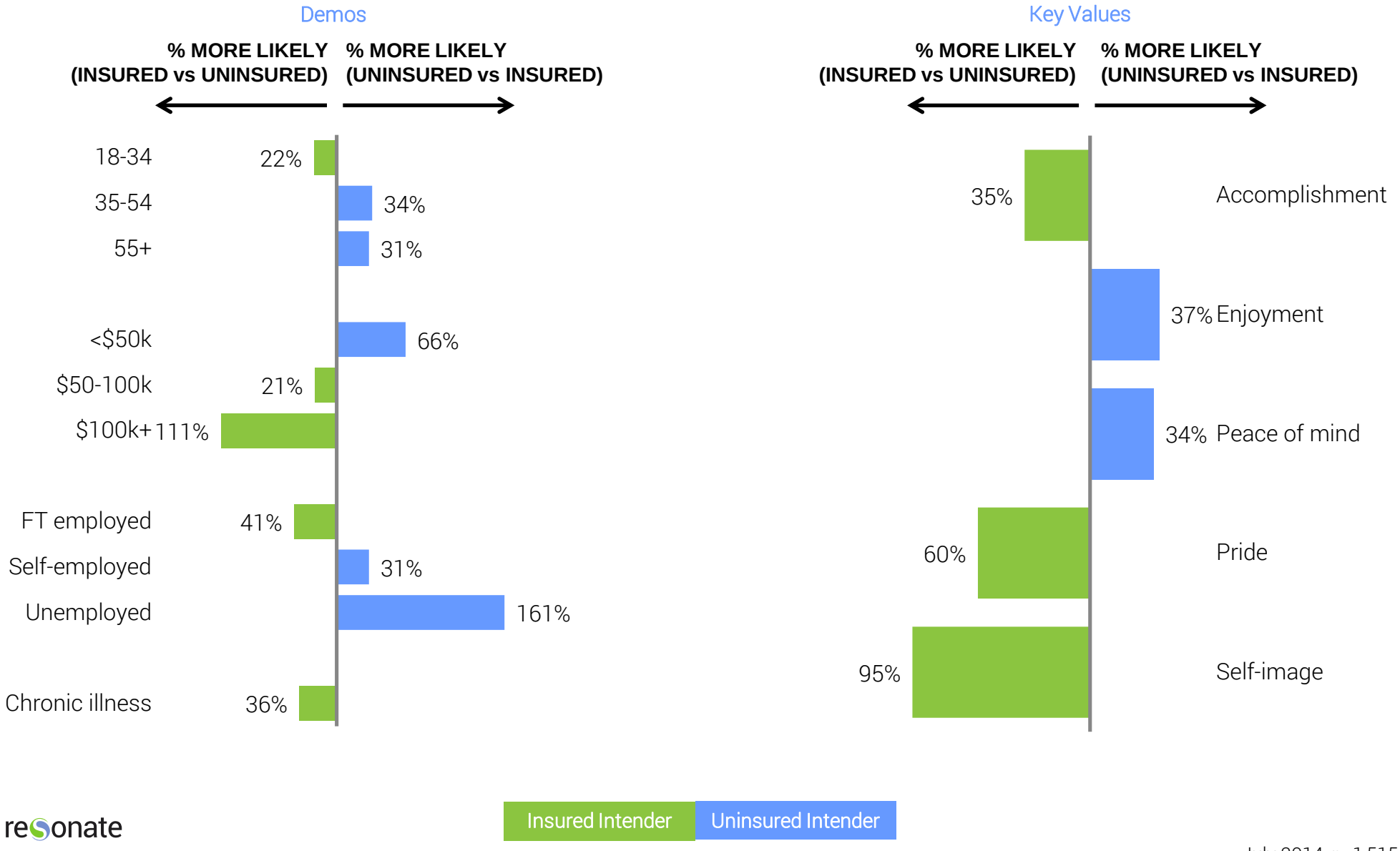
Differences between insured and uninsured intenders

Insured intenders tend to have higher incomes, but are more likely to have chronic conditions; they may be deal-shopping. Uninsured intenders are more likely to be lower income and have sub-optimal employment conditions for obtaining insurance.



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Intenders and Media Consumption

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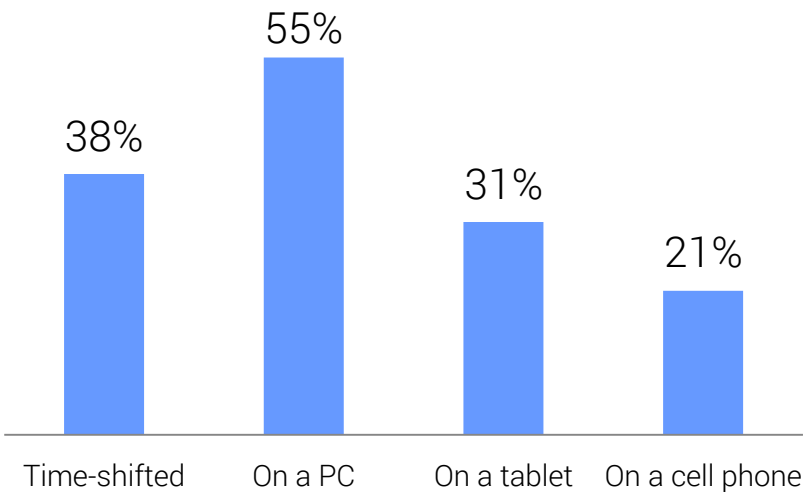
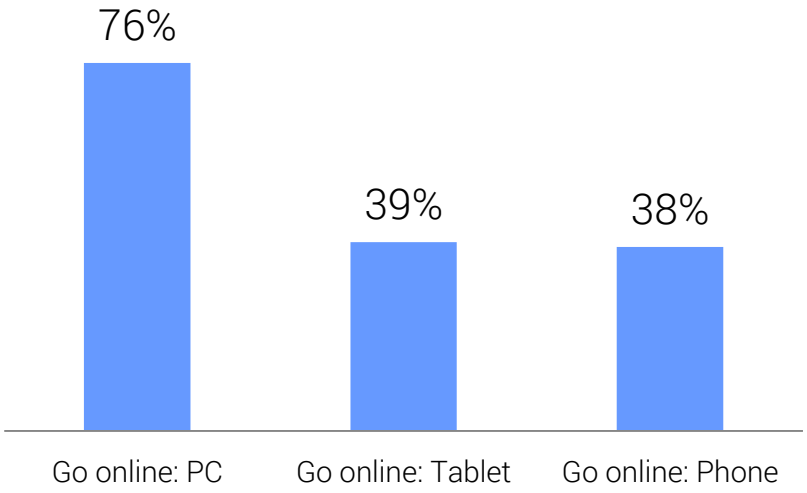


MULTI-TASKING WHILE CONSUMING TV



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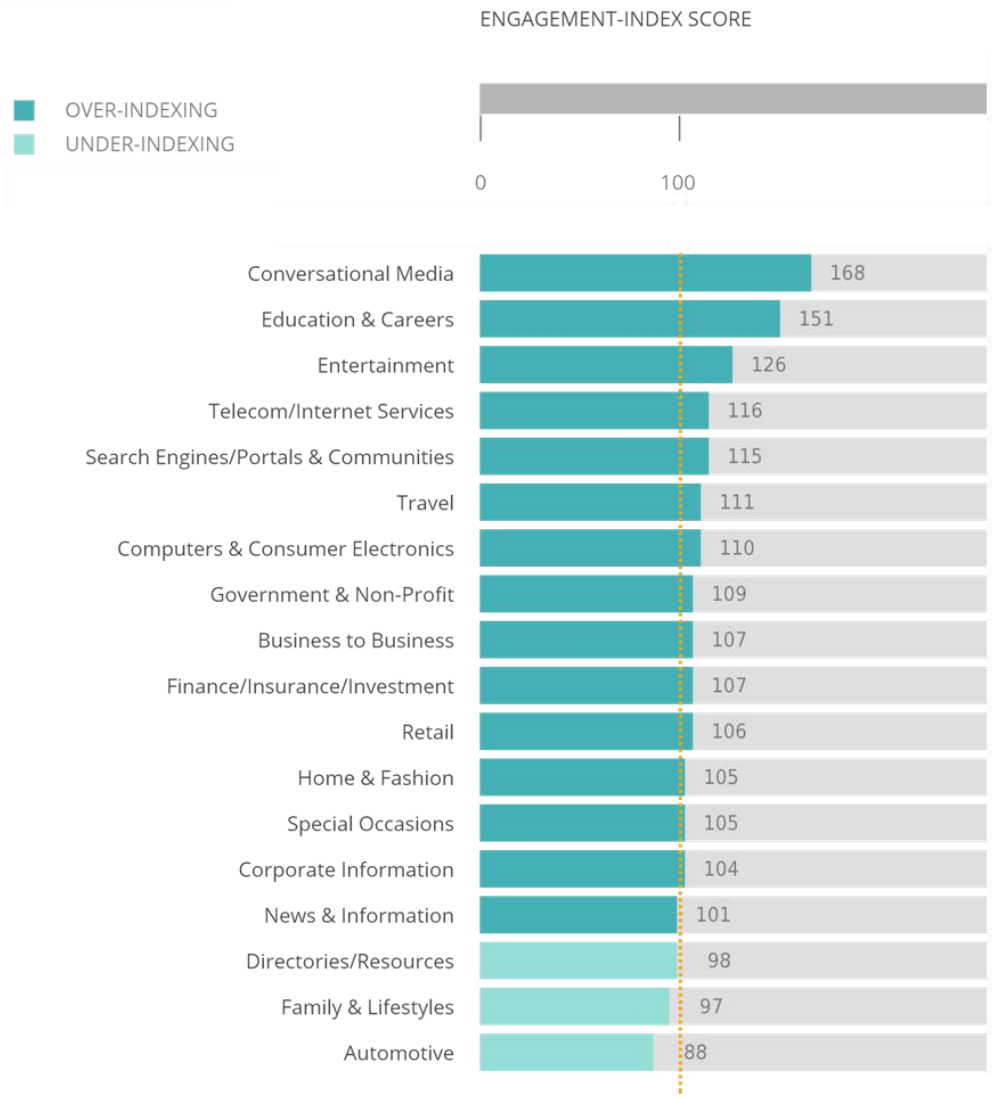

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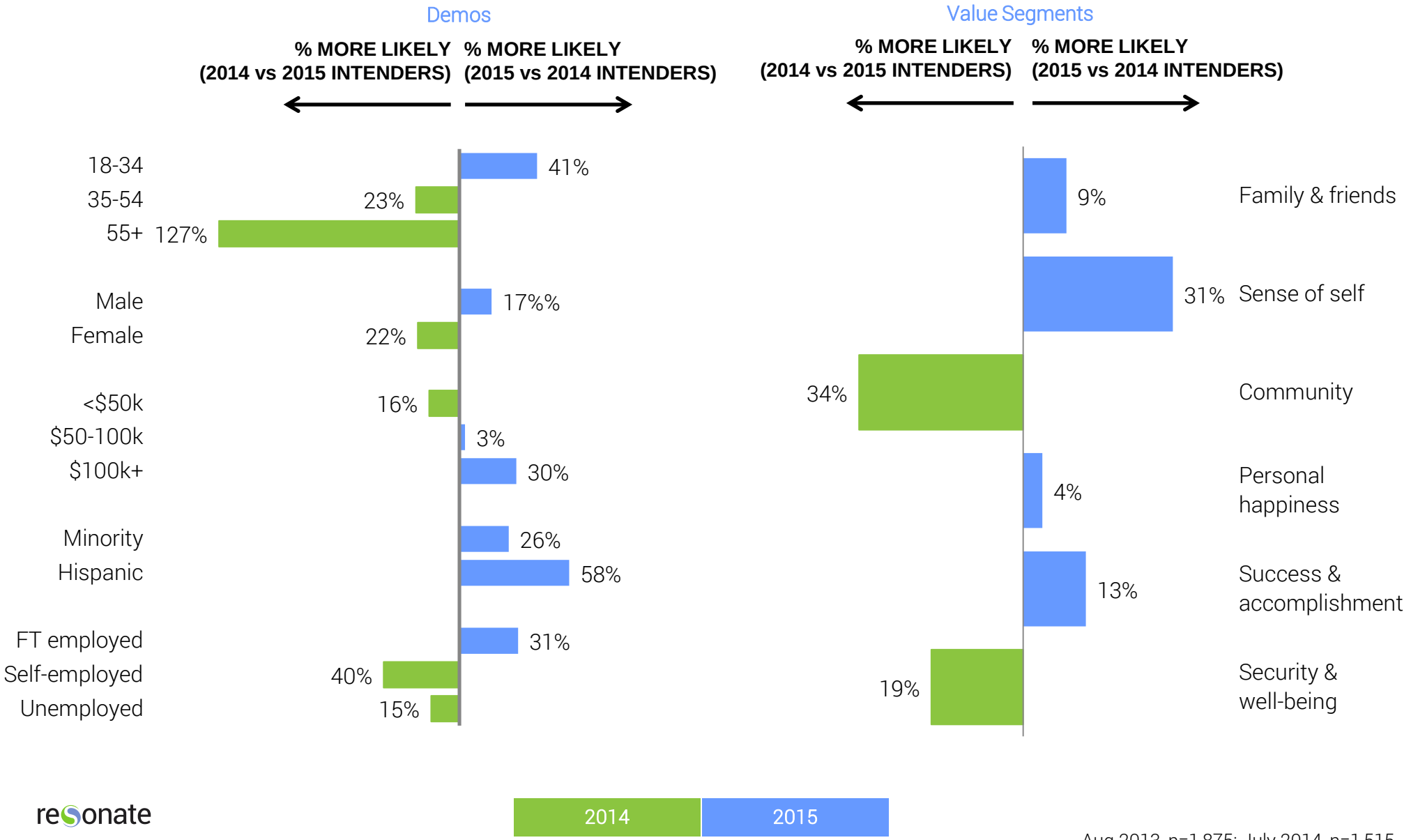
July 2014, n=1,515

Differences between 2014 and 2015 intenders

2015 intenders look very different from their 2014 predecessors. Many groups of interest to the exchanges last year are the prominent intenders this year (younger, minority, Hispanic), suggesting that they are ready to give it a try.



Aug 2013, n=1,875; July 2014, n=1,515

04

Understanding 2014 Enrollees

Who is already enrolled?

NOT SICKER

The incidence of chronic conditions is nearly the same among enrollees (70% vs 68%)*

LESS FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

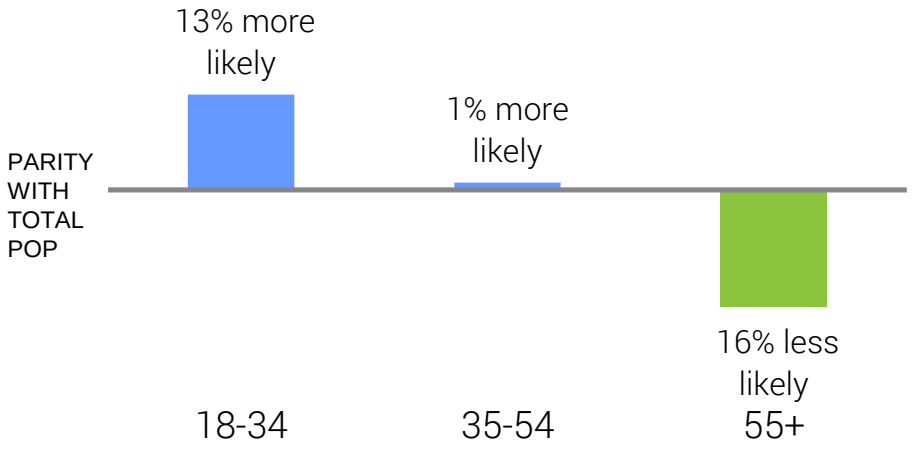
- 18% more likely to work part-time
- 51% more likely to be unemployed
- 88% more likely to be self-employed

MORE MINORITIES

- 46% more likely to be Hispanic
- 70% more likely to be black

AGE

ENROLLED vs ADULT ONLINE POP



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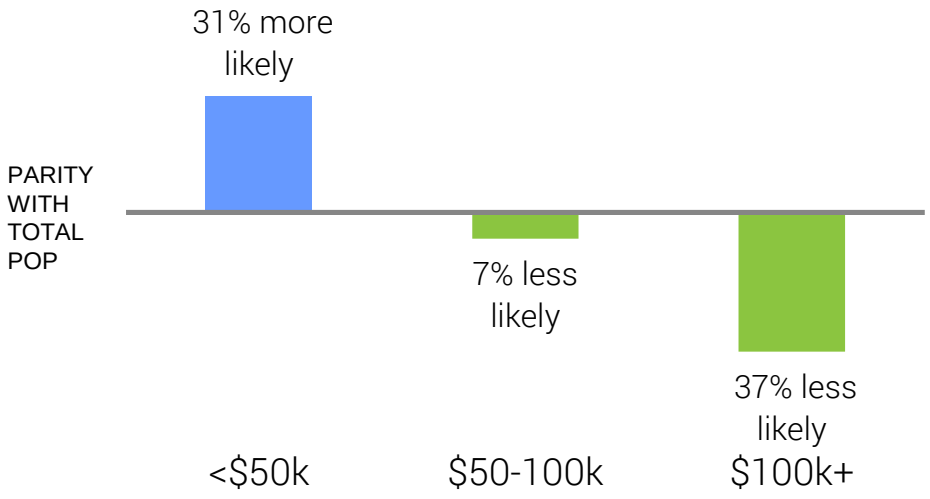

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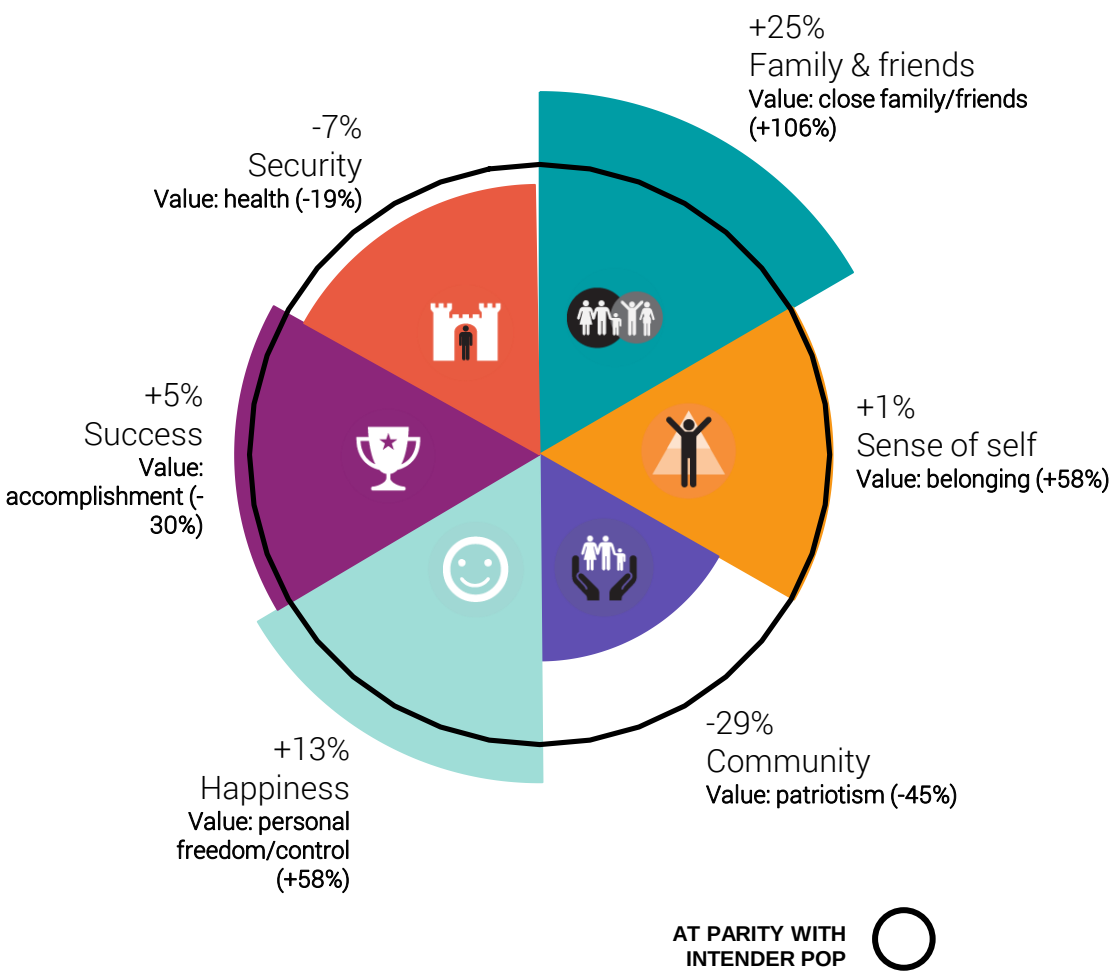
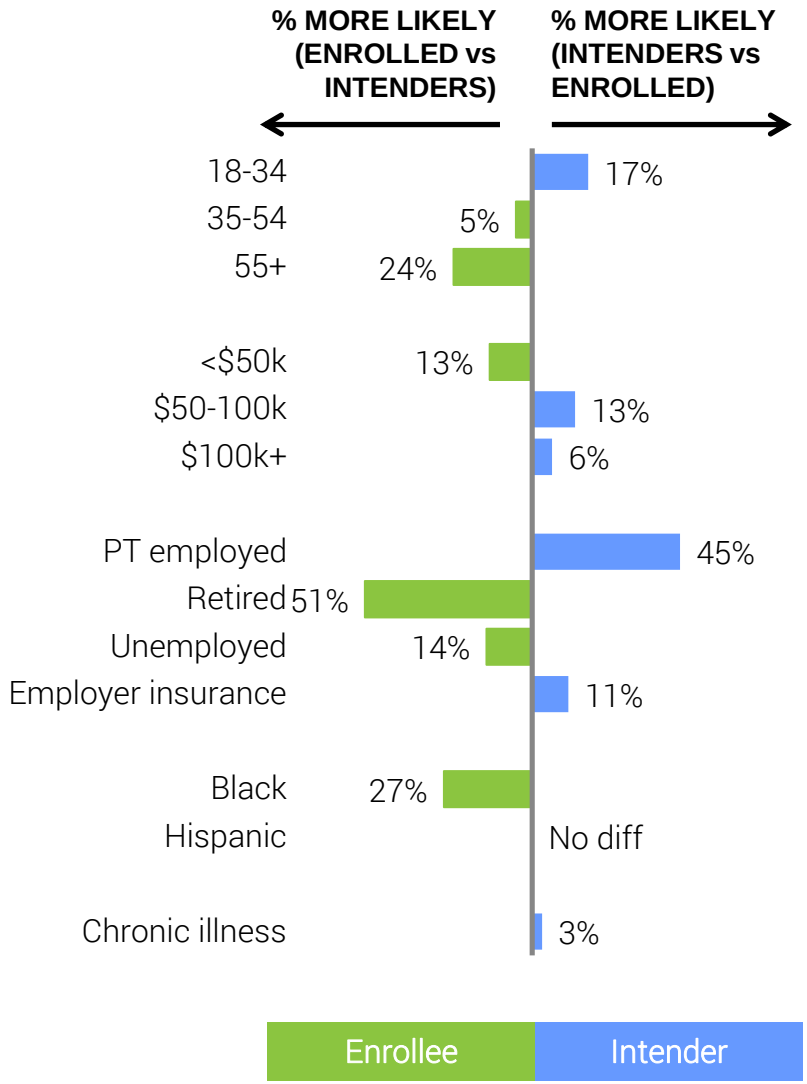
July 2014, n=14,268

Difference between 2014 cycle intenders and enrollees

Compared to people who intended to buy, those who actually enrolled are more likely to value personal relationships and a sense of belonging, as well as the freedom to pursue their own interests, and less likely to value their health. The enrollee population was more likely to be older, lower income, and without employment than overall intenders.

VALUES SEGMENTS AND LEADING VALUE (BY DIFF)
2014 ENROLLED VS INTENDERS





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Aug 2013, n=1,875; July 2014, n=1,209

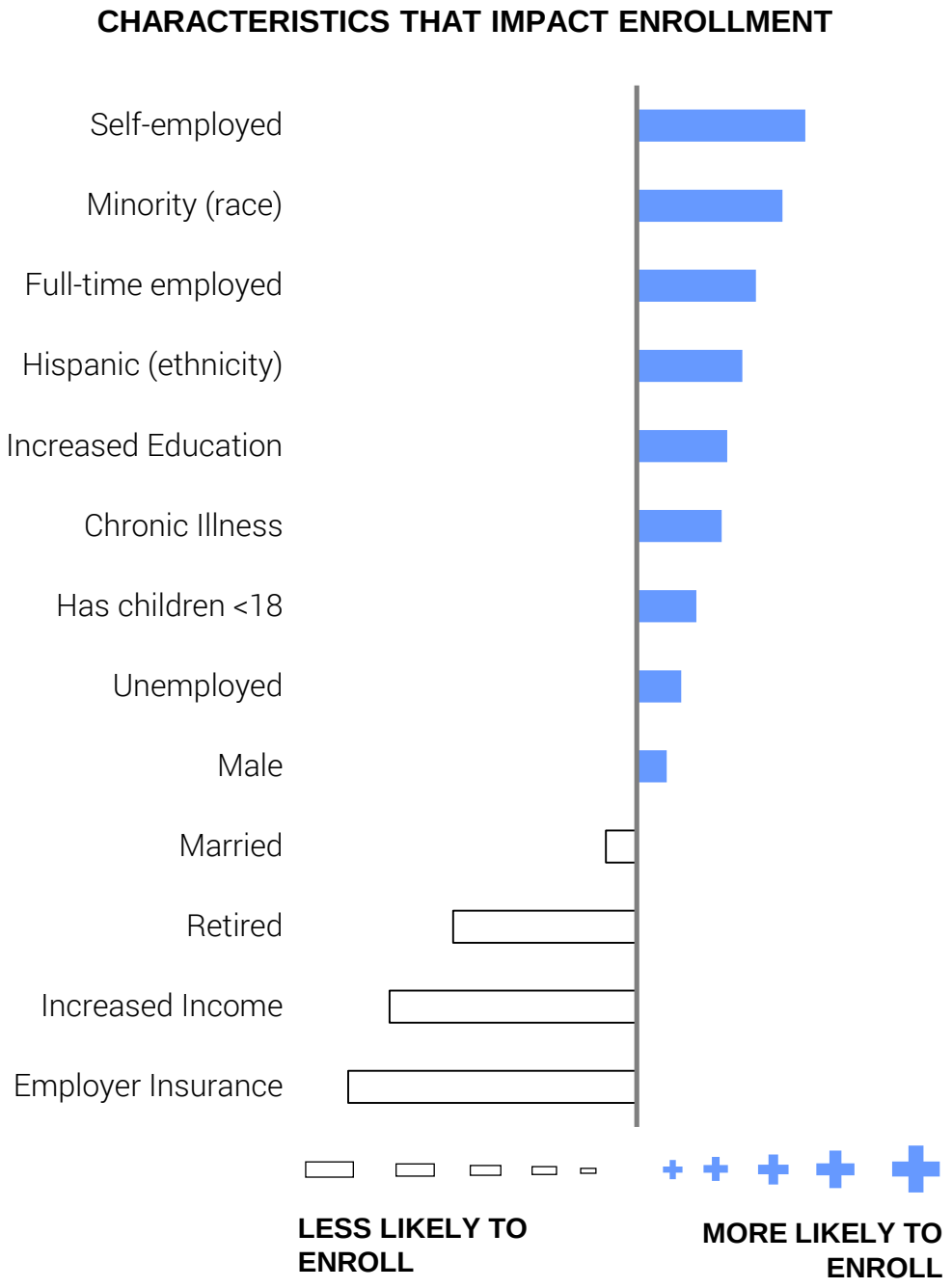
Driving from intention to enrollment: What factors predicted enrollment in the 2014 cycle?

Employment is a driver of enrollment, and particularly **self-employment**, where employer-provided insurance isn't available.

The availability of **employer-provided insurance is a deterrent to enrollment**. It's often a more convenient and cost-effective solution.

Education is also a driver. Though higher incomes are often associated with increased education, income is negatively associated with enrollment.

Being chronically ill is also associated with enrollment, as uninsured or underinsured patients look to build in a safety net.



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Resonate's Experience with the Affordable Care Act

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Proven Results

Resonate worked extensively on the inaugural rollout of the Affordable Care Act. We delivered over 400 million impressions in 34 states during the 2014 Open Enrollment.

- 6 states with direct health exchanges
- 9 states with national healthcare organization
- 28 states through partnership with government agency

Optimized media based on key differences in enrollee profiles over the course of Open Enrollment with Resonate Analytics.

Extensive Reach to Potential Enrollees

Resonate reaches prospective enrollees wherever they are online based on over 6,000 individual targeting attributes.

Sample targeting attributes include:

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Age
- Gender
- Race & Ethnicity
- Employment Status
- Household Income

HEALTHCARE PROFILE

- Rx Persistency & Compliance
- Physician Relationship
- Insurance Status
- Health Management Behaviors

+ 1000s MORE

- Personal Values
- Media Consumption
- Social Media Habits
- Consumer Values
- Product Preferences

CASE STUDY

OBJECTIVE

Identify and engage a hard-to-reach healthcare audience

Deploy a multi-step action plan to target a dynamic audience group

ACTION PLAN

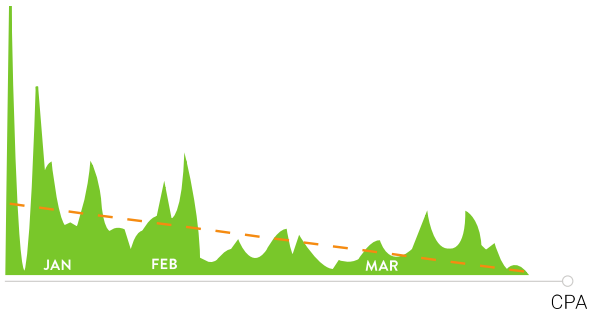
- Use motivations-based targeting to deliver digital ads across display, video, social and mobile channels in specific geos
- Consistently optimize throughout campaign to drive down CPA
  - Day-parting
  - Creative swaps
  - Adjust audiences
  - Retargeting
- Leverage insights from Resonate Analytics to adjust delivery tactics based on significant shift in respondent profile over the course of the campaign

RESULTS

Resonate effectively **reduced CPA** by nearly

2000%

and continually decreasing throughout the duration of the campaign.



BACKGROUND

CLIENT

Government Healthcare Organization implementing the Affordable Care Act

GOAL

With limited time and budget, the client needed a multi-state acquisition campaign to identify intenders of ACA and convert intenders into customers

CHALLENGE

Identifying and engaging a traditionally hard-to-reach audience to take action

THE RESONATE DIFFERENCE

Leveraging **Resonate Analytics**, the organization found that the profile of converters changed throughout the duration of the campaign. Those responding later held distinctively different motivations and demographics compared to those who responded early.

These learnings were immediately available for action—changing the targeting tactics and continuing to increase conversions.

Learn more about reaching potential ACA enrollees.

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