From: Mike
Sent: Fri 2/06/2015 2:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hill, John (DHS)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Warsaw Chemical

Are you in DC?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2015, at 1:22 PM, "Hill, John (DHS)" <jhill@gov.in.gov> wrote:

> David Kane is en route to the scene.
>
> Sent from my Windows Phone
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Kane, David
> **Sent:** 2/6/2015 1:21 PM
> **To:** Carter, Doug; Hill, John (DHS)
> **Cc:** Mike
> **Subject:** Re: Warsaw Chemical
>
> EMA is reporting two, seemingly minor inhalation injuries to responding firefighters. They are being on treated on scene currently.
>
> On Feb 6, 2015, at 1:16 PM, Carter, Doug <DCarter@isp.IN.gov> wrote:
>
> > Info ref Warsaw Chemical.
> >
> > Begin forwarded message:
> >
> > **From:** "Bilkey, Matt" <MBilkey@isp.IN.gov>
> > **Date:** February 6, 2015 at 12:56:49 EST
> > **To:** "Carter, Doug" <DCarter@isp.IN.gov>, "French, Mark" <MFrench@isp.IN.gov>, "Hill, John (DHS)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>, "Karns, Allison" <AKarns@gov.IN.gov>
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**Cc:** Bundy, Clint
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To: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Atterholt Status

Gosh I sorry to hear it but be at ease.
All is well.
Get lots of rest and get well
Prayers
Mike

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 18, 2015, at 6:49 PM, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov> wrot=
e:
>
> A bit of a relapse boss. Hope today is the worst of it. I pray you and K=
aren have blessed time with your son this weekend. It is an amazing accompl=
ishment! I can't tell how proud I would be if that was one of my boys.
>
> Jim
> James Atterholt
> Chief of Staff
> Governor Mike Pence
> jatterholt@gov.in.gov
> Executive Assistant: Bridget Davis
> Office: 317-232-1800
>
>> On Mar 18, 2015, at 6:06 PM, "Mike" <mpence1314@aol.com> wrote:
>>
>> How ya feelin?
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
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ote:
>>>
>>> I think I rushed my return a bit as I am completely without voice this m=
orning. I plan to be home but checking e-mail. Thanks all.
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Bcc:
Subject: Re: Warsaw Chemical

David
Good report.
Good effort today.
Thanks for leading from the front.
Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2015, at 7:02 PM, "Kane, David" <DKane@dhs.IN.gov> wrote:

> Final Report from Warsaw:
>
> Status: Fire is completely extinguished and units have begun to clear the scene. Cause of the fire is undetermined but there is no indication it was intentional.
>
> Impact: One storage building belonging to Warsaw Chemical was heavily damaged by fire. Twenty different chemicals, the overwhelming majority being flammable solvents, burned and or leaked, some in to the city sewer system with overflow in to Lake Winona.
>
> Ice on the lake makes the environmental impact from the leak difficult to accurately assess. Private environmental clean up crews are on site and will be aerating areas of the lake, in addition to their other environmental clean up activities at the plant site. Clean up is anticipated to take months to complete.
>
> Some firefighting equipment such as hoses and boots which came in to direct contact with water runoff is likely unsalvageable. The risk presented by that loss of equipment can be absorbed in the short term by local fire services.
>
> EMS has not fully accounted for the number of persons treated as the result of first response efforts. In addition to the eight previously reported, many other first responders were transported to hospital to be checked out following their decontamination. One suggestion was that that number was upwards of 30 people.
>
> Immediate impact to the economy was limited to the loss of approximately four hours of business revenue for surrounding businesses. Warsaw Chemical employment and related production activity will continue. All evacuated residents and business owners have been allowed to return to their properties.
>
> State Response Agencies: IDEM, ISP, DNR, IOSHA, IDHS

Local Officials Consulted:  Warsaw Mayor Thallemer
Kosciusko County Emergency Management Director Rock

Subject to your questions.

David W. Kane
Executive Director

On Feb 6, 2015, at 2:45 PM, Kane, David <DKane@dhs.IN.gov> wrote:

> I spoke with Mayor Thallmer. Fire is out. Eight firefighters or other city employees hospitalized as the result of chemical exposure during early containment efforts.  Serious lake water contamination is feared.  They are still in the response mode and won't know the full environmental impact for several hours.  He expressed gratitude for the state response.
>
> On Feb 6, 2015, at 2:07 PM, Mike <mpence1314@aol.com> wrote:
>
> > Good decision
> > Full support
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > On Feb 6, 2015, at 1:24 PM, "Carter, Doug" <DCarter@isp.IN.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > I am in communication with David and unless something substantially changes I plan stay here to monitor the Presidential detail. We have senior level commanders at the explosion site.
> > >
> > > On Feb 6, 2015, at 13:21, Mike <mpence1314@aol.com> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Helpful update
> > > >
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Sent: Mon 3/30/2015 1:11 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
Cc: "Pitcock, Josh" <jpitcock@sso.org>, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Ahearn, Mark" <MAhearn@gov.IN.gov>, "Pavlik, Jennifer L" <JPavlik@gov.IN.gov>, "Ryan Streeter (ryantstreeter@gmail.com)" <ryantstreeter@gmail.com>, "Atkins, Chris" <catkins@gov.in.gov>, "Bill Smith (smith@sextonscreek.com)" <smith@sextonscreek.com>, "Crabtree, Chris" <CCrabtree@gov.IN.gov>, "sje" <SJE@lg.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: RFRA op-ed FINAL 3-30-15

It's gone out

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2015, at 1:10 PM, "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

> Reviewing now.
>
> Christy Denault
> Communications Director
> 317/[redacted]
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Mar 30, 2015, at 11:23 AM, Pitcock, Josh <jpitcock@sso.org> wrote:
>
> THIS IS THE FINAL VERSION UNLESS PRESS TEAM SEES ANY TYPOS.
> <RFRA op-ed FINAL 3-30-15.docx>

From: Mike
Sent: Tue 2/10/2015 8:53 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
Cc: "Pavlik, Jennifer L" <JPavlik@gov.IN.gov>, "McGrath, Danielle" <DMcGrath@gov.IN.gov>, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Brooks, Kara D" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Please arrange a short leg briefing at 1030

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> On Feb 10, 2015, at 8:37 AM, "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov> wr=
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>> On Feb 10, 2015, at 8:25 AM, Mike <mpence1314@aol.com> wrote:
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Danielle, what is your desk and mobile phone number? I don't have it on my p=
hone

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 10, 2015, at 8:38 AM, "McGrath, Danielle" <DMcGrath@gov.IN.gov> wro=

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Denault, Christina
> Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:38 AM
> To: Mike
> Cc: Pavlik, Jennifer L; McGrath, Danielle; Atterholt, Jim; Brooks, Kara D
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Sent: Thu 3/05/2015 9:57 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Bridget Cleveland" <bcleveland@gov.in.gov>
Cc: "Christy Denault" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Morning Clips-March 5, 2015

Bridget
Could you ask Katie to make sure we check south bend media for daily clips?

It occurs to me that we are not checking southbend clips since there are no clips of last nights event and it is covered extensively on television and newspaper up there. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2015, at 8:46 AM, "Gilson, Katie" <KGilson@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

**GOVERNOR**
Pence makes multiple board, commission appointments
Inside Indiana Business
Governor Mike Pence recently named appointees to multiple boards and commissions.

Pence options with Supreme Obamacare decision
Washington Herald
CHARLESTON, S.C. - Last Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on King v. Burwell that could determine the fate of Obamacare. The law's survival could come down to the vote of Hoosier-bred Chief Justice John G. Roberts…Into this scenario walks presidentially ambitious Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a vociferous opponent of Obamacare, who repeatedly urges its repeal. Pence will make a decision following the Indiana General Assembly session on whether to seek reelection, or take a shot at a wide-open Republican nomination. The Supreme Court decision will be announced in June, which would be several weeks after Pence makes his political decision. Part of that decision could be based on issues that will propel the eventual nominee. And it is in the health care debate the first-term Hoosier governor has a fascinating set of talking points.

**LEGISLATURE**
Indiana Senate panel set to begin state budget work
NWI Times
The Indiana Senate is set to take its turn at working on the state's new two-year budget.

Faiths divided over Indiana's 'religious freedom' bill
Indy Star
For a Southern Baptist pastor bound to his Bible, the legal protections around religious freedom do not go far enough. Without further safeguarding, he fears he could be forced to wed a gay couple against his beliefs.

State appeals ruling blocking fenced hunting preserve rules
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana attorney general's office is appealing a court ruling that state wildlife officials overstepped their authority in trying to shut down Indiana's high-fenced deer-hunting preserves.

Senate panel to consider banning plastic beads in soaps
NWI Times
An Indiana Senate committee is set to consider a bill that would ban the sale and manufacture of soaps and cosmetics containing plastic particles that environmentalists say are polluting water resources.

E-Liquids regulation bill nears state OK
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
State lawmakers are nearing first-time regulations for the growing trend of vaping, and the industry isn't too happy about it.

Senate panel considers 'right to try' trial drugs bill
Evansville Courier & Press
An Indiana Senate committee is considering a bill that would give terminally ill patients easier access to experimental drugs that have not received full federal approval.
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Proposed teacher tax credit now in Indiana Senate
Evansville Courier & Press
A tax credit to help educators who use personal money to purchase classroom supplies is making its way through the General Assembly.
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**STATE AGENCIES**
Lawmakers honor Umbarger for 45 years of Indiana National Guard service
Evansville Courier & Press
Lawmakers recognized Adjutant General Martin Umbarger for his 45 years of service to the Indiana National Guard, describing him as a devoted and caring leader.

Indiana BMV suit on overcharges heads to mediation
Indy Star
A second class-action lawsuit alleging the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles overcharged Hoosier motorists millions of dollars is headed toward mediation.

Companies adding jobs in central Indiana
Inside Indiana Business
Three companies today announced new investment across central Indiana expected to create a combined 59 new jobs over the next few years.

**AROUND INDIANA**
'Father Ted' memorialized at funeral Mass
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, who transformed the University of Notre Dame into an academic power during his more than three decades as president, was memorialized Wednesday as a world leader in social issues but whose main goal was helping people connect with God.

Donors Push EDC Campaign close to Target
Inside Indiana Business
The Whitley County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) announced today key community supporters have stepped forward to commit two-thirds of the funding sought in its "Start Where You Are" investment campaign to continue the organization's economic development initiatives.

**JOBS/ECONOMY**

Strong local economy driving real estate sectors
Indianapolis Business Journal
Indianapolis' strong economy is helping drive the growth of most local real estate sectors to heights that outpace the city's Midwestern counterparts, a panel of commercial real estate experts said Wednesday.
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Officials to Cut Ribbon on Fort Wayne Center
Inside Indiana Business
Nearly seven months after Gov. Mike Pence joined executives from Lutheran Health Network and other local and state leaders to announce plans for an expansion of Shared Services Center Fort Wayne, almost a third of the 320 new jobs have already been filled.

Social media company lands funding, targets talent
Inside Indiana Business
Geofeedia, the pioneer in location-based social media intelligence, today announced the closing of a $3 million series A4 financing. Hyde Park Venture Partners led the financing round with follow-on participation from Tim Kopp, former CMO of ExactTarget; David Gupta, founder and CEO of SDI Enterprises; and Gene Delaney, former president at Motorola. The financing brings the company's total funding to $6.8 million and will enable Geofeedia to hire key talent, to invest in marketing, and to expand into additional vertical segments.

**EDITORIAL**

Tully: On pot, partnership goes up in smoke
Indy Star
Finally, we have something Democrats and Republicans agree on. At least young ones.

Overturning ACA counters conservative goal
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
If the Supreme Court rules against the government in the latest challenge to Obamacare, conservatives will have done more than undercut the Affordable Care Act. They will also have crippled a cause they have long supported: weakening the link between health insurance and employment.

At war over wages
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
In a session quickly marked by unexpected and divisive issues, a bid to repeal common construction wage stands out. The interest in pushing the measure through before the 2016 election is obvious, but the lack of concern for another hit on Indiana paychecks is puzzling.

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**Senate panel considers 'right-to-try' trial drugs bill**

An Indiana Senate committee is considering a bill that would give terminally ill patients easier access to experimental drugs that have not received full federal approval.
Senate health committee members heard testimony Wednesday about the measure. It would allow patients to opt in for experimental drug treatments that have passed at least Phase-1 of the Federal Drug Administration's approval process.
The "right to try" legislation passed through the state House last month.
Supporters say it would shorten the time patients wait for potentially life-saving drugs. No one spoke in opposition at the hearing, but lawmakers raised several questions, including how drug usage would be tracked and monitored.

Committee Chairwoman Patricia Miller, an Indianapolis Republican, decided not to hold a vote until next week so that changes can be made.

**Proposed teacher tax credit now in Indiana Senate**
Chelsea Schneider
3:50 PM, Mar 4, 2015
A tax credit to help educators who use personal money to purchase classroom supplies is making its way through the General Assembly.

A proposal, which already cleared the House and is now in the Senate, provides for as much as $200 per year in income tax credits for teachers to help offset the purchase of supplies that benefit students.

The bill's author, state Rep. Ben Smaltz, an Auburn Republican, said the proposal is "one small step" in helping attract the best and brightest teachers to work in Indiana's classrooms.

Smaltz told a Senate committee on Wednesday that teachers don't go into the field for money. They do it to help students learn, he said.

"They don't make a lot of money doing that. They go into it knowing they won't make a lot of money," Smaltz said.

John Barnes, a representative with the Indiana Department of Education, spoke in support of the legislation and recalled purchasing items, such as tissues, hand sanitizer and pencils, in his 33 years as a school teacher before working for the state.

"This is an awesome gesture and recognition of the fact they make that kind of sacrifice and put themselves into doing what they do every day," Barnes said.

More than 65,000 teachers spent an average of $250 apiece on classroom supplies in 2012, according to a fiscal analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency. However, the analysis also found about 60,000 teachers used an expense deduction in 2011, with the average claim amount at $950.

Along with classroom teachers, superintendents, principals and guidance counselors are eligible for the tax credit, Smaltz said.

The proposal passed the House unanimously in February, and now needs to pass the Senate before it can head to Gov. Mike Pence's desk for consideration.

House Republicans made the proposal part of their legislative priorities for this year, and say the credit is a way to support funding that goes directly to the classroom.

**Strong local economy driving real estate sectors**
March 4, 2015
Scott Olson
Indianapolis' strong economy is helping drive the growth of most local real estate sectors to heights that outpace the city's Midwestern counterparts, a panel of commercial real estate experts said Wednesday.
Leaders of the local office of the Chicago-based global real estate services firm DTZ (formerly

Cassidy Turley) delivered the optimistic message at the company's annual State of Real Estate outlook.

The city last year ranked 35th in job growth out of roughly 280 metropolitan areas, while lowering its unemployment rate to about 5 percent, DTZ chief economist Kevin Thorpe said.

Ticking through the office, industrial and multifamily sectors, Thorpe described industrial as "on fire" while noting the more than 17 million square feet of space absorbed in the market in recent years.

"You're one of the few markets that absorbed space during the recession," Thorpe said. "It's because you're in the middle of the country. You have a great advantage there."

The job growth also is helping drive the huge surge in downtown apartment construction, as millennials enter the rental market. The number of apartment units (4,200) that came on line last year downtown equaled the entire amount built throughout the rest of the metro area.

Another 4,000 units downtown are expected to be ready for occupancy this year. The building boom should last for another five to seven years, Thorpe predicted.

Though the downtown population is growing, the office market so far is failing to keep pace. The vacancy rate stands at an alarming 24 percent, mostly driven by disappointing occupancy in traditional towers, said Jon Owens, a DTZ managing director and office broker.

"But I'm optimistic about downtown," he said. "It's undergoing rapid change, a renaissance."

More than half of the city's office towers were built before 1980 and still sport outdated interior designs that need to come out of the "dark ages," Owens said.

Building owners are beginning to remodel common areas to help attract tenants, who in turn need more modern workspaces to recruit millennials.

White Plains, N.Y.-based True North Management Group, the owner of the troubled BMO Plaza, has added a trendy-looking tenant lounge. And the new owner of Market Tower, Chicago-based Zeller Realty, is embarking on a multi-million-dollar renovation of the building's atrium, Owens said.

Just as the office market is changing, the retail sector is, too, shifting to make shopping experiences more experiential, said Jacque Haynes, a DTZ senior vice president and retail broker.

The change is driven by the recovering economy and the influence of millennials and their shopping demands and interests.

It's occurring at high-end luxury malls where retailers like Tesla, Apple and Microsoft are tenants, Haynes said.

Despite the perception that millennials prefer to shop online, statistics show they actually enjoy visiting malls. That's driving online retailers such as Amazon to open outlets. The company opened its first ever staffed store in February at Purdue University.

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Cc: "Jim Atterholt COS" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: [Govstate] Office of Management and Budget Director Announces Departure
Attachments: image00100001.jpg; image00200002.jpg; image00300003.jpg; image00400004.jpg; Atkins Resignation00005.pdf

[redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cleveland, Bridget" <BCleveland@gov.IN.gov>
**Date:** June 11, 2015 at 1:02:57 PM EDT
**To:** undisclosed-recipients:;
**Subject: [Govstate] Office of Management and Budget Director Announces Departure**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 11, 2015

Contact: Matt Lloyd
mlloyd@gov.in.gov

**Office of Management and Budget Director Announces Departure**
*Micah Vincent Named OMB Director*

Indianapolis – Governor Mike Pence recently accepted the resignation of Office of Management and Budget Director Chris Atkins, who has served in the role since January of 2013. His resignation is effective at close of business on June 26. Prior to this role, he served on the Governor's campaign, as OMB General Counsel and Policy Director for Governor Mitch Daniels, and in a variety of other roles regarding fiscal and tax policy. His letter of resignation can be found attached.

"As Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Chris Atkins has served as a devoted steward of taxpayer dollars," said Governor Pence. "He is a true public servant in every way, and his leadership and service to the people of Indiana will be greatly missed. We wish him the best as he begins this new chapter of his life."

Atkins will be joining Mainstreet, where he will serve as Senior Vice President for Corporate Strategy and Analytics.

Micah Vincent, OMB General Counsel and Policy Director, will replace Atkins as OMB Director, effective June 27. Under the Pence Administration, Vincent previously served as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Local Governance Finance. Prior to this role, he served as Assistant General Counsel and Policy Director for Utilities, Energy, and Higher Education in the Office of Governor Daniels; General Counsel for the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance; Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; and Staff Attorney for the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. Vincent, of Whitestown, earned his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and his law degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

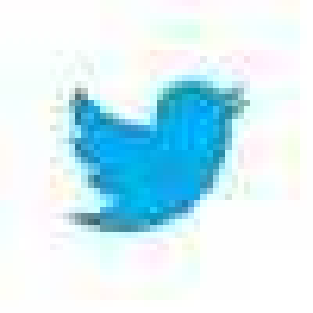
“Micah Vincent has a strong background in state government and the proven leadership skills needed to take on the role of Director of Indiana’s Office of Management Budget,” said Pence. “I am confident he will continue to serve Hoosiers well in this new position and keep the Office of Management and Budget laser-focused on ensuring the proper use of taxpayer dollars and maintaining Indiana’s strong fiscal reputation.”

OMB oversees the following state agencies: Department of Local Government Finance, Indiana Finance Authority, Indiana Department of Revenue, Government Efficiency and Financial Planning, Indiana Board of Tax Review, Indiana Public Retirement System, Indiana Office of Technology, Office of State Based Initiatives, State Board of Accounts, and State Budget Agency.

Upon Atkins’ departure, the Indiana Finance Authority and Indiana Department of Revenue will report to State Budget Director Brian Bailey, whose current responsibilities include working with the legislature to develop and implement the state budget, evaluating fiscal and policy impacts of legislative proposals, serving as fiscal forecaster and fiscal policy advisor to the Governor, and keeping state expenditures in line with revenue collections.

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Jim
James Atterholt
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Governor Mike Pence
jatterholt@gov.in.gov
Executive Assistant: Bridget Davis
Office: 317-232-1800

> On Mar 18, 2015, at 6:06 PM, "Mike" <mpence1314@aol.com> wrote:
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> How ya feelin?
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Mar 18, 2015, at 8:42 AM, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov> wr=
ote:
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>> I think I rushed my return a bit as I am completely without voice this m=
orning. I plan to be home but checking e-mail. Thanks all.
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From: Mike
Sent: Sat 3/14/2015 1:12 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Crystalynne Boyer" <cboyer@gov.in.gov>
Cc: "Jim Atterholt COS" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: Bio 2014.doc
Attachments: Bio 201400001.doc

Crystalynne
Please add to the file on IU board of trustees
Thanks
Mike

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Michael McRobbie <[redacted]>
**Date:** March 13, 2015 at 4:31:54 PM EDT
**To:** mpence1314@aol.com
**Cc:** Michael McRobbie <[redacted]>
**Subject: Fwd: Bio 2014.doc**

Governor,

Greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet Wednesday & thank very much for your time & support.

You mentioned having met Melanie Hart who was one of my recommendations to you last year as candidate to be appointed as an IU Trustee. I have appended the email I sent you then as well as an updated copy of her bio. I would reiterate, that I think she would make an excellent Trustee.

Also, following our conversation about your visit to China & our Global Gateway Office there in Beijing, I have asked Bill Stephan to work with your office as to any opportunities you might have to visit it. As well, if you would like to use it as a base of operations while you are there, we would be delighted to make it available to you for the whole period of your visit there.

Again, thank you very much for your support.

Regards,

Michael

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[From May, 2014]

Governor - we are about half way through our Asian trip. It's all been extremely successful. I hope you may have had a chance to see some of the news releases.

While in Tokyo, we met with Mr Yasuyuki Ohara, the Chairman & CEO of the Tsuchiya Group. They make various components for the auto industry and other areas & have some interesting niche markets.

They have four facilities in North America employing about 400 people & in fact their North American Headquarters is in Bloomington where Melanie Hart is their President.

I thanked Mr Ohara for his investment in Indiana & his confidence in the state, and took the liberty of adding that I was sure you would want me to convey these sentiments to him as well.

Incidentally Melanie Hart is one of the few women who is president of a subsidiary of a Japanese company & is a very impressive woman. She is also heavily involved in a number of different areas for IU as well.

Consequently I have also taken the liberty of suggesting her to Marilee as another possible Trustees candidate & sent her her Vita.

With best regards,

Michael

# MELANIE W. HART

**CEO, Tsuchiya Group North America**
**President, TASUS Corporation**

After graduating from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and holding positions with Mobil Oil and Chemical, and Schlegel Corporation, Melanie began her career with Tsuchiya Company of Nagoya, Japan, 25 years ago (www.tsuchiya-group.co.jp) . Tsuchiya, established in 1950, is a $1.3 billion company, with 26 manufacturing and sales operations in 32 cities around the globe (Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Czech Republic, the U.S. and Canada).

In 1994 Melanie was named President of TASUS Corporation (www.tasus.com), Tsuchiya's first North American subsidiary. She was believed to be the first and youngest female president of a Japanese owned manufacturing company in North America.

During the past 20 years of Melanie's presidency, she established four more Tsuchiya companies in North America: TASUS Canada, of Ontario Canada, Craft Mexico, in Mexico City, TASUS Texas in Georgetown, Texas, and most recently, TASUS Alabama in Florence, Alabama. These Tsuchiya Group North America companies employ over 500, with annual combined revenues of over $80 million. They manufacture plastic injection molded assemblies, blow molded assemblies, extrusions, labels, overlays and dimensional graphic products for the automotive industry.

In addition to leading and growing Tsuchiya's presence in North America, Melanie also works closely with the headquarters leadership in Japan in matters of the operations of the Tsuchiya businesses around the globe.

## AFFILIATIONS/ACTIVITIES:

**Select USA Summit, U.S. Department of Commerce,** Speaker and Member

**State of Indiana Delegate,** White House Conference on Small Business

**President,** Japan America Society of Indiana

**Gubernatorial appointed Member,** State of Indiana, Workforce Innovation Council

**Deans Council Member,** Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs

**Member of the Board**, Indiana University Credit Union

**Member of the Board,** Bloomington Economic Development Corporation

**Member of the Board**, Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center

**Former Chair of the Board,** Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce

**Former President, Executive Leadership Team,** American Heart Association

**Former Member of the Board,** Monroe County Community Foundation

**Speaking Engagements:**

. SelectUSA Summit, U.S. Department of Commerce
. Executive Conference, Plastics News
. Columbia Business School, Agents of Change:  Women CEO’s
. Indiana University, Kelly School of Business, International Summit
. Indiana University, Kelly School of Business, MBA Entrepreneurship Program
. Indiana University, Women Partners Program
. Small Business Development Center, Bloomington Executive Success Training
. Japan America Society of Alabama, Monozukuri and the Toyota Production System
. Japan America Society of Indiana, The Toyota Production System

From: Mike
Sent: Thu 3/26/2015 6:20 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Josh Pitcock" <jpitcock@sso.org>, "Christy Denault" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Can you forward the draft statement on RFRA?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Atkins, Chris
Sent: Tue 3/31/2015 1:33 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Mike Pence" <mpence1314@aol.com>
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: [Clip] Time - Connecticut Gov. Malloy: 'Mike Pence Knew What He Was Doing'
Attachments: Indiana vs Connecticut00001.doc

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Tablet

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rusthoven, Mark"
Date:03/31/2015 10:32 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Atkins, Chris"
Subject: RE: [Clip] Time - Connecticut Gov. Malloy: 'Mike Pence Knew What He Was Doing'

[redacted]

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**From:** Atkins, Chris
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:20 PM
**To:** Rusthoven, Mark
**Subject:** Fwd: [Clip] Time - Connecticut Gov. Malloy: 'Mike Pence Knew What He Was Doing'

[redacted]

-------- Original message --------
From: "Hodgin, Stephanie"
Date:03/31/2015 10:11 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Denault, Christina" ,"Brooks, Kara D" ,"Atterholt, Jim" ,"Espich, Jeff" ,"Ahearn, Mark" ,"Simcox, Stephen" ,"Crabtree, Chris" ,"Atkins, Chris" ,"Pitcock, Josh" ,"Keefer, Sean (GOV)" ,"McGrath, Danielle" ,"Brookes, Brady" ,"Pavlik, Jennifer L" ,"Craig, Lindsey M" ,"'smith@sextonscreek.com'" ,"Cleveland, Bridget" ,"Johnson, David (OSBI)" ,"Anderson, Christopher M"
Subject: [Clip] Time - Connecticut Gov. Malloy: 'Mike Pence Knew What He Was Doing'

Connecticut Gov. Malloy: 'Mike Pence Knew What He Was Doing'

Time – Connecticut Gov. Malloy

## But he did it anyway

If we stand idly by while states legalize bigotry, we are responsible for allowing it to happen. Yesterday, Connecticut took action to stop discrimination against any of our citizens. I signed my 45th executive order, which made our state the first in the nation to ban state-funded travel to Indiana.

Uproar has occurred both in and out of the Hoosier State for good reason. The religious freedom law Republican Governor Mike Pence signed last week — deliberately lacking protections against discrimination for the LGBTQ community — will allow an entire group of citizens to be treated as second class.

The law is disturbing, disgraceful, and outright discriminatory. Governor Mike Pence knew what he was doing. He knew this legislation would allow discrimination against American citizens. He signed it anyway.

Codifying discrimination in our laws should be something we read about in American history, not on the front pages of today's American newspapers and magazines. Fortunately, Connecticut has been joined by many elected officials, business leaders, and organizations across the nation who are standing up against this discriminatory law.

No person should be denied service at a lunch counter because of who they love. A landlord should not be able to deny housing to a person based on his or her sexual preference. No state, as a matter of public policy, should turn back the clock on progress by, in effect, legalizing and relitigating the same types of

discriminatory laws and debates that took America centuries to overcome.

I am a person of faith who believes deeply in the right to exercise religious beliefs. But that's not what Indiana's law is about. It legally gives one private individual or business a blank check to discriminate against another. Packaging the law as a matter of "religious freedom" may provide a palatable political message to some, but ultimately Indiana is using religion as a legal basis for treating some Americans as second-class citizens.

To be clear, Connecticut has for two decades had a law recognizing freedom of religion. We celebrate it. But what separates us from Indiana is that we also have numerous statutes outlawing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. We protect the rights of all our citizens.

Indiana doesn't. And through what is a deliberate omission of those basic statutes that codify equality, Indiana has approved legal discrimination.

And for Governor Pence and Indiana, that's just bad business — because it's bad for business.

Apple CEO Tim Cook said it himself, penning an op-ed that called this law "dangerous" because it attempts to "rationalize injustice." Business leaders from coast to coast are panning it. So is the NCAA.

All of it makes you wonder how many can so falsely and egregiously claim to be so "pro-business" while simultaneously implementing policies that are rooted in so much hate for America's workforce.

Well, here's my message to businesses in Indiana.

To the NCAA: Your LGBTQ athletes are always welcome in Connecticut. To Angie's List, Eli Lilly, Yelp, Gen Con, and to all companies and leaders either overtly or privately questioning Indiana's direction, please know that Connecticut is open for business— and will welcome those in your workforce for who they are. Everyone is treated equally under Connecticut's laws.

As elected officials, we have a small window in time to impact lives in big ways. And it's incumbent upon leaders to do what we're supposed to: lead by doing what's right for the people we serve.

Yesterday, Connecticut did that by standing up for progress and rebuking Indiana's laws. I would encourage leaders across the nation, Democrat and Republican, to join us in standing up for action — and against discrimination.

Stephanie Hodgin

Communications Specialist

Office of Governor Michael R. Pence

shodgin@gov.in.gov

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From: Mike
Sent: Thu 4/02/2015 2:01 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Mark Ahearn" <mahearn@gov.in.gov>, "Bill Smith (NEW consultant)" <smith@sextonscreek.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: FYI Confidential Legal Analysis of IN RFRA with Amendment

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** JBoppjr@[redacted]
**Date:** April 2, 2015 at 1:51:38 PM EDT
**To:** jboppjr@[redacted]
**Subject: FYI Confidential Legal Analysis of IN RFRA with Amendment**

Friends, my associate's view of the RFRA with the amendment. He is general counsel for Indiana Right to Life. I agree with his analysis. Jim

This amendment would limit the scope of the protections afforded by RFRA significantly. The amendment will create a RFRA that is far more restrictive than federal RFRA. (1) It will restrict the permissible religious beliefs (i.e., it excludes race, sex, sexual orientation, etc as beliefs protected by RFRA) that businesses can use to claim protection under RFRA. (2) It withdraws RFRA protection from individuals and "other organized groups of persons" (e.g., a bridge club, a book club, an independent bible study group, etc) who would seek to claim RFRA protection on the same set of prohibited beliefs.

The most troubling aspect of the amendment is that it singles out particular religious beliefs and accords them lesser protection than other religious beliefs. This raises serious questions about the constitutionality of the amendment under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The Supreme Court does not look favorably upon attempts to single out particular religious beliefs and has held laws that do unconstitutional. *See Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye v. Hialeah*, 508 U.S. 520 (1993) (holding unconstitutional a municipal ordinance that targeted the specific religious beliefs and practices). In addition, the amendment poses an equal protection problem under the Fourteenth Amendment in that it treats certain religious beliefs different from others.

With respect to individuals, the amendment has a unique impact on individuals who are rabbis, priests, preachers, ministers, or pastors because it exempts them from RFRA's protections when acting in their personal capacities but not when "engaged in a religious or affiliated educational function of the church or other nonprofit religious organization or society." The amendment essentially draws an artificial line between the activities of such religious figures, protecting them only when they act on behalf of a church or nonprofit and not when they act on their own. Though such religious figures will be more protected than regular individuals who would be covered under the current RFRA version and hold religious beliefs related to the prohibited categories of beliefs.

Another striking feature of the amendment is the scope of activities covered. It would apply not only to the provision of services, public accommodations, employment, and housing but also to the

provision of “facilities” and “goods”. The breadth of activities exempted from RFRA protection by the amendment is cause for concern especially when considered in light of the fact that the amendment withdraws protections from individuals. Under the amendment, individuals could not use RFRA as a defense against someone asserting a legal right to receive services, facilities, goods, employment, or housing from that individual if the reason the individual is refusing stems from a prohibited religious belief.

This amendment could impact pro-life individuals and organizations in several ways, including the following:

- Under the amendment, RFRA could no longer be used by a medical provider (doctor, nurse, hospital, etc) as a basis for refusing to provide an abortion for a woman seeking to abort a child because the child has a disability like down syndrome (disability discrimination) or because the child is of a particular sex/race/color/national origin (sex/race/color/national origin discrimination). The amendment would exempt an unborn child’s disability, sex, race, color, and national origin from the religious reasons that a person/organization could refuse to provide the “service” of abortion or, in the case of an entity, refuse to provide it’s “facility”.

- If “sex” is interpreted by a court as including a woman’s reproductive capacity and thus abortion as the New Mexico Supreme Court has done (*New Mexico Right to Choose/NARAL v. Johnson*, 975 P.2d 841 (N.M. 1998) (holding that the restricting the use of Medicaid funds for abortion is tantamount to discrimination on the basis of sex and gender)), then, under the amendment, Indiana’s RFRA would no longer support the result reached in the Hobby Lobby case, exempting Hobby Lobby from the requirement to offer insurance covering the abortion pill. This amendment would consider that sex discrimination and therefore exclude it from RFRA’s protection (assuming “sex” interpreted to encompass abortion). More generally, if “sex” is construed as including abortion, the amendment would prevent RFRA from being used as a defense by any doctor, pharmacist, nurse, etc. who refuses to provide a government or government-employment mandated services for abortion.

Justin

From: Atkins, Chris
Sent: Wed 4/08/2015 4:42 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Mike" <mpence1314@aol.com>
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Vincent, Micah" <mvincent@gov.in.gov>, "Espich, Jeff" <JEspich@gov.IN.gov>, "McGrath, Danielle" <DMcGrath@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: FW: BBA One-Pager Draft.doc

Good news

AFP should be weighing in too

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**From:** Quandt, Barbara [mailto:barbara.quandt@nfib.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2015 3:50 PM
**To:** Atkins, Chris
**Subject:** RE: BBA One-Pager Draft.doc

Chris,
I will be signing a letter of support. I had to do a little work to make sure I was in compliance with NFIB policy, but I am now good to go. I may sign letter with Realtors and Builders.

**Barbara Quandt**
Indiana State Director | NFIB.com
National Federation of Independent Business
317-638-4447 Office | 317-[redacted] Cell
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**From:** Atkins, Chris [mailto:catkins@gov.in.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:58 PM
**To:** Quandt, Barbara
**Cc:** Vincent, Micah
**Subject:** RE: BBA One-Pager Draft.doc

Thanks Barbara. Bill number is SJR19.

Chris

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**From:** Quandt, Barbara [mailto:barbara.quandt@nfib.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2015 1:57 PM
**To:** Atkins, Chris
**Subject:** RE: BBA One-Pager Draft.doc

Hi Chris,
We did not take a formal position on the BBA because it wasn't on the state member ballot. However, this is

something we may have balloted previously and if so, I would think our membership would surely have supported it. I will check with our folks in DC and see if I am able to do this. I will be back with you ASAP. What is the bill number?

**Barbara Quandt**
Indiana State Director | NFIB.com
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**From:** Atkins, Chris [mailto:catkins@gov.in.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:54 PM
**To:** Quandt, Barbara
**Cc:** Vincent, Micah
**Subject:** FW: BBA One-Pager Draft.doc

Barbara, would you be willing to do a communication to House members in support of SJR19, the balanced budget amendment? One pager attached.

Thanks for consideration,

Chris

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**From:** Vincent, Micah
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2015 12:34 PM
**To:** Atkins, Chris
**Subject:** BBA One-Pager Draft.doc

Draft One-pager

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From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Sat 4/11/2015 11:14 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
Cc: "MPENCE1314@aol.com" <MPENCE1314@aol.com>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Star story

My guess is your quote did not help the narrative of their negative story.

Jim
James Atterholt
Chief of Staff
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jatterholt@gov.in.gov
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On Apr 11, 2015, at 9:10 AM, "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

> I don't know yet. Trying to find out.
>
> Christy Denault
> Communications Director
> 317/[redacted]
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Apr 11, 2015, at 8:34 AM, "MPENCE1314@aol.com" <MPENCE1314@aol.com> wrote:
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> why?
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> In a message dated 4/11/2015 8:29:54 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, CDenault@gov.IN.gov writes:
>
> > I'm hearing that Tom and Tony's "what really happened with RFRA" is not going to run Sunday.
> >
> > Christy Denault
> > Communications Director
> > 317[redacted]
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone

From: Mark Ahearn
Sent: Sun 4/19/2015 8:03 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "mpence1314@aol.com" <mpence1314@aol.com>, "Karen Pence" <kspence1314@[redacted], "Chris Crabtree" <christopher.l.crabtree@[redacted]>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Atterholt Checks In--Aaron Reber post

[redacted]



On Sunday, April 19, 2015 5:38 AM, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

Spoke with Curt last night. He did not hesitate in making the change.

Jim
James Atterholt
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jatterholt@gov.in.gov
Executive Assistant: Bridget Davis
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Curt Smith <hoosierfamily@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 18, 2015 at 7:16:00 PM EDT
**To:** RM <ryan@[redacted]>
**Subject: Aaron Reber post**

Ryan --

Please take down Aaron's April 5 post. Even though it is from him, because it is on our site, I feel like it goes against my word to not pile on in the aftermath of RFRA. it's been up for more than a week, so Aaron should not feel slighted.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

From: Gilson, Katie
Sent: Mon 5/04/2015 8:53 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Quyle, Lindsay" <LQuyle@gov.IN.gov>, "Anderson, Christopher M" <CAnderson@gov.in.gov>, "Hodgin, Stephanie" <SHodgin@gov.in.gov>, "#All Governor's Office" <allgovoffice@gov.IN.gov>, "Bailey, Brian (OMB)" <bbailey@gov.in.gov>, "Pitcock, Josh" <jpitcock@sso.org>, "Baker, Lou Ann (DWD)" <lbaker@dwd.IN.gov>, "Rosebrough, Dennis (LG)" <DRosebrough@lg.IN.gov>, "Rossier, Sarah (SBOE)" <SRossier@sboe.IN.gov>, "McKinney, Ted" <TMckinney@isda.IN.gov>, "Bausman, David" <DBausman@isda.IN.gov>, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "#All Lieutenant Governor's Office" <#AllLieutenantGovernor'sOffice@gov.IN.gov>, "'smith@sextonscreek.com'" <smith@sextonscreek.com>, "'tomrose[redacted]" <tomrose[redacted]>, "Kams, Allison" <AKarns@gov.IN.gov>, "Brookes, Brady" <BBrookes@gov.IN.gov>, "Triol, Shelley" <STriol@idoa.IN.gov>, "Wall, Kathryn E" <KWall@gov.IN.gov>, "Reed, Katie" <KReed@gov.IN.gov>, "Griffis, Andrew D (IER)" <AGriffis@ier.IN.gov>, "Betley, James" <JBetley@gov.IN.gov>, "Schlake, Josh" <JSchlake@gov.IN.gov>, "McCleery, William" <WMccleery@iot.IN.gov>, "Aycock, Hailey" <HAycock@gov.IN.gov>, "Braun, Steven J" <SBraun@dwd.IN.gov>, "Lubsen, Graig" <GLubsen@iot.IN.gov>, "Myers, Janille (ISDH)" <JanMyers@isdh.IN.gov>, "Timmerman, Chad E (GOV)" <ctimmerman@gov.in.gov>, "Dowd, Jaclyn (DWD)" <jdowd@dwd.IN.gov>, "Stephen.simcox[redacted]" <Stephen.simcox[redacted]>, "Jeff Cardwell" <jcardwell@[redacted]>, "mobst[redacted]" <mobst[redacted]>, "emreece[redacted]" <emreece[redacted]>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Morning Clips- May 4, 2015

GOVERNOR

Madison Manufacturer adding jobs

Inside Indiana Business

"SuperATV represents the Indiana story," said Governor Mike Pence. "With a great idea and that famous Hoosier work ethic, we're witnessing small businesses across our state rising in success and size. It's a story made possible by a business climate that's cutting red tape and letting companies do what they do best—create jobs and grow our economy."

Pence visits city hails education progress

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

With another tumultuous session of the Indiana General Assembly already fading into memory, Gov. Mike Pence on Friday joined supporters and area students at Don Hall's Original Drive-In to discuss what he described as his administration's legislative successes.

Hoosier governor visits Fort Wayne: discusses timetable for future political plans

ABC

Republican Mike Pence made a noon-time stop at a local eatery that conjures good memories.

Pence noncommittal on land-based casino legislation during visit to Evansville

Evansville Courier & Press

Gov. Mike Pence was noncommittal Friday whether he will sign legislation enabling riverboat casinos such as Tropicana Evansville to move on land-based facilities.

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Region police academy now eligible for federal funding
NWI Times
Gov. Mike Pence has signed a new law designating the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy a criminal justice agency, making the Hobart police training center eligible for federal grants.

Brad Byrd talks with Gov. Mike Pence after legislative session
Tristate
On Friday, Indiana Governor Mike Pence came to Evansville saying this year's legislative session was a victory for his programs.

Indiana Expands Low-Income Students' Access to Pre-K***
Indiana Governor Mike Pence announced an initiative to expand access to high-quality pre-kindergarten (pre-K) programs. The initiative will include coordination between the office of early childhood and out-of-school learning and local education organizations, including the United Way of Central Indiana and Early Learning Indiana. The initiative will provide more than 500 low-income students the opportunity to attend high-quality pre-K programs.

How Gov. Pence fared on 4 key agenda items
The Statehouse File
Lawmakers handed Gov. Mike Pence wins on nearly every piece of his legislative agenda during the 2015 session that ended late Wednesday.
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2016 race for Indiana governor taking shape
Evansville Courier & Press
Stymied by Republicans in her role as state schools chief, Glenda Ritz is testing the waters for a run for governor...Since she took office, Republicans have chipped away at the role of the Ritz-controlled Indiana Department of Education. It began with Pence starting an education agency separate from the department. It continued with state board members and leaders of Pence's education agency quickly trumpeting any perceived misstep of her office.
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LEGISLATURE
Commission to study baby boxes
The Statehouse File
By the start of next year the General Assembly will have a better idea of how to better care for Hoosier children – especially those at risk of being hurt or abandoned by their parents.
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10 bills to know from the 2015 IN legislative session
Fort Wayne Journal
The state budget and a debate over religious freedom may have dominated the recent session of the Indiana General Assembly that officially came to an end this week.

Crumbling roads creep up as issue
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Lawmakers tackled a lot of issues in 2015 but not the one plaguing Indiana's roads, bridges and infrastructure: lack of money.

STATE AGENCIES

Indiana recognized for Tech efforts

Inside IN Business

StateScoop, a leading website in state and local government technology, has recognized Indiana four times as part of its 2015 "StateScoop 50" awards. The awards honor the best and brightest in making state and local government more efficient and effective. Paul Baltzell, Indiana's chief information officer, is one of nine state leaders nationally designated a "State Executive of the Year."

INDOT, FRA continue state line talks

Inside IN Business

The Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration reached an understanding of the clear lines of accountability for passenger rail safety and accessibility between Indianapolis and Chicago, allowing Indiana to implement long-term improvements to the daily service.

AROUND INDIANA

10 Best cities for starting a business in 2015

Forbes

Evansville and Fort Wayne made this Forbes Best Cities top ten list!

Anthem sued over autism coverage

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

In Indiana couple whose son has autism is suing Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, alleging that its policy of denying coverage for autism therapy during school hours violates state and federal laws.

115 Indiana cities holding mayoral primaries on Tuesday

Evansville Courier & Press

Residents in 115 Indiana cities will head to the polls Tuesday to vote in mayoral primaries.

One of the most-watched races will be in Indianapolis, where voters will decide which candidates will vie to replace Mayor Greg Ballard. The Republican proved in 2007 that favorites don't always win when he defeated incumbent Democrat Bart Peterson to become the first challenger in 40 years to unseat an Indianapolis mayor.

Residents in South Bend and Gary will decide whether Democratic mayors Pete Buttigieg (BOO'-tah-juhj) and Karen Freeman-Wilson should advance to November.

Five-term Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard faces one of his biggest GOP primary challenges in the Indianapolis suburb. City Council President Rick Sharp has criticized Brainard over the city's debt and tax breaks Brainard has approved for developers.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Local environmental firm planning expansion

IBJ

Locally based Environmental Forensic Investigations Inc. plans to move into a larger headquarters in Indianapolis, doubling its employment to 84 over the next five years.

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Beverage bottler plans $6.3M local distribution center

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EDITORIAL
Bad Policy
South Bend Tribune
Indiana will cut off thousands of able-bodied adults without dependents from their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits beginning in July. An estimated 65,000 Hoosiers will be affected by this policy change, but few people are aware of it. Gov. Mike Pence announced late last year that Indiana would join the seven other states that have enacted this change.

Tully: a lousy legislative session finally ends
Indy Star
Well, I can guarantee one thing about the recently completed state legislative session: It won't be soon forgotten. As much as we might try.

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Commission to study "baby boxes"
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INDIANAPOLIS – By the start of next year the General Assembly will have a better idea of how to better care for Hoosier children – especially those at risk of being hurt or abandoned by their parents.
Gov. Mike Pence signed House Bill 1016, authored by Rep. Casey Cox, R-Fort Wayne, on Monday. The legislation gives the green light to the Commission on Improving the Status of Children to start compiling recommendations on new methods for carrying out the policies regarding abandoned children and the production and distribution of uniform signage regarding the laws in the emergency situation of dealing with an abandoned child.
The study will specifically look at the idea of so-called "baby boxes" or newborn incubators, which are protective structures that allow people to place children outside of hospitals or firehouses rather than handing them to individuals inside.
Earlier this month, Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said the incubators may give people who are afraid to hand their children to a stranger a less confrontational option.
The reports are to be given to lawmakers by Jan. 1, 2016.

Pence noncommittal on land-based casino legislation during visit to Evansville
John Martin
Gov. Mike Pence was noncommittal Friday whether he will sign legislation enabling riverboat casinos such as Tropicana Evansville to move on land-based facilities.
"We are studying the legislation right now," Pence told reporters during a visit to Pie Pan on Evansville's North Side. "I'm keeping an open mind about it. I think there was a good-faith effort in the legislative process to try to address the framework that I outlined. I don't support an expansion of gaming, but have always said that I am very open to some common sense changes that would allow these various gaming institutions to be more competitive. And so, I'm going to really consider that legislation from that standpoint, and we'll make a decision in the next week."
Pence may either sign the legislation, allow it to become law without his signature, or veto it. It passed the House 76-19 and the Senate 36-13.

Moving Tropicana Evansville on land is a priority for Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and the City Council, which unanimously passed a resolution favoring that step. Casino revenues are a source of capital revenues for both Evansville and Vanderburgh County governments.

Asked if he is leaning one way on the bill, Pence said, "Honestly, I've got a very tall pile of legislation on my desk. This weekend, I'll be taking home a lot of information, and that's one of the bills we'll be taking a very serious look at. ... I want to take the time to better understand it before we make a final decision."

Winnecke, who greeted and introduced Pence at Pie Pan, said on Twitter that he will "continue to make our case for land-based gaming to Gov. Pence."

Tropicana Evansville General Manager Jason Gregorec also came to the restaurant to see Pence.

"Right now, we're on a 20-year-old vessel, three levels," Gregorec said of the casino boat. "It's very hard to get to. If we are able to put it next to the hotel, next to the parking structure, it's very convenient. Single level, 30-foot ceilings, more comfortable, we're able to offer more nongaming amenities ... We need to create more of an environment where it's a full entertainment destination. Not to mention the construction jobs, the increased land values."

Sen. Vaneta Becker, an Evansville Republican who was among the lawmakers who came to greet Pence, said moving Tropicana on land would allow the LST 325 to move from Inland Marina to Downtown, which "would be huge for tourism."

Pence received a warm reception at Pie Pan, where he spoke about the just-completed General Assembly session. In remarks to supporters and diners, Pence didn't mention the gambling bill or the controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act that thrust Indiana into the national spotlight. However, he said the legislative session produced good outcomes.

Winnecke called Pence "a friend of Evansville" and praised his backing of funding for the city's Downtown medical campus project. The General Assembly included $25.2 million for Indiana University and University of Southern Indiana programs at the campus, but left out $22.9 million for Ivy Tech Community College Southwest.

Legislators did not fund any capital projects statewide for Ivy Tech and cited concern about the college's statistical performance.

Pence, though, on Friday described the initial $25.2 million state investment in the medical campus as "a down payment."

"I can honestly say that without (Winnecke's) advocacy and without this strong delegation in Indianapolis, we would not have been able to achieve that success, and I want to tell you as we go forward, that I do believe, mayor, in your vision for the medical facility and the combined resources in Downtown Evansville, and we are going to continue to partner with this community until that entire vision becomes a reality."

Pence said the two-year state budget makes "a historic investment in education in every form, at every level," including traditional public schools, career and technical programs, charter schools and vouchers enabling economically poor children to attend private schools.

Pence noted the General Assembly's backing of his regional cities initiative, in which local communities join to draft economic development proposals.

"This is going to make it possible for regions across the state, like the greater Evansville area, to have all new resources to be able to plan out strategies for the quality of place, the quality of region as a whole."

**How Gov. Pence fared on 4 key agenda items**

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IND ANAPOLIS – Lawmakers handed Gov. Mike Pence wins on nearly every piece of his legislative agenda during the 2015 session that enced late Wednesday.

It was almost a sweep. And even some legislators seemed surprised by how well the Republican governor – who just weeks ago seemed crippled by a furor over a religious freedom bill – finished.

"We had some pretty serious meetings in the governor's office," said Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley, a co-writer of the state budget. "He certainly pushed his agenda and stayed on message. "He probably accomplished more than we thought he'd accomplish in terms of getting that agenda."

House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said that's in part because the governor's agenda nicely dovetailed with GOP legislative priorities. Plus, Bosma said, "We want to work with our governors."

But Bosma acknowledged – when asked – that Republican lawmakers also wanted to throw the governor a bone after the religious freedom battle left him in the doghouse.

Here's how four issues on the governor's agenda fared:

1. 1. Regional cities

Lawmakers were initially skeptical about this Pence initiative, which is designed to boost the economies and quality of living in metro areas throughout the state. The governor sought $84 million for the program but lawmakers cut it to less than a third that much.

At the last minute, though, fiscal leaders agreed to dedicate $84 million from a tax amnesty program to fully fund it for two years. That's money some lawmakers originally hoped to use to pay off a federal loan the state took during the last economic downturn to make payments to unemployed workers.

Bosma said lawmakers opted to pay for the governor's program instead to give it a "two-year shot."

"The more we heard about the program, the more comfortable we became with it," he said.

2. Balanced budget amendment

When Pence announced in his State of the State address that he wanted to amend the Indiana Constitution to require balanced budgets and keep the General Assembly in check, lawmakers generally scoffed. After all, fiscal leaders said, they'd done a pretty good job managing the state's finances without a constitutional restriction in place.

Still, the proposal passed the House and Senate easily. The governor called it a "historic step to enshrine fiscal discipline in our state's political charter."

The measure must be approved again in 2017 or 2018 to go on the ballot for ratification.

3. Increased funding for charter schools

Pence proposed to give every charter school a $1,500-per-child grant to make up for what he calls an inequity in school funding. Charters – which are public schools that generally operate outside traditional districts and freed from some state rules – don't receive property taxes like traditional schools to pay for transportation and capital projects.

Republican leaders support giving more to charters but they balked at Pence's initial budget, which allocated roughly a quarter of all new education spending to the schools. In the end, though, they did give charters some new money – about $500 per student – assuming the school has a grade of A, B or C or can prove it's doing as well as or better than other schools in the area.

The legislature also authorized $50 million from a reserve account to be used to make construction loans to charters.

Long said the additional funding is necessary to attract "a higher quality operator for our charter schools."

4. Reorganizing education board leadership

This was Pence's one big loss – and it was a surprise.

Pence said he wanted to give the State Board of Education the authority to elect its own chair, a move that essentially ousted state Superintendent Glenda Ritz, a Democrat, from the post. Pence argued that dysfunction between Ritz and the board made the change a necessity immediately.

The House and Senate initially approved that idea in separate bills. But in the session's waning days, lawmakers pushed back the implementation of the change so the superintendent will remain chair until after the next election.
Still, the Republican majority took other steps to move more authority to the state board and away from Ritz – steps Pence supported.
Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said that's inappropriate.
"Republicans wrestling control from Superintendent Glenda Ritz – the only statewide elected Democrat – is exactly what it looks like," he said. "Revenge politics."

Schneider: 2016 race for Indiana governor taking shape
Chelsea Schneider
Stymied by Republicans in her role as state schools chief, Glenda Ritz is testing the waters for a run for governor.
But if the Democrat ends up vying to become Indiana's chief executive, she will face a different set of challenges than in 2012 when she ousted Republican Tony Bennett to become state superintendent of public instruction.
On Thursday, Ritz said "after this session, there is absolutely nothing off the table" and that following the end of the school year, she'd consult with her family and share more information in June.
Ritz supporters are quick to point to the stats. In 2012, she not only won the race for schools chief against Bennett, she also garnered more votes than Gov. Mike Pence did in his respective race for governor. But also in 2012, Ritz rode a wave of anti-Bennett backlash in winning the office. Ritz focused on her history as an educator, but it was also equally important that she was the alternative to Bennett, a Republican who embraced an aggressive education reform agenda angering Hoosier educators from both parties.
Now almost four years down the road does Ritz have the political prowess to defeat yet another Republican, but this time for the governor's office?
Since she took office, Republicans have chipped away at the role of the Ritz-controlled Indiana Department of Education. It began with Pence starting an education agency separate from the department. It continued with state board members and leaders of Pence's education agency quickly trumpeting any perceived misstep of her office.
Now, lawmakers enacted a proposal to allow the State Board of Education to begin electing its chair in 2017 and transferred some authority over the ISTEP from her department to the state board.
But are those maneuvers enough to compel Republicans to cross party lines and vote Ritz for governor, like they did when she ran for schools chief?
The General Assembly's top Democrats on Thursday seemed surprised on a potential Ritz campaign for governor.
"One thing our party is fortunate about is we are developing a deeper bench," House Minority Leader Scott Pelath said, "and we have a number of outstanding potential candidates and ones that would be more than capable of winning a gubernatorial race."
Then, there's competition within her own party. John Gregg – who barely lost to Pence in 2012 – announced his run on the same day as Ritz made her comments.
Pence has yet to announce his reelection bid, but he would come into the election cycle badly bruised by the fallout over the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act. And an even greater boost to any Democrat candidate is that the issue of gay rights isn't going away in Indiana anytime soon. In 2016, lawmakers may debate adding statewide protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity into state law – meaning Pence's conservatism likely would conflict with shifting public opinion.
So once again a key to a Ritz win doesn't necessarily lie with her. Even more important is if Indiana voters are fed up enough with Pence to not give him another four years in office.

## Local environmental firm planning expansion

May 4, 2015

IBJ Staff

Locally based Environmental Forensic Investigations Inc. plans to move into a larger headquarters in Indianapolis, doubling its employment to 84 over the next five years.

The environmental engineering firm, which does business as EnviroForensics, detailed its expansion plan in a tax-abatement request released by the Department of Metropolitan Development on Monday.

EnviroForensics said it needs more room for its corporate offices due to increased demand for its services, which include the detection and remediation of soil and groundwater contamination. The company's 42 local employees now work in leased space at 602 N. Capitol Ave. It also has offices in Wisconsin and California.

Company officials plan to purchase a vacant 36,000-square-foot retail building at 823 N. Capitol and spend almost $1 million to redevelop it into its headquarters.

DMD staff is recommending EnviroForensics receive a eight-year property-tax abatement that will save it 56.5 percent, or almost $44,900, over the abatement period. The company would still pay about $208,400 in property taxes over the abatement period, plus more than $31,500 annually after the abatement period ends.

EnviroForensics said the project will help it retain 42 employees making an average wage of $33.12 per hour and add 42 workers making an average of $27.99 per hour by the end of 2020.

"In staff's opinion, a project such as this would not be economically feasible without the tax abatement incentive," DMD staff wrote. "Staff believes that the use of tax abatement is an appropriate tool to assist with this project and support continued development within Marion County."

The company's petition will receive its first hearing Wednesday at the Metropolitan Development Commission meeting and could receive final approval at the May 20 MDC meeting.

EnviroForensics was founded by CEO Stephen Henshaw in 1995 in San Francisco, and it moved to Indianapolis in 2001.

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The company, a subsidiary of Plano, Texas-based Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Inc., outlined its expansion plan in a tax-abatement request released by the Department of Metropolitan Development on Monday.

American Bottling Co., or ABC., operates 12 beverage manufacturing sites and about 80 distribution centers across North America. Its local facility, which has 126 full-time employees, shipped more than 3.5 million cases of beverages to the central Indiana region in 2014.

ABC has targeted an undeveloped 12.3-acre site near 79th Street and Georgetown Road for its new 73,500-square-foot distribution center.

DMD staff is recommending ABC receive a five-year property-tax abatement on the project that will save it 60 percent, or almost $370,000, over the abatement period. The company would still pay about $352,482 in property taxes over the abatement period, plus more than $115,899 annually after the abatement period ends.

ABC said the move will help it retain 126 employees making an average wage of $17.90 per hour.

DMD staff said they didn't believe the project would be economically feasible without the tax-abatement incentive. The DMD said it also expected the Park 100 property left by ABC to accommodate an undisclosed company that was planning an expansion.

The company's abatement petition will receive its first hearing Wednesday at the Metropolitan Development Commission meeting. The incentive also will require approval from the City-County Council because the development is in a tax-increment financing district.

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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





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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 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
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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**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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Pence signs bunch of bills

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

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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.

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Indiana lawmakers could meet in June for technical session
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Indiana lawmakers could return to the Statehouse next month to correct errors in new statutes or override a veto by the governor.

STATE AGENCIES
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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.

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Incumbent mayors win; Indy battle set
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Small business person of the year announced
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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.

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By Alec Gray
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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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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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**Staff report**
**TheStatehouseFile.com**
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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Swarens: How Mike Pence can save his political career

Mike Pence leaves the country this week, on a trade mission to China, with a big question about his political future unanswered.

Three months ago, many pundits thought that question would be: Will Pence jump into the already crowded pool of Republican presidential contenders?

Way back in February, no less than The Washington Post's George Will wrote a glowing column under the headline, "Why Indiana's Mike Pence deserves the trust of conservatives." The Koch brothers appeared ready to back Pence with untold millions. And even Vox.com (hardly FOX News) had published a Matt Yglesias piece,"7 reasons why Mike Pence will be the GOP nominee in 2016."

As Mr. Will would say: Well.

Ninety days later, after a legislative session that was bloodier than a Bass-o-maticcommercial, the relevant question is: Can Pence save his political career?

The answer is yes. But it won't be easy. And half steps and a pleasant smile won't be enough to avoid defeat in next year's election.

On the long trek from Indy to Beijing, Pence needs to ask himself several hard questions. To start, why does he want to be governor? Really want it? Even more important, what does he want to accomplish as governor in the next 20 months? And, if he earns the chance, in the four years after that? Does he want to represent and serve, equally, the best interests of all 6.6 million Hoosiers? Is he willing to humble himself, rebuild broken trust and pour himself into the task of learning to be a better leader?

Glib answers — like "it's the media's fault," or, "they still love us at the Lincoln Day dinners" — won't do. Team Pence, starting with its captain, needs to invest in honest soul-searching.

What comes after the introspection? To start, Pence needs finally to go big (or go home).

That preschool pilot program for at-risk children? It needs to be expanded aggressively throughout the state, and that should be priority number one on the governor's 2016 legislative agenda.

Likewise, the regional cities strategy for economic development and the vocational training initiative — important but still nascent Pence accomplishments — need to be ramped up and assigned faster tracks.

That's not just good short-term politics. Far more important, such efforts are vital to strengthening Indiana's economy, and better preparing more Hoosiers for the big changes that will hit many workplaces in the next decade.

The problem isn't that Pence's economic instincts have been wrong; it's that the timetables for rolling out his initiatives have been too timid.

The new Pence mantra needs to be: On the things that matter, be aggressive.

Starting today, the governor's leadership team needs to be much more inclusive. Here's a simple test: If Pence walks into a room and most of the people already there are middle-age conservative white guys (in other words, iterations of the governor), then he should know that he's not hearing from a representative cross-section of Hoosiers. We're a diverse state, filled with people with diverse interests, needs and beliefs. The governor needs to embrace that diversity, and, as a byproduct, he will grow as a leader.

There's also an essential political benefit: Listening to and respecting a broad range of perspectives will help Pence and his team spot potential landmines (see RFRA).

So why should anyone not on the Pence payroll care about the governor's political future? First, Pence still has 20 months left in his term. A duck so wounded that he can't waddle from the nest handicaps the entire state for almost two years, and at a time when the window is closing on preparing for the technological and economic changes ahead.

Second, the Democratic opposition that has emerged so far is less than inspiring. There's a real danger that next year Indiana will elect Frank O'Bannon, 2.0 — a nice person who is caretaker for, not the chief executive of, a state at high risk of tumbling into decline.

Ultimately the question Pence needs to answer: Is he willing to do what it takes to push himself to be bolder, to be more inclusive, to build bridges with people who have different world views, to show passion for the state and for the people he serves? To become a better leader?

Mike Pence is getting ready for a long flight. Where he decides to land will determine not only his future, but shape this state's as well.

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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
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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.

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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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The law creates a grant program that enables neighboring communities to work together as a region to promote economic development, quality of life and help attract talent and investment.
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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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Pence addresses canceled PR contract

Wish TV

For the first time Wednesday, Gov. Mike Pence answered questions at length about the state's cancellation of a public relations contract with Washington-based Porter Novelli.

States working on power plant compliance plans

Washington Examiner

Indiana, for example, isn't currently drafting a plan, said Dan Schmidt, Gov. Mike Pence's policy director for energy and environment. But Schmidt said Pence had made that decision before the Supreme Court mercury ruling and that the Hoosier State would proceed with crafting a plan if changes are made in the final rule.

Residents survey flooding damage, Red Cross provides assistance

CBS 4

The water has receded from a west side neighborhood but not before damaging at least 20 homes. Flash floods swept through an area near S. Biltmore Ave. and W. Washington Street. At one point Tuesday night, the water was up to mailboxes and some homeowners had at least a foot of water inside. The Wayne Township Fire Department rescued 15 residents from their homes on Tuesday. Governor Mike Pence met with those firefighters the next day to thank them for their quick action.

'Please fix this,' flood victims say to governor during visit

Fox 59

Homeowners on the city's west side worked to clean up their houses Wednesday from flood damage, using a visit from Gov. Mike Pence to ask for help. Pence visited some of the 30 homes in Wayne Township damaged by flooding Tuesday night. Firefighters were still watching closely in case the fast-moving waters strike again.

Indiana increases funding for charter schools, creates new loan program
Education Week
Indiana's recently passed state budget gives charter schools and Indianapolis "Innovation Network" schools an additional $500 per student in annual state funding and establishes a $50 million loan program. It's an effort to help close the funding gap between charters and regular public schools. The budget bill, signed by Gov. Mike Pence on May 7, has garnered attention for offering charter schools more money after the state forgave $91 million in debt from charter schools in 2013. Brian E. Bailey, director of the Indiana State Budget Agency, said June 12 that those "loans helped provide assistance with start-up and growth costs for unopened and expanding charter schools."

LEGISLATURE
Legislators receive interim assignments
Inside IN Business
Committee members examine and debate issues assigned to them by the General Assembly in meetings that take place between sessions. The committees also receive public testimony and often work out details of potential future legislation.

Pelath praises minority health coalition's work
Herald Argus
State Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, helped to honor the Minority Health Coalition of La Porte County on Tuesday with a copy that he signed of a proclamation by the Indiana House of Representatives, which named the local group as the 2015 Minority Health Coalition of the Year.

U.S. House candidates hit on similar themes
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
There are obvious differences among the four announced Republican candidates for the northeast Indiana seat in the U.S. House. But the candidates hit on similar right-wing themes Wednesday during brief speeches to a luncheon program sponsored by the GOP 3rd District Finance Committee. They talked about wanting to repeal the Affordable Care Act, reduce federal spending, beef up the military, secure the nation's borders and protect gun-ownership rights.

Lugar, Hamilton talk political civility at Lieutenant governor's conference
The Statehouse File
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AGENCIES/STATE-WIDES
Monthly gaming revenue off slightly
Inside IN Business
The biggest increase in the state was reported by Belterra Casino Resort in Florence, which was up to more than $9.4 million, compared to $6.7 million in June 2014.

Transportation Company expands in Clark County
Inside IN Business
The Indiana Economic Development Corporation says the company will invest $3.9 million to lease and equip 175,000 square feet of warehouse and industrial space in the River Ridge Commerce Center Enterprise Zone.

AROUND INDIANA
Longtime Indiana broadcaster dies
Inside IN Business
Longtime northwest Indiana broadcaster Tom Higgins has died. Our partners at *The Times of Northwest Indiana* report Higgins worked at several stations including WYIN-TV as anchor and news director.

Plaque honors man devoted to downtown
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Gilmore S. Haynie Jr. loved Fort Wayne and especially the downtown. Wednesday afternoon, representatives of Embassy Theatre, Grand Wayne Center, the Capital Improvement Board and friends dedicated a plaque to the late attorney on the skybridge between the Grand Wayne and the Embassy, commemorating the three decades he spent working to build and improve institutions downtown.

Witham Hospital exec dies
Inside IN Business
"Jack was not only an outstanding physician he was a great leader and wonderful example to our entire staff. He simply made Witham Hospital a better place to work," Witham CEO Dr. Ray Ingham said.

Former mayor Goldsmith joins new consulting practice at BKD
IBJ
Former Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith has been hired by national accounting powerhouse BKD LLP to lead a new public sector consulting practice, the firm announced Wednesday.
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First Church of Cannabis takes Indiana to court
WFYI

Indiana's highly-publicized First Church of Cannabis is going to court, hoping to stop the state from enforcing marijuana laws when it comes to the use of cannabis in its church services. The church's attorney says he will use the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to help his case.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Tax incentives boost Richmond Business

Inside IN Business

Primex Plastics' is the larger of the two expansions. Its $6 million plan will help keep more than 300 jobs in the Wayne County city and create a half-dozen. The new jobs could be hired on within the next "several" months.

Lake County courting more Illinois business

Inside IN Business

Lauerman says the plans cover a lot of positive bases in Lake County, including high-wage jobs, redevelopment of an unoccupied industrial property, construction work and a significant level of investment. Though early in the process and not yet a "done deal," Lauerman anticipates all necessary approvals will be signed off on within 4-6 weeks. The company is seeking various state and local tax incentives. It will soon face multiple rounds of hearings with the city council and municipal boards.

Evansville unveils scaled back hotel plans

Inside IN Business

The city is expected to invest $20 million into the project. Redevelopment Commission member Cheryl Musgrave admits the hotel "will come to fruition," but says "ancient" projection data is being used. She is also calling into question the public transparency of the new proposal.

Amazon plans more hiring at southern Indiana facility

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

EDITORIALS

Federal Government seizes states' water rights

Greensburg Daily News

In early June, I noticed all along the corridor of the newly designated construction route of I-69 there were signs... lots of signs. Through the area north of Bloomington and on through the Martinsville area were literally hundreds of signs posted in the construction area at every river, stream, ditch, wetland and even farmland grass covered drainage areas. The signs simply stated, "Waters of the US."

Indiana wrong to fight EPA's water regulations

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

As we noted last week, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Attorney General GregZoeller have thrust the state into the forefront of every recent battle to impede the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to control air pollution.

Lugar, Hamilton talk political civility at lieutenant governor's conference

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By Amanda Creech

TheStatehouseFile.com

IND ANAPOLIS — Two distinguished former lawmakers – one Democrat and one Republican – spoke out Wednesday about civility among elected officials.

Former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton and former U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar took part in a panel to discuss their experience working with members of the opposing party and the need to react civilly to each other in elected positions.

Hamilton defined civility among elected officials as respect.

"Every person that you deal with, you have to show respect and dignity," Hamilton said.

The two men spoke on the opening day of the National Lieutenant Governors Association annual conference, which is taking place this week at The Conrad in Indianapolis. The conference will also address workforce development, renewable energy, cyber-crime, life sciences and social media. The conference will conclude on Friday.

Hamilton, a Democrat who represented Southern Indiana's 9th District, said civility is easier when dealing with someone who agrees or has a similar opinion than with someone who has a different opinion.

"I think the test comes when you're dealing with dissenters, or with people who you do not agree and maybe you do not agree with strongly. That's the real test," he said. "I look at it terms of having respect and dignity of all people, not just friends and neighbors, but everybody. And sometimes they test you a little bit and to maintain your civility towards people that irritate you."

Lugar, a Republican, cited an example of his experience working alongside his colleague, former U.S Sen. Sam Nunn, on legislation to eliminate weapons of mass destruction that had built up during the Cold War. He said the true accomplishment came not from the U.S and the Soviet Union working together, but from the civility between a Republican and a Democrat. Lugar stressed the necessity to work together in order to accomplish goals.

"Some elected officials come into politics with the thought: My way or the highway," Lugar said. "In other words, their whole purpose of winning an election is to establish a particular idea, principle, or objective."

Lugar explained that when he was a senator, there weren't so many ads that "crucify the opponent" and millions of dollars weren't spent on "negative intelligence research." Hamilton agreed, adding that there are now a lot more interest groups, the media has a sharper edge to it, and politicians are appealing more to those interest groups to ensure re-elections.

"This leads to greater incivility," Lugar said. "We are going to have to surmount it."

Lugar served as a U.S senator for 36 years and Hamilton served as a U.S. representative for 34 years.

## Zoeller urges Congress not to pass e-cig legislation

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Staff Report

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INDIANAPOLIS — Federal legislation being proposed could weaken the Tobacco Control Act in relation to e-cigarettes and other new tobacco products.

Attorney General Greg Zoeller, along with Maine Attorney General Janet Mills, are urging members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations to oppose the legislation.

"The federal government continues to backpedal on the issue of e-cigarettes and every day more teens are being introduced to nicotine addiction," Zoeller said. "We have been regulating cigarettes to successfully curb smoking and youth addiction for decades, and yet cannot seem to extend this model to include the latest smoking trends."

In their letter to committee members, they argue that the FDA should be able to prevent the sale of a dangerous product, require labeling changes and restrict marketing to help reduce youth usage and protect public health.

Youth usage of e-cigarettes tripled from 2013 to 2014, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control. Last year, there were nearly 4,000 calls to poison control centers attributed to exposure to e-cigarettes.

"Government needs to act to protect public health rather than to continue to hide behind the lack of long-term research on e-cigarettes," Zoeller said.

Zoeller and Mills both serve as co-chairs of the National Association of Attorneys General Tobacco Committee. The proposed legislative change would remove the product review requirements under the Tobacco Control Act for products that have entered the market since Feb. 15, 2007.

In October 2013, Zoeller, along with 40 other state attorneys general sent a letter to the FDA asking the agency to issue rules and begin regulating e-cigarettes. In August 2014, 29 attorneys general filed comments recommending that the regulations be strengthened, as well as banning flavors, prohibiting Internet sales and subjecting e-cigarettes to the same advertising and marketing restrictions as combustible cigarettes.

"Although we urge the FDA to do more than initially proposed in the deeming regulations to protect our youth from the dangers of nicotine, at a minimum, the TCA should not be weakened by removing product review requirements," the attorneys general said in their letter.

**Drivers can't use phones in cars til they turn 21 under new law**

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IND ANAPOLIS — Every day, Marissa Osowski has a 30-minute commute to work. On her drive home, she used to fill that half hour talking on her cell phone to her friends or boyfriend. That made the commute feel a little shorter and less boring.

Now, the 18-year-old's daily phone call is against the law.

Under a change that took effect July 1, drivers who are 18, 19 and 20 years old can no longer use a cell phone – not even hands free – while driving. Previously, the restriction had only applied to teens younger than 18.

Osowski – who lives in Patriot in Southern Indiana – got her license when she was 16 and has been driving for two years.

" 'm a good driver," she said. "So I don't think using my phone or not using my phone affects my driving habits."

She said it's not fair that lawmakers raised the age limit on cell phone usage.

" t's bad enough that 18 year olds are allowed to do anything but drink," Osowski said. "If you can sign up for the army, you should be allowed to talk on your phone while driving."

Sabrina Schuler, 20, however, doesn't think the new law will affect her.

"I feel like people shouldn't really be using their phones," Shuler said. "They should be paying attention to the road."

The law also expands restrictions for passengers riding with any driver under 21.

Here are the changes:

- Cell Phones/Texting: Up to age 21, drivers cannot use any type of telecommunication device (including hands-free) for any purpose while operating a vehicle, except for making emergency 911 calls.
- Nighttime Driving:
  - Up to age 21, drivers can't be on the road between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. for the first 180 days after being licensed.
  - After the first 180 days, those drivers can do no driving Sunday through Thursday from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. For Saturday and Sunday mornings, no driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
  - Exemptions for above: Lawful employment, school-sanctioned activity, religious event or if accompanied by a licensed driver 25 years or older or a spouse with valid driving privileges who is at least 21 years old.
- Passenger Restrictions:

- Up to age 21, no passengers for the first 180 days unless accompanied by a licensed instructor, licensed driver 25 years or older or a spouse with valid driving privileges whom is at least 21 years old.
- Exemptions: Sibling, step-sibling, child, step-child or spouse of the driver

The bill's author, Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, said the update is a decision driven by data about teens and accidents.

"When I was young, you could get a learner's permit if you were in driver's ed at 15-1/2," Soliday said. Then the law change to require Hoosiers to be 16 to obtain a permit "and we saw a significant drop in fatalities among young people in that age group."

However, that also led to fewer teens participating in driver's education classes, Soliday said. He attributes it, in part, to urbanization.

"With the demographic shift in young people waiting to get their license, a young person could go get their license and have no consolidation of skills period and we watch the fatality rate climbing in the 18-21 year old bracket," Soliday said. "So what we did was in that bill, we required 18-21 year olds to have that six-month period of consolidation of skills."

The real point of the law, however, is focused on experience with supervision before going out alone and driving.

" t's in that time when you actually drive a vehicle and experience different driving conditions and so forth without other distractions," Soliday said.

Soliday added that the new version of the law actually means teens can hit the road even sooner if they take an education course.

"So the first part of the bill is there to give some incentive to high school kids to take driver's ed," he said. " f you take driver's education you can actually get your probationary license at 16 and 90 days."

If teens opt not to take driver's education, they will have to wait until they are 16 years, nine months old. That's a difference of about six months.

"The move has been to try to increase the amount of education they're getting before actually getting behind the wheel and on their own," said Bob Hendrickson, approved driving school network leader at AAA.

" think that's beneficial because I know I took a class and it helped me," Schuler said about the incentive.

Schuler said she doesn't call or text anyone when driving, but she has used her phone's GPS for directions. She still said the law would be beneficial, even if she could no longer use the mapping functions.

" t's probably for the better but I probably already know some people that are going to risk it," Schuler said.

Under the new law, drivers under 21 who have already received their licenses will not be grandfathered in. Osowski said that's just irritating. "They should just make it that you can't use your phone for a year or two years after getting your license."

## Former mayor Goldsmith joins new consulting practice at BKD

July 8, 2015

IBJ Staff

Former Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith has been hired by national accounting powerhouse BKD LLP to lead a new public sector consulting practice, the firm announced Wednesday.

The practice will "focus primarily on helping public entities reduce service costs, improve service quality and use 'big data' technologies and methodologies to develop and implement cost-effective programs and policies,' BKD said in a written statement.

Goldsmith, 68, is expected to "provide overall project guidance, client relationship management and engagement oversight," the statement said.

BKD is based in Springfield, Missouri, but has major operations in Indiana, with about 350 employees and

46 partners in four offices. The Indianapolis office has 230 employees and 30 partners.
Nationally, the firm has about 2,250 employees in 34 offices in 15 states. The company had $475 million in revenue in fiscal 2014.
BKD did not say when Goldsmith would start the job or at which office he would be based. Company officials were not available Wednesday morning for comment.
After two terms as Indianapolis mayor from 1992 to 2000, Goldsmith has remained busy in the public and private sector. He's been a professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government since 2001 and was deputy mayor of operations for New York City (2010-11) under Michael Bloomberg.
Last July, Goldsmith was named a managing director at Chicago-based Huron Consulting Group to work on public sector and higher education issues.
He also has a dozen consulting contracts, including one with software giant SAP, according to a disclosure he filed with Harvard.
At Harvard, Goldsmith is project director of the Kennedy School's Data-Smart City Solutions initiative, a national repository of government case studies. He's been an outspoken advocate of using data analysis to tackle civic problems.
Goldsmith has written several books, including "The Responsive City: Engaging Communities Through Data Smart Governance," which was released last year.
"The addition of the public sector practice is a great example of BKD's continued efforts to better serve the not-for-profit, government and higher education sectors," Jim Snyder, managing partner of BKD's Risk Advisory Services division, said in a written statement.
Snyder, who is also a partner at Indianapolis based private equity firm Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney & Company Inc., directed financial affairs for Indianapolis for seven years as special counsel to Goldsmith.

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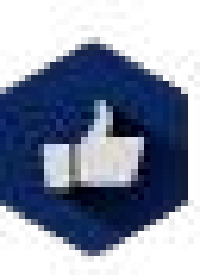
Attached is the recording from your interview with WSBT this evening. It starts at :21. It is a little spotty in parts due to all of the background noise on the street. However, your answers to the questions he asked you about RFRA/religious freedom start at 4:43 and are fairly clear.

Thanks, Katelyn

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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

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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.

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**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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GOVERNOR

Pence wraps up jobs mission to China
Inside IN Business
Governor Mike Pence completed his jobs and economic development mission to China today, visiting Indiana companies with China operations and hosting a reception in Shanghai for graduates of Indiana colleges and universities living in China.

Pence: State makes historic investments in education
Indy Star
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.

Creative thinking benefits Indiana casinos
Gaming Today
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has made it clear – he is opposed to the expansion of gaming in his state. But that does not mean it won't happen. It definitely will, what with existing casinos being allowed to move from their on-the-water locations to dry land sites where they will be able to "redefine themselves" in a way that is not possible in a riverboat gambling hall where the focus is mostly on gambling. The ability of politicians to flex their creative thinking probably deserves an assist for this opportunity.

Indiana to salute 'Golden Hoosiers'
Inside IN Business

Lt. Governor Ellspermann and Dr. Wernert to present 2015 Golden Hoosier Awards
Highest Honor Bestowed upon Senior Citizens by the State of Indiana

Some wins, some losses for workers in state battles
Peoples World
Gov. Mike Pence (R) signed a series of anti-worker bills, including a repeal of the prevailing wage for construction and the prohibition of local governments from establishing their own local prevailing wage laws, a law that both weakens wage theft rules and allows companies to charge employees up to 5% of their salary for required uniforms and equipment, the undermining of teachers' voices on the job, and others.

LEGISLATURE
Lawmakers eye changes at troubled Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana lawmakers say they're looking for more changes at the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles after an independent audit found numerous troubles and that it might have overcharged motorists more than the $60 million previously disclosed.
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STATE WIDES
Prosecutor decides no charges for ex-schools chief Bennett
Evansville Courier & Press
Former Indiana state schools Superintendent Tony Bennett won't face any criminal charges after an investigation into whether he misused state resources for his unsuccessful 2012 re-election campaign, a county prosecutor announced Friday.
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More upgrades for an icon
Inside IN Business
"Everything being done is designed to make the race track and the venue better," says IMS President Doug Boles. "It's going to still feel like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but it's going to be nicer and cleaner and the amenities are going to be better." Project 100 is a public-private partnership, funded in-part by up to $100 million in loans approved by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013. IMS is pledging up to $2 million annually toward the project.

Are state regulators hurting Hoosiers' lungs?
Indy Star
"Raising the cost of living for Hoosiers without obtaining a corresponding increase in their quality of life, especially in documented health improvements, decreases the overall quality of life for the Hoosiers we are here to protect," Indiana Department of Environmental Management Commissioner Tom Easterly said in a prepared statement.

AROUND INDIANA
French Lick Resort tops USA Today list
Inside IN Business
The results are finally in; French Lick Resort has been named Best Historic Hotel in the Readers' Choice Awards – topping properties nationwide such as Mission Inn Hotel & Spa in Riverside, Calif. and Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

Hospital to hold 2.0 seminars
WLFI
The expansion of the Healthy Indiana Plan, or HIP 2.0, was announced one year ago. Now, Franciscan St. Elizabeth Health is helping educate people on how it works.

Indy parents to Anthem: Change autism therapy policy
Indy Star
Indiana parents and their children gathered at Monument Circle in Downtown Indianapolis on Saturday afternoon to protest against Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's insurance policy for children with autism.

EDITORIAL
Pence's support runs deep in rural Indiana
Reporter net
Any day now, Gov. Mike Pence will announce that he's seeking a second term or, wildly unlikely, bowing out of the 2016 race.

Tully: getting ready for a raucous 2016 campaign cycle
Indy Star
Almost daily, candidates have been announcing plans to run for U.S. Senate and governor. And while there is plenty of uncertainty this far out, one thing is clear: The races for Senate and governor should be interesting.

RFRA fallout far from over
The Statehouse File
When the General Assembly's session ended last month, Gov. Mike Pence and legislative leaders insisted that the controversy over the religious freedom restoration act was over.
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Broken BMV needs regular external audits
Indy Star
Indiana's Bureau of Motor Vehicles for decades has been a source of deep frustration — and often outrage — for millions of Hoosiers. And although front-line operations have improved in recent years, the agency's continued lack of transparency and oversight is wholly unacceptable.

Schneider: A break from summer session tradition
Evansville Courier & Press
For the past two summers, lawmakers have returned to the Indiana Statehouse, dusted off their voting machines, and went into session – albeit for a day. In 2013, lawmakers returned to override one of Gov. Mike Pence's vetoes. Last year, they made technical corrections to a sweeping reform of the state's criminal code before it took effect.
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Howey: Restless Democrats eye Pence in '16
Lafayette Journal & Courier
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.

## Lawmakers eye changes at troubled Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Indiana lawmakers say they're looking for more changes at the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles after an independent audit found numerous troubles and that it might have overcharged motorists more than the $60 million previously disclosed.

Democratic Rep. Dan Forestal of Indianapolis said Friday legislative leaders should establish a committee for a comprehensive review of the agency and develop proposals that the General Assembly can consider during its 2016 session.

Republican House Transportation Committee chairman Ed Soliday says he's working with other lawmakers and members of Gov. Mike Pence's administration to draft legislation to unravel the complex web of BMV fees.

Forestal says he doesn't believe the BMV can be trusted on its own to make changes proposed by the accounting firm BKD LLP in the audit released Monday.

## Prosecutor decides no charges for ex-schools chief Bennett

Former Indiana state schools Superintendent Tony Bennett won't face any criminal charges after an investigation into whether he misused state resources for his unsuccessful 2012 re-election campaign, a county prosecutor announced Friday.

Democratic Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry said his staff conducted interviews and reviewed hundreds of documents and thousands of emails surrounding Bennett's campaign and allegations that he changed Indiana's A-F school-grading system to benefit a top Republican donor's charter school.

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Curry's decision comes after The Associated Press reported in December that an internal state inspector general's investigation found extensive use of Department of Education staff and a state-issued SUV for political work, which came with a recommendation of federal wire fraud charges.

The inspector general also wrote a letter to Curry in February 2014, saying state-level "ghost employment" charges could be sought as well. Curry, who had declined to charge Bennett in July, said in December that he had requested a copy of the February 2014 report and that he hadn't seen it before then.

Bennett, a Republican, also has not been charged with any federal criminal violations. He paid a $5,000 fine for state ethics violations but admitted no wrongdoing as part of a settlement with the state inspector general last summer.

The inspector general's public report found minimal violations by Bennett and his staff, which it said could have easily been avoided by rewriting department policy to allow for campaigning.

Telephone and email messages seeking comment on Curry's decision from a Bennett spokesman weren't immediately returned Friday.

Bennett's use of state resources during his 2012 re-election campaign against Democrat Glenda Ritz came under scrutiny after the AP reported in September 2013 that Bennett had kept multiple campaign databases on Department of Education servers and that his calendar listed more than 100 instances of "campaign calls" during regular work hours.

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After Bennett lost to Ritz, he went on to get a job in Florida. He resigned as Florida's schools chief in August 2013 after the AP published emails showing he had overhauled Indiana's school grading system to benefit an Indianapolis charter school founded by prominent Republican donor Christel DeHaan.

## RFRA fallout far from over

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IND ANAPOLIS – When the General Assembly's session ended last month, Gov. Mike Pence and legislative leaders insisted that the controversy over the religious freedom restoration act was over.

But the state's jobs agency must not think so.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation is paying $750,000 to a New York public relations firm for the first part of a "reputation enhancement initiative."

And one thing that might have to go – according a story in the Indianapolis Business Journal – is the state's "Honest to Goodness" slogan. It seems the traditional sentiment sounds just a little too downhome for a state trying to recover from criticism that leaders sought to legalize discrimination against people who are gay.

"It's difficult to see Honest to Goodness as a slogan for state tourism at this point in time," Jo Wade, president of Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette, told the Indianapolis Business Journal. "People want to grab anything they can to remember their anger toward our state, and Honest to Goodness could be a flare up. At the time we passed RFRA, people didn't see that as honest or good."

Those who backed the so-called RFRA law say that discrimination was never the goal. But legislative leaders were concerned enough about the backlash to pass a "fix" for the law, one that Gov. Mike Pence signed. And then they said the controversy was over.

Now, it seems that was just wishful thinking.

The $750,000 contract finalized last week is just the down payment on what's expected to be a $2 million effort to fix the state's reputation.

Tourism leaders across the state have said it's needed. Conventions have expressed concern about locating their events in Indiana and some entertainment venues have had groups seeking refunds. The Indianapolis Star reported last week the International Association of Fairs and Expositions chose another city for its 2018 and 2019 conventions, in part because of RFRA.

And The Star also had Leonard Hoops, president of Visit Indy, quoting an executive from a group that decided not to come to Indiana saying, "The bad taste of that single action, even though it has been changed, will last for quite some time."

In case state leaders still don't think it's a big deal, they should consider this, also from the IBJ: Carrie Lambert, executive director of the Indiana Tourism Association said there's a feeling of urgency among her members.

"Our biggest fear is the bid cycle that is going on right now," Lambert said. "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."

Many have called on lawmakers to try again to fix the problem by adding sexual orientation to a law that bans discrimination based on gender, race and religion. Certainly, that would help.

But the damage is probably done anyway. It's unlikely passage of anti-discrimination law would ever get the national attention that RFRA gained. After all, roughly half of the states already have that law and so it's not unusual. What makes it news in Indiana is only that it's an about face from RFRA.

It will take more than that to undo the RFRA damage. And the first step has to be a persistent effort by Republican leaders – who have a stranglehold on state government – to resist taking actions that reinforce the reputation RFRA has thrust upon the state. Until that occurs, there's not much a public relations effort can fix.

## SCHNEIDER: A break from summer session tradition

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For the past two summers, lawmakers have returned to the Indiana Statehouse, dusted off their voting machines, and went into session – albeit for a day. In 2013, lawmakers returned to override one of Gov. Mike Pence's vetoes. Last year, they made technical corrections to a sweeping reform of the state's criminal code before it took effect.

But in a break of what's become a bit of a new tradition at the Statehouse, communication officials for House and Senate Republicans confirmed Friday, no such day will occur this summer.

Pence vetoed two bills passed by lawmakers this General Assembly session. One dealt with giving Hoosiers the ability to make online bets for horse racing – a bill Pence said he considered an expansion of gambling. The other dealt with giving agencies the ability to charge a search fee for public records requests that take longer than two hours to find.

On the public records, Pence announced on Twitter he vetoed the bill because "the cost of public records should never be a barrier to the public's right to know."

If lawmakers so choose, overriding those vetoes recuire a simple majority vote of both chambers. Technically, lawmakers could move to override Pence's decisions on the bills during next year's session, which ceremoniously kicks off in November (for General Assembly watchers that's just a short six months away). But not returning in the summer shows leadership isn't in a hurry to act and indicates, at least for now, lawmakers will allow Pence's decisions to stand.

Though he vetoed online betting, Pence did allow land-based gambling to go into law without his signature. The bill passed both the House and Senate by substantial margins, and in the event of a veto, likely would have garnered more interest for a summer return by lawmakers.

Last year when lawmakers returned to pass the first-ever bill on a technical corrections day, legislative leaders called it an extraordinary circumstance and one the General Assembly should avoid making a regular practice. The tweaks to the criminal code reforms represented the first time lawmakers passed a bill on a technical corrections day since gaining the ability to do so in 1995.

"We have a system that is working," House Minority Leader Scott Pelath said last May. "Our jobs as a citizen legislature are becoming extraordinarily complicated...My general point is that we don't want to make a habit of technical correction day. The fact we have one is a good thing."

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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.

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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
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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
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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.

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Staff report
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
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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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Pence opts out of White House bid

The Hill

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) has bowed out of a potential bid for president in 2016 and will instead run for reelection, his spokesperson confirmed to The Hill on Tuesday.

"Gov. Mike Pence is a conservative leader and dedicated public servant who always puts Indiana first," Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell told the Star.

Mike Pence passes on 2016 presidential bid

CNN

The prospective Republican presidential field got a bit smaller this week as the Indiana Republican Party announced Mike Pence plans to run for re-election as governor in 2016.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence won't run for president

Politico

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence won't run for president in 2016, a spokeswoman confirmed Tuesday.

Teachers union to Pence: Reappoint Cari Whicker to the state board

ChalkBeat

A list of recommendations from the state teachers union for who Gov. Mike Pence should appoint to the Indiana State Board of Education is telling for who it suggests, and who it doesn't.

Poly-wood in Syracuse adding 250 jobs

WNDU
"As a homegrown Indiana company, Poly-Wood started as two Hoosiers with an idea," said Governor Mike Pence. "Now, 25 years and 258 employees later, this company is proof that Indiana is a state that works for innovation. With a low-cost business environment and a highly-skilled workforce, entrepreneurs have the resources necessary to succeed."

RFRA, other challenges await Pence in '16 run
Evansville Courier & Press
Mike Pence is set to announce in June that he's running for a second term as governor, but the Republican faces different challenges heading into 2016 than he did three years ago when the veteran Congressman first vied for and won the position of Indiana's top executive.
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LEGISLATURE
Congress growing more partisan, index shows
Indy Star
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RFRA, other challenges await Pence in '16 run
Chelsea Schneider
*Mike Pence is set to announce in June that he's running for a second term as governor, but the Republican faces different challenges heading into 2016 than he did three years ago when the veteran Congressman first vied for and won the position of Indiana's top executive.*
A chief obstacle, political analysts said Tuesday, deals with the state's new Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which forced Indiana into the national spotlight and garnered negative reaction from top business leaders concerned over the law's economic toll.
Pence's image as a likeable executive took a hit in the fallout over the law, said Christine Matthews, who conducted a poll for Howey Politics Indiana released in April that showed a decline in the governor's personal favorability among respondents.
"A key question is, how lasting will the RFRA situation be on his long term numbers?" Matthews said.
With the "religious freedom" law following him on the campaign trail, one of Pence's biggest assets is time. Arguably, criticism over the law won't be as present in voters' minds 18 months from now if Pence ultimately wins the party's nomination, said Andy Downs, director of the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics.
"Some of the tarnishing of his image will have gone away by then," Downs said.

But he said Pence will still have to talk about the law, and about the extent of his conservatism. That comes next year, when legislative leaders mull whether to consider adding statewide protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's Civil Rights laws.
"One thing is very clear to me, and that is Democrats will make great attempts to keep the issue alive, "said Cam Savage, a Republican political consultant who runs the consulting firm, Limestone Strategies.
" t's not too late for anybody to make up their mind or change their mind about who will be the governor going forward. The best things Gov. Pence can do is put forth a positive vision and continue to do a good job as governor and rack up accomplishments."
Pence will need to touch on economic development. And his push for voucher expansion – a program that uses state funding to send children to private schools – also will play a role in the campaign, Downs said.
"He has pushed for several changes and will have to answer whether or not we are better off because of those changes," Downs said.
In the aftermath over the "religious freedom" law, speculation began to swirl over whether opposition to the law was strong enough for Pence to face an opponent in the Republican primary. So far, no contender has materialized.
" have the absolute confidence (Pence is) going to be the Republican nominee," said Wayne Parke, Vanderburgh County GOP chairman.
But Parke said the governor is "going to have to address the thinking that went along with the Religious Freedom Restoration Act" and in a "better manner" than he's done in the past.
The communications director for Pence's re-election campaign said Tuesday that the team will center on Pence's record as governor, including tax cuts, education funding and school choice expansion, along with the implementation of an expanded Healthy Indiana Plan – an alternative to traditional Medicaid expansion Pence's administration won approval to implement this year. It's now serving approximately 300,000 Hoosiers.
However, the campaign acknowledges the controversy over the Religious Freedom Restoration Act was a difficult time for Indiana, said Robert Vane, spokesman for Mike Pence for ndiana.
The law implements a judicial test to weigh actions Hoosiers take based on sincerely held religious beliefs, but the law drew criticism over concerns it could serve as a mechanism to discriminate against gays and lesbians. Lawmakers quickly embraced, and Pence signed, a clarification barring the law from being used as a defense to discriminate against any member of the public, including on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
"The governor asked for the fix and he signed it because he felt it was the right thing to do, the best thing to do for Hoosiers. So if his political opponents want to remain fixated on RFRA, we're happy to talk about a dropping unemployment rate, balanced budgets and our drive for a balanced budget amendment," Vane said.
Pence is set to announce his re-election bid June 18 at the state GOP dinner.
So far, on the Democratic side, John Gregg who ran against Pence for governor in 2012 and state Sen. Karen Tallian from Northwestern Indiana have launched campaigns. State schools chief Glenda Ritz said she's considering a run for governor and will make an announcement following the end of the school year.

## Bosma: Multiple issues led to Ivy Tech's exclusion from medical campus

John Martin

Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma on Tuesday offered the most detailed explanation to date on why Ivy Tech Community College Southwest was excluded from the state's appropriation on the new multi-institution medical campus planned for Downtown Evansville.

The General Assembly approved $25.2 million for programs to be offered at the campus by the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville and the University of Southern Indiana. The University of Evansville, a private institution, is funding programs on its own.

But Ivy Tech's request for $22.9 million was snubbed by legislators. Bosma, who was the guest at Tuesday's Noon Rotary luncheon, was asked point-blank: Why?

" think there was concern first of all expressed about investment in another immediate building," Bosma told the club, referring to Ivy Tech's First Avenue campus. That facility was expanded and renovated in 2005 for $38.2 million.

Bosma pointed to what he described as proximity from the college's First Avenue site to the new Downtown medical campus. The distance is three miles.

"On top of that, Ivy Tech, while I'm a fan and an advocate and love it, had a large building program for the last 15 years and student enrollment has had a significant change," Bosma said. "That isn't just locally, that's statewide. I'd say that's a factor.

"And then there's one overarching factor to all of it, and that was a perception by one influential finance committee senator (Luke Kenley) who had — I'm going to call it a lie because that's what he called it — he thought he had a misrepresentation regarding some things, and he actually stood in front of every Ivy Tech construction project this year. The sum total of Ivy Tech construction projects this year is zero.

"So, it was kinc of a convergence of all these things," Bosma continued. " t probably will now be in the press since it hasn't been said publicly, but that's OK. I got a call from several of the trustees who are friends, and others, who wanted to hear the straight scoop. It really wasn't just about Evansville, but there also was concern about the Ivy Tech investment that alreacy was in place here and how that moved forward."

Bosma, in an interview after his speech to the Rotary Club, said Kenley thought he was not given accurate information about some of Ivy Tech's performance metrics.

Bosma said he does not believe the issues that kept Ivy Tech's programs from being funded in the next two-year budget will prevent it from being funded in future budgets.

" think the trustees and the (Gov. Mike Pence) administration are working on a meeting to try to get some of those things squared away," Bosma told reporters.

Ivy Tech's removal from the mecical campus was a disappointment for local officials, who have also praised the Legislature for including funcing for the IU and USI programs, enabling construction of the carr pus to begin.

It is tentatively scheduled to open in fall 2017.

Pence signed the two-year budget into law. On a visit to Evansville recently, Pence said the medical campus will be critical for Southwestern Inciana, and he called the state's initial $25.2 million investment "a down payment."

But Ivy Tech Southwest Chancellor Jonathan Weinzapfel said the college's exclusion from the next two-year budget was frustrating. Ivy Tech students will comprise a majority of students at the new medical campus, with its nursing, health sciences, surgical tech, mecical assistant, medical lab tech, paramedic and therapeutic massage programs being offered there.

Weinzapfel said he and Ivy Tech Trustee and Old National Bank CEO Bob Jones met with Kenley a few days before the legislative session ended, and the conversation seemed positive.

Kenley asked about how space at the First Avenue campus would be reallocated once medical programs relocated. Weinzapfel said there were several possibilities, such as expansion of technology and automotive programs, and the use of space by the Work One employment service agency.

"He didn't bring up any concerns about graduation rates or anything like that," Weinzapfel said of Kenley.

Ivy Tech's enrollment statewide climbed rapidly following the 2008 national economic downturn but leveled off as the economy improved, Weinzapfel said.

The Evansville campus recognized 957 graduates at its recent commencement, a 20 percent increase from the last academic year. The college awarded 1,360 degrees, certificates and technical certifications. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, attending the Rotary luncheon, thanked Bosma for the state's investment in the Downtown medical campus. Winnecke has said he will continue to support Ivy Tech's inclusion, and said the college remains a partner.

Ron Faulkner, the Vanderburgh County Democratic Party chairman, issued a news release calling for Ivy Tech to be part of the campus.

"Working adults needing training to get better jobs in medical fields and students graduating high school without the financial resources to attend Indiana University, University of Evansville or even University of Southern Indiana will be left out," Faulkner said.

**AG's office warns residents as scams in Indiana escalate**

May 19, 2015

The Indiana attorney general's office is warning residents to be wary of deals that sound too good to be true, noting that scam complaints escalated rapidly in recent years and even more likely went unreported.

"A lot of our victims won't ever report it because they're ashamed, especially our older citizens. They're afraid if they do report it or if their children find out they'll put them in a nursing home or take over their finances," said Michelle Mayer, director of outreach services for the attorney general's office.

The attorney general's office received 5,255 scam complaints in 2014, more than double the 2,341 from a year earlier. The office has received 2,605 complaints through mid-May, on pace to surpass last year's total.

The Federal Trade Commission reported a similar increase for the state of Indiana, with 4,244 scam complaints last year compared with 2,403 complaints a year earlier, which don't include those reported by the attorney general's office. The FTC reported an average of $1,366 lost in all fraud complaints in Indiana.

The most likely reason for the increase is that technology is making it easier for those running scams, the attorney general's office said. Many are calling from outside the United States using voice-over-Internet devices, Mayer said.

It's impossible to warn about every type of scam because there are so many, Mayer said. Her office has been holding meetings to warn people. She said the best advice is to be wary of all unsolicited offers.

"We teach people to not do business on the phone on incoming calls," she said.

June Lyle, state director of AARP Indiana, has been involved in the meetings. She wants people to understand the people running the scams try to get people in a heightened emotional state by making them think someone is in danger, they're at risk losing of money or they must act now.

"They find out what your triggers are and play on that," she said.

Mayer said some calls are giveaways. Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes winners are never contacted by phone, and people who didn't play an overseas lottery can't win, she said. She also said people should avoid making a down payment in order to claim a bigger prize.

Mayer said she hopes once people understand how the scams work, they will feel confident enough to walk away.

"Often you are stressed no matter what you do. Because if you send in the money, you're thinking, 'My goodness, did I just lose $2,500?' If you don't in the money, you're thinking, 'Did I just lose a million dollars?'" she said. "After coming to one of our programs, they're not going to be stressed.'

**State still working on details of tax amnesty program**

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By Adrianna Pitrelli
TheStatehouseFile.com
IND ANAPOLIS – State officials haven't yet determined when they'll launch a tax amnesty program the legislature authorized last month – but they say a decision is coming soon.
The eight-week program will let tax scofflaws catch up on taxes they've failed to pay through Jan. 1, 2013.
Amanda Stanley, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Revenue, said the agency will work with the governor's office and the Office of Management and Budget to determine "the specific timing for the tax amnesty."
She said a decision could be made in the coming weeks.
Under House Bill 1001, the revenue department will establish an eight-week tax
The tax amnesty allows for the collection of outstanding tax liabilities, while waiving penalties and interest. The revenue department has identified approximately $400 million in outstanding liabilities that may be eligible for collection during the tax amnesty.
The proposed tax amnesty program is expected to actually collect about $109 million to $159 million. Of that, $84 million of the revenue will be deposited into the Indiana Regional Cities Development Fund and $6 million will be transferred to the Indiana Department of Transportation. All remaining revenue from the amnesty program will be deposited in the state's main checking account.

## Giant Eagle seeking 500 workers for Carmel supermarket

Giant Eagle Inc. said it plans to hire more than 500 workers to work at the massive Market District grocery store it is building in Carmel.
The Pittsburgh-based food retailer said Tuesday that it will conduct a hiring event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 6 to help it fill numerous full-and part-time positions for the store, which isexpected to open this fall at 116th St. and Spring Mill Road.
The event is scheduled for the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing.
Giant Eagle has 13 existing Market District stores in Pennsylvania and Ohio, with most ranging from 95,000 to 105,000 square feet. The Carmel store, part of a development called The Bridges, will be its first in Indiana.
Giant Eagles is already hiring for the store at a recruiting center at 9445 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

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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

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**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**

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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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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
The footprint of the IndyCar Series will expand to Boston in 2016 with the addition of a Labor Day weekend event, officials announced Thursday.
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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
Swarens: Mike Pence says he needed to listen more about RFRA
Indy Star
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.

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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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GOVERNOR

Pence against deregulation for engineers

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

An effort to eliminate licensing for engineers could be dead before it even got started. That's because Gov. Mike Pence has come out against the preliminary recommendation made by a committee tasked to review dozens of Indiana's licensed professions. "The governor believes it is a mistake not to license engineers and will make sure the recommendation to do so does not stand," said Kara Brooks, spokesman for Pence.

State health department: no wrongdoing found at Indiana Planned Parenthood facilities

WFYI

Gov. Mike Pence ordered the investigation in the wake of a national scandal involving the abortion and health care provider. A series of videos released by an anti abortion group purported to show national Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of aborted fetal tissue. In letters to facilities in Merrillville, Indianapolis and Bloomington, the State Health Department says it completed its investigation and found no wrongdoing, declaring the matter closed.

Health department ends Planned Parenthood investigation

Indy Star

The Indiana State Department of Health said it closed its investigation of local Planned Parenthood abortion centers this week, finding them to be in compliance with state regulations. Republican Gov. Mike Pence had called for the investigation earlier this month in the wake of a viral video that raised controversy over harvesting organs for donation from aborted fetuses. Pence said he wanted to make sure Planned Parenthood locations in Indiana were not acting illegally in handling fetal tissue.

Pence answers few questions at community conversation
WBOI
Governor Mike Pence hosted a community conversation at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne on Tuesday. But many attendees didn't think their questions were answered.

Indiana convention's CEO calls for broader LGBT protections
Times Free Press
Cities across the U.S. have courted convention organizers since Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed the initial bill in March, provoking national uproar from critics who believed it would sanction discrimination against gay people. Backlash prompted lawmakers to make changes forbidding discrimination, but they stopped short of extending civil rights protections to the LGBT community, as some cities - including Indianapolis- have done. Adrian Swartout, the CEO of Gen Con, told The Associated Press Thursday on the convention's opening day that a competitive offer from a state that grants gays and lesbians that status could be a "catalyst" pushing the event to relocate when its contract expires in 2020. Chicago has shown interest and Orlando also is a possibility, she said.

LEGISLATIVE
Lawmakers seeks review of central Indiana reservoir proposal
NWI Times
Democratic Rep. Sue Errington of Muncie tells The Herald Bulletin (http://bit.ly/1DcT1e4 ) she opposes plans for the seven-mile-long Mounds Lake between Anderson and Muncie and that there are many questions the Legislature's study committee on environmental affairs should consider.

Senate votes to extend transportation funds
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Senate passed the legislation by a 91-4 vote. Sens. Dan Coats, R-Ind., and Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., supported the proposal. The House approved the measure Wednesday by a 385-34 vote, with Reps. Marlin Stutzman, R-3rd; Jackie Walorski, R-2nd; and Todd Young, R-9th, all voting in favor. The Transportation Department's authority to send funds to states was to expire at midnight tonight without congressional action.

STATEWIDES/AGENCIES
State: Abortion clinics compliant
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana State Department of Health has cleared Indiana's three Planned Parenthood abortion clinics of any wrongdoing related to a national controversy over fetal remains. "We are pleased this unfounded complaint is resolved," said Betty Cockrum, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky. "We hold compliance with all laws and regulations as an imperative. We're not surprised the surveyors found the claims unsubstantiated."

Lawsuit: Ex-Speedway fire chief embezzled taxpayer funds for personal use
Indy Star
The Indiana attorney general's office Thursday filed a lawsuit against a former Speedway fire chief accused of using public funds to make personal purchases. A State Board of Accounts special investigation revealed that Mark Watson, Plainfield, used his position as fire chief to embezzle $58,093.89 in taxpayer money from the town of Speedway. He led the department from January 2011 until his resignation in October.

Southern Indiana County approves needle-exchange program
WISH TV
Commissioners have approved a needle-exchange program in a southern Indiana county near the center of an HIV outbreak among intravenous drug users. The Clark County commissioners approved the program Thursday. The proposal now goes to the Indiana State Department of Health for its approval.

Indiana Dunes State Park to band hummingbirds for research
NWI Times
Scientists will be banding hummingbirds for research purposes at Indiana Dunes State Park next week. Indiana Department of Natural Resources officials say licensed hummingbird bander Allen Chartier will demonstrate banding on Aug. 8. That morning he'll be setting hummingbird traps at the park's nature center feeders. Then he'll band the birds.

Zoeller advising credit freeze after data breach
Inside IN Business
The AG's office says the threatened data is from 11 of the company's health care provider clients and 44 radiology centers. Locations in Indiana affected by the breach include Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Muncie and LaGrange.

AROUND INDIANA
Indy having banner convention year, but will it last post RFRA?
Indy Star
It's a hot time for Downtown hotels, doing a booming business from tourists and conventioneers. From fire instructors to gaming enthusiasts to firearms collectors, hundreds of thousands of people visited Indianapolis last year to attend local conventions. Thousands more came for weekend getaways, shows and sporting events. Officials say 2014 was a record year for hotel occupancy and for new convention bookings.

Indy works to lock in lucrative convention
Inside IN business
During an interview last week on Inside INdiana Business Television, Visit Indy President Leonard Hoops said GenCon is now seeking possible bids to hold the event in another city, something that hasn't happened since 2002. He said the previous three renewals have been "easy negotiations." He adds talks have been more challenging this time around. Both Hoops and Gahl are optimistic GenCon will stay in Indy.

New Hospital set for Michigan City
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Mishawaka-based health care organization Franciscan Alliance announced plans this week to bring a new hospital campus to Michigan City.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Indy Lands another big-time digital marketing headquarters
Indy Star
In a move likely to boost Indiana's reputation as a hotbed for digital marketing technology, an Austrian company plans to locate its North American headquarters Downtown. The company, called Emarsys, plans to announce Friday morning it will spend $3.2 million to renovate the thirteenth floor of Market Tower and create up to 167 new jobs here by 2020.

EDITORIALS

Tallian: Pence leads another witch hunt against Planned Parenthood

NWI Times

The Pence administration is doing it again, with another witch hunt, fueled by the right wing. This time, the target is Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky. A short time ago, news broke nationally that a right-wing group had established a clandestine identity, infiltrated certain Planned Parenthood clinics in California and Colorado and publicized that these clinics were engaged in some nefarious sale of fetal body parts. In fact, the patients of these Planned Parenthood facilities were donating fetal tissue to research facilities.

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GOVERNOR

Pence announces Fort Wayne school, GM visit

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The governor's office announced Monday that Mike Pence will be present for a "significant announcement" while visiting with General Motors executives on Tuesday.

Pence visiting GM plant for 'significant announcement'

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Gov. Mike Pence will be in Fort Wayne Tuesday, visiting the General Motors plant and a school on the city's northeast side.

Gov. Pence rooting on 'hometown hero' Carpenter at 500

Wish TV 8

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has picked a favorite in this year's Indy 500. "This is the greatest day of the year for the state of Indiana on the world stage," he said

Indiana, Illinois score high in state spending transparency

NWI Times

Indiana and Illinois received top marks for state government spending transparency in a recently released study by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group...Both Indiana and Illinois are working to extend spending transparency initiatives to local governments, but it likely will be years before the checkbooks of Indiana's 2,700 local government units and the 8,480 Illinois local governments are as accessible and searchable as state financial records. Indiana's local government transparency efforts also were set back earlier this month when Republican Gov. Mike Pence vetoed Senate Enrolled Act 369, co-sponsored by

state Sen. Lonnie Randolph, D-East Chicago. Pence said he vetoed the measure due to a separate provision in the proposal permitting localities to charge a fee of up to $20 per hour for complicated public records searches.

Awaiting decisions by Pence, Pelath, and Ritz
Kokomo Perspective
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, Supt. Glenda Ritz, and House Democratic leader Scott Pelath to truly give this contest early definition. Gov. Pence returned from China on Saturday and will have to pick through daunting challenges. Because of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act episode, just about everyone is upset with him, including his base (over the RFRA "fix"), independents, and the business community. He still has robust support from Hoosier Republicans, but as I've written recently, he's in the tank with women and independents who will decide the election.

**LEGISLATURE**
Indiana Senate wants woman picture on $20 bill
NWI Times
The campaign to substitute a historical American woman for President Andrew Jackson on the $20 bill is winning support from an unlikely quarter — the mostly male Indiana Senate.

Indiana AG sector applauds Trade legislation
Inside IN Business
"Indiana soybean farmers know trade is important for what we do. We send every fourth row of soybeans grown in the state to China, and we should be opening up more markets to our products. Trade Promotion Authority is an important step to finalizing new trade agreements with countries in the Pacific Rim, called the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)... We thank Senator Dan Coats for his support of this important legislation and we encourage all Indiana farmers to call their Congressman and encourage them to support TPA in the House of Representatives."

**STATE WIDES**
Bicentennial Torch relay nominations sought
Evansville Courier & Press
The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is now accepting torchbearer nominations from the public. Jake Oakman, director of communications and media relations for the Indiana Office of Tourism Development, said the relay route is mostly ready, but there is a "window" for alterations to be made by each county. *Subscription required, full text below

Indiana AG Zoeller to advise on federal trade policy
NWI Times
Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller (ZEHL'-ur) has been appointed to represent state attorneys general on a board that helps shape U.S. trade policy.

Ohio River cities seek funds
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Southern Indiana leaders are looking at potential projects they could tackle with a share of $84 million in state funding that's being earmarked for regional initiatives aimed at attracting new residents to the state. "This is a new initiative, so we've got to demonstrate that it works" before asking lawmakers for

more funding to expand the program to other regions, Eric Shields, vice president of policy and strategic initiatives for the Indiana Economic Development Corp., told WDRB-TV.

Gay marriage challenges cost Indiana $1.4 million in attorney fees
Evansville Courier & Press
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AROUND INDIANA
Monumental Indianapolis: Touring Indianapolis memorials
Indy Star
Indianapolis is second only to Washington D.C. in the number of monuments dedicated to veterans and war dead. The Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District encompasses 24 acres and includes the Indiana World War Memorial, Soldiers & Sailors Monument, American Legion Mall, Veterans Memorial Plaza, University Park and the USS Indianapolis Memorial Park.

Noblesville moves forward with redevelopment- cautiously
Indy Star
After years of focusing on development on the outskirts of the city, Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear is moving forward with plans to redevelop land near downtown.

Mayor Ballard named grand marshal of Pride parade
Indy Star
The mayor of Indianapolis who backed the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender community amid the uproar over Indiana's religious objections law has been named grand marshal of a parade celebrating the group.

Legal pot creates trouble in state
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana residents who smoke marijuana legally in states that allow it could still face repercussions once they return home because of the way state laws are worded, experts say.

EDITORIAL
Hoosier reputation rebuild
Evansville Courier & Press
Tourism cheerleaders in Indiana have been taking stock of their dimmed prospects after this spring's struggle over the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
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Bicentennial Torch Relay nominations sought
Bradie Gray

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is now accepting torchbearer nominations from the public.
The relay is one of the many events — which began in 2013 — organized to honor the state bicentennial in 2016.
The relay was designed after the Olympic Torch Relay and is intended to connect Hoosiers county by county via torchbearers on foot, watercraft, farm equipment, a race car, horse and wagon and antique automobiles.
All modes of transportation that will be used during the relay symbolize the heritage of Indiana.
The relay will begin Sept. 9, 2016 in Corydon, Indiana, and end more than 2,200 miles later with a celebration that Oct. 15 at the statehouse in Indianapolis.
The relay route was charted by a committee of representatives from state agencies and the private sector to showcase what they felt were locations of natural beauty, local interest and historic significance to the state.
Jake Oakman, director of communications and media relations for the Indiana Office of Tourism Development, said the relay route is mostly ready, but there is a "window" for alterations to be made by each county.
The relay will span 32 days, with "resting days" on Mondays.
Members of the Indiana Office of Tourism are looking for over 1,900 torchbearers to represent all 92 counties.
" t's a once in a lifetime opportunity, especially to be a torchbearer," Oakman said. "I don't think many of us will be around after the next 200 years to see the quadricentennial."
Hoosiers are encouraged to nominate torchbearers who demonstrate "exceptional public service, excellence in their profession, acts of heroism or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state."
To be nominated, Hoosiers must be a current or former resident of Indiana or be nominated in honor of a current or former president. People may be nominated posthumously and have a torchbearer participate on their behalf.
Torchbearers must be at least 10 years old — and at least 14 years old to carry the flame. A no-flame "Kids Torch" will be available for torchbearers under the age of 14.
The nominees must be physically able to carry the 5-pound, 32-inch torch at least a quarter mile. Accommodations will be made for torchbearers with disabilities.
"We've received some (nominations), but we are certainly expecting more to come in," Oakman said.
The nomination period ends on Dec. 31, 2015.
Once all nomination forms are collected, a juried nomination process will be employed in each county to select torchbearers. Nomination committees from each county will manage the process.
Nominations can be made by email through a downloadable PDF accessible at http://www.indiana2016.org/torchrelay/nomination-forms/.
Print nominations can also be completed and completed via U.S. Mail.
Primary selections of torchbearers will be made in February, final selections will be made in April and torchbearer announcements will be made in June 2016.

## Gay marriage challenges cost Indiana $1.4 million in attorney fees

The Associated Press

The state of Indiana had to pay more than $1.4 million in fees to plaintiffs' attorneys in its unsuccessful attempt to maintain a ban on same-sex marriages, the attorney general's office says.
Same-sex marriage became legal in Indiana in October when the U.S. Supreme Court decided to let stand two federal court rulings that said the state's ban and refusal to recognize such marriages performed elsewhere was unconstitutional. That resolved the five lawsuits in favor of the plaintiffs, leaving the state of Indiana to foot the bill for their legal costs.

The most costly case at $650,000 involved Amy Sandler and Niki Quasney, a Munster couple who fought to have their marriage recognized as Quasney was dying of cancer, The Indianapolis Star reported. That became the lead case in Indiana on same-sex marriage. Quasney died at age 38 in February after the couple won in court.
A federal judge in April 2014 granted the couple's emergency request to have their marriage recognized. Judge Richard Young ruled in June that the state's gay marriage ban was unconstitutional, sending hundreds of same-sex couples across the state to county clerks' offices for impromptu weddings. The state appealed Young's ruling, and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay that put each of those marriages in limbo. But Quasney and Sandler's union was still recognized, and for a time they remained the only legally married same-sex couple in the state.
The other four cases where Indiana had to pay the plaintiff attorney fees were:
— The American Civil Liberties Union was part of a lawsuit filed on behalf of six couples, a widow and two children. The widow, Midori Fujii, of Hamilton County, was not allowed to make funeral decisions after her wife, Kris Brittain, died, because Indiana did not recognize their same-sex marriage, which had been performed in California. That also created an inheritance tax issue. In this case, Indiana paid about $193,000 in fees.
— Four public servants, police officers and a fire battalion chief sued after the state would not recognize their same-sex spouses as pension beneficiaries. This case, filed by Indiana Equality Action, cost the state about $336,000 in fees.
—Four same-sex couples filed a federal lawsuit for the legal right to marry or have their out-of-state marriages recognized. The case was brought against Gov. Mike Pence but was dismissed after a question was raised over whether he was the proper defendant to be named, "because the Governor cannot remedy the harms alleged by them," the court noted. The state paid $45,000 in fees for this case.
— Another lawsuit was filed by two same-sex couples seeking to have their out-of-state marriages recognized in Indiana. The state paid $195,000 in fees.
In addition, the attorney general's office said it spent about $7,000 on printing, filing fees and other related costs in the lead case.

## 176 people arrested during Indy 500 weekend, down from 2014

Authorities say 176 people were arrested at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway over race weekend, mostly for alcohol-related infractions, marking a 17 percent drop from a year ago.
Indiana State Excise Police, the law enforcement division of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, issued 141 summonses for illegal possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage from Friday to Sunday. Other offenses included possession of false identification, resisting law enforcement, furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor, sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit, and drug-related charges.
Last year, excise officers arrested 211 people during race weekend.
Police in the town of Speedway reported seven arrests in and around the track on Sunday for public intoxication, battery, pointing a firearm and other infractions. Speedway police also made two arrests overnight Saturday.

## Editorial: Hoosier reputation rebuild

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By the Journal & Courier in Lafayette, Indiana:
Tourism cheerleaders in Indiana have been taking stock of their dimmed prospects after this spring's struggle over the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
For all the talk about businesses thinking about pulling up stakes due to the impression — intended or not by General Assembly members — that protecting religious freedom also meant marginalizing gays and

lesbians, the most immediate backlash against Indiana came in the form of convention traffic veering elsewhere.

It only took a few multi-million conventions to pull out of Indianapolis and other cities to put the legislators' blind spot on RFRA's perceived discrimination into full view.

Last week, visitors bureau insiders considered the next potential victim washing up on the RFRA shore: the state's latest tourism slogan, "Honest to Goodness Indiana."

The question was whether the beloved slogan introduced in 2014 would survive the state rebranding that's bound to come now that Indiana hired Porter Novelli, a New York City-based PR firm, to help sell Indiana as a welcoming place.

Joining the voices was Jo Wade, president of Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette.

" t's difficult to see 'Honest to Goodness' as a slogan for state tourism at this point in time," Wade told the Indianapolis Business Journal. "People want to grab anything they can to remember their anger toward our state, and 'Honest to Goodness' could be a flare-up. At the time we passed RFRA, people didn't see that as honest or good."

Writing premature obituaries for a slogan that was roundly mocked for making Indiana look folksy in the hokiest of ways might be as misguided as tourism officials pushing blame for its demise on a religious freedom bill.

But the truth is that dealing with the state's image is going to cost ndiana.

On Wednesday, the Indiana Economic Development Corp. signed a contract that puts Porter Novelli on retainer and authorizes expenses for marketing campaigns. The total so far: $750,000. The estimate floated by state officials earlier this year is that the reputation repair work might cost $2 million or more by the time the New York firm is finished.

Wow.

The convention business left in peril is nothing to sneeze at. But it just suggests the longer-range costs that Indiana might never be able to put on a spreadsheet.

As the RFRA question was still roiling in early April, West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis spoke about how hard it is to compete for new industry and new jobs in a global market. He called the margins between winning a huge deal and losing one "razor thin." Would RFRA's lingering backlash be the grain of rice that somehow tips the scales against Greater Lafayette or Indiana? Dennis said he'd never know for sure. But attention on RFRA didn't help the cause.

Will an ad campaign undo the damage? We'll see.

But as Gov. Mike Pence and Republicans in a supermajority House and Senate cut checks to out-of-state public relations firms, they should be steeling themselves for a fix that will cost considerably less. They should be preparing legislation that adds equal protection for gays and lesbians in the state's civil rights codes.

It's one sure way to prove once and for all that, as they insisted, RFRA had nothing to do with discrimination.

That's honest to goodness ndiana, whether they realize it yet or not.

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GOVERNOR

Pre-K Pilot improving Quality of Programs statewide

Indiana Public Media

When Gov. Mike Pence signed On My Way Pre-K, the state's first preschool pilot program, into law ast year, the goal was to get more low-income children enrolled in high quality preschool programs to help their overall education over time. But another result of creating a program like th's means more high-quality programming will emerge, and that's exactly what the state is seeing happen.

Pence lauds vouchers on school visit

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence reaffirmed his commitment to the state's school voucher program and tax-credit scholarships for private schools while visiting with fourth-graders Tuesday at St. Charles Borromeo School.

Pence picks ex-TV news producer as communications chief

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Kids give governor easy quiz
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Emillie Claycomb, 10, wore a large red sequined bow in her hair along with her school uniform – red polo shirt and blue shorts – when Gov. Mike Pence came to visit her school.

Governor highlights St. Charles to promote state voucher program
ABC
While in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, Gov. Mike Pence, R-Ind., visited students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School.

GM plans $1.2 in upgrades for Indiana pick-up plant
Evansville Courier & Press
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence joined company and local officials for the announcement at the 3 million square foot Fort Wayne factory that GM opened in 1986.
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Japan's 'Mr. Diplomacy' to headline Gala
Inside IN Business
"Mitoji Yabunaka is a long-time friend of the Midwest, and we are honored to welcome him back in his first visit to Indiana since serving as Consul-General of Japan in Chicago," said Japan-America Society of Indiana President and Tsuchiya Group North America President Melanie Hart. The Japan-America Society of Indiana's Annual Gala brings together corporate and community leaders and individuals from throughout the Midwest and this year will also include remarks from the Consul-General of Japan in Chicago Toshiyuki Iwado and Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann.

Indiana's image not improving
South Bend Tribune
A few weeks ago some Hoosiers were worried about the image of our state because of the ill-advised, ineptly named Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). Gov. Mike Pence was so worried he decided to spend $750,000 with some opportunistic, out of state firm for Righteous Image Restoration Advertising (RIRA).

LEGISLATURE
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STATE WIDES
As Ritz contemplates a run against Pence, how strong is her teacher and parent support?

Chalkbeat
Today's visit to Central was part of the regular routine for Glenda Ritz: she stops in on schools two to three days a week and hasvisited more than 80 of Indiana's 92 countiesin almost two and a half years in office.

Announcement from Glenda Ritz about political future may come soon
WFYI
State superintendent G enda Ritz announced at the end of this year's legislative session she might consider a run for governor. It's looking like that announcement might be coming soon.

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AROUND INDIANA
Indpls. To present Reggie Wayne key to city
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Former Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne is poised to receive the key to the city.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Chamber to hold first 'Job Fair-aganza'
Inside IN Business
Job seekers can meet with more than 20 potential employers at the first West Side Chamber of Commerce Job Fair-aganza Wednesday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pike Performing Arts Center, (http://www.pikepac.org/ ) Pike High School, 6701 Zionsville Road.

EDITORIAL
Abdul: Some questions for potential Gov. Glenda Ritz
Indy Star
It looks as if Democratic Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz may soon enter the campaign for governor. Former House Speaker John Gregg and state Sen. Karen Tallian have already announced they are running, and apparently another prominent Democrat, who we'll call TBA for now, may enter the race.

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Triol has worked for WTHR-TV Channel 13 and WXIN-TV Channel 59 and has held communications roles at Purdue University and with the Indianapolis public relations firm Sease,

Gerig & Associates. She was hired by the Indiana Department of Administration last year.
Triol is the second new communications staffer to join the Pence team since two highly publicized public relations blunders involving the state's new religious freedom law and plans for a state-run news site.
Pence's longtime congressional communications director, Matt Lloyd, took over last week as Pence's deputy chief of staff for communications and strategy.
Triol was an executive producer at WTHR in 2005 when she filed a lawsuit that alleged the station paid women less than male counterparts. After wrangling in court, which included a counter-argument by WTHR that Triol was among the station's highest-paid employees, the two sides reached a settlement.

**GM plans $1.2B in upgrades for Indiana pick-up truck plant**
General Motors announced Tuesday it would spend $1.2 billion on new facilities and technology at an Indiana factory where it builds Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks.
The project will increase by roughly 50 percent the size of the 3,800-worker Fort Wayne assembly plant with new painting facilities, an expanded body shop and improvements to the truck assembly area.
GM officials said work on the project was expected to begin in June and would take several years to complete. No plans for additional jobs were announced as part of the Fort Wayne expansion, which is part of GM's plan to invest $5.4 billion at its U.S. plants over the next three years.
"Truck customers demand top quality," Cathy Clegg, vice president of GM North America Manufacturing, said in a statement. "The upgrades at Fort Wayne Assembly will enable our team to continue delivering for them for years to come."
GM's factory spending comes as the company said its U.S. sales rose 5.9 percent for April from a year ago. GM's best-seller, the Chevrolet Silverado pickup, posted nearly an 8 percent sales gain to almost 46,000.
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence joined company and local officials for the announcement at the 3 million square foot Fort Wayne factory that GM opened in 1986.
GM has already announced plans to spend: $1 billion on construction and renovations at its technical center near Detroit; $439 million to upgrade the Bowling Green, Kentucky, factory that makes the Chevrolet Corvette and; $174 million for new equipment and technology at a Kansas City, Kansas, plant to build the 2016 Malibu midsize sedan.

**Ind. Lawmaker Wants To Make Booze Cheaper - For Distillers**
Christian Bryant
An Indiana legislator introduced a bill Tuesday that could take the edge off the cost of booze.
House Republican Todd Young, a representative from Indiana, introduced the Distillery Innovation and Excise Tax Reform Act — a bi-partisan bill which seeks to significantly cut excise taxes on distilled spirits like whiskey, rum, gin and vodka. (Video via C-SPAN)
Cutting taxes on liquors sounds like Young is doing drinking Americans a favor and lightening our bar tabs, but the legislation is a bit more business-oriented.
Spirits have higher taxes on them than beer and wine. According to this chart from the Distilled Spirits Council, more than half of what you pay for a bottle of 80 proof liquor goes to taxes and

fees. Trade groups like the Distilled Spirits Council believe that has lead to distilleries cutting jobs.
Young, the co-sponsors of the legislation and trade groups representing distillers all want to take some of the financial burden off companies who make distilled spirits. American Craft Spirits Association President Tom Mooney said in a statement, "This bill will help create jobs across America for the rapidly growing distilling industry."
But alcohol taxes are a big source of revenue for the U.S. According to statistics from the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, alcohol taxes brought in nearly $10 billion last year.

**INDOT: Next section of I-69 to open by end of year**
Chelsea Schneider
The 30-mile detour of winding two-lane roads between where Interstate 69 currently ends and Indiana 37 picks up in Bloomington is almost over.
That's right, Southwestern Indiana. The next time you find yourself on that leg of the trip with spotty cell phone connection and questioning your memory if the next turn is right or left, consider this: The Indiana Department of Transportation says the fourth section of the I-69 extension from Crane to Bloomington is still on track to open by the end of this year.
Construction on the 27-mile stretch is about a year behind the original schedule. But as of this month, the state had paid construction crews for completing 75 percent of the total contract amounts for the section, INDOT spokesman Will Wingfield said. The project also is coming in about $1 million under initial estimates at $471 million, he said.
"How exactly the new I-69 between Crane and Bloomington will open to traffic depends largely on construction progress," Wingfield said.
The opening of the fourth section comes as the state readies plans to finish the road to Indianapolis. Work is underway on the fifth section, which is updating Indiana 37 to interstate standards from Bloomington to Martinsville.
The state also is finalizing a required federal study to determine a route for the sixth and final section, which will run from Martinsville to Indianapolis.
The state is building the fifth section – set to open by the end of 2016 – through a public-private partnership, but funding for the sixth section is still up in the air.
Wingfield on Tuesday didn't rule out a public-private partnership for the sixth section, but said the road, like earlier phases, would not feature tolls.
"INDOT will evaluate the best project delivery method once a route has been selected and approved," Wingfield said in a statement.
In the state budget beginning this July, the General Assembly pared back initial funding requests for new road investments, offering $200 million over the biennium for highway construction and expansion projects. Gov. Mike Pence originally sought $300 million in his budget request.
Top lawmakers already are saying upcoming sessions of the General Assembly will focus on road funding. State Sen. Luke Kenley said at this point, the sixth section isn't funded in the two-year state budget that begins this July. But he said lawmakers will likely discuss funding for the stretch in 2017, when they write a new spending plan for the state.
Kenley, a Noblesville Republican, said that along with the sixth section, the budget will hopefully provide an "overall fix" for funding future highway projects. He said it's difficult to predict what

solution the General Assembly will reach, but he said lawmakers could institute a tax on vehicles, such as electric cars, that currently don't pay a tax for road usage.
"I can't help but think those folks are going to be included at least for some user fee type of tax," Kenley said.
As for the fourth section, wet summers in 2013 and 2014 and cold, inclement winters brought delays for construction crews. The portion of the expansion requires the moving and compacting of about 20 million cubic yards of dirt and rock, excavating hills and building up embankments.
A main perk of the fourth section is it will carry heavy truck traffic that now uses curvy roads and state routes, said Jason Tiller, an INDOT spokesman for the Evansville area.
"Section four is going to put a lot more heavy truck traffic on I-69," Tiller said.
Benefits also lay in economic development supports for Evansville. The section will provide another layer of connectivity between Evansville and other areas in the state, said Shance Sizemore, director of entrepreneurship and innovation development for the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.
Sizemore said resources are available in Evansville that doesn't exist in Bloomington and Indianapolis, and vice versa.
"Therefore having easier access to those resources and making people realize it's not a hard drive to get to Evansville," allows them to take advantage of opportunities in the city, Sizemore said.
As for the future and eventual end to the project, the state anticipates receiving formal approval for the route of the sixth section by early 2018. The state currently is trying to determine the route for last 26 miles of the project. This past General Assembly session lawmakers lifted a restriction in state law that the road couldn't enter suburban Indianapolis' Perry Township.
An initial study called for the road to follow Indiana 37 to Interstate 465, but the state also is exploring other alternatives in deciding the final route. During the General Assembly, lawmakers heard from Central Indiana municipal leaders in support of I-69 continuing along Indiana 37 because they've made plans based on that route. However, a local school district and businesses along the corridor expressed concern.

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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.

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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.

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Evansville Courier & Press
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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.

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**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.

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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.

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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.

IPS approach to improving schools could go statewide
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
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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

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.

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**More than 1,000 School Safety Specialists graduate program**

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Staff Report

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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

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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 8$^{th}$ 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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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

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.

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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.
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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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

Pence makes lennings stop to visit manufacturer

Columbus Republic

Gov. Mike Pence's visit to North Vernon on Wednesday involved learning and a little bit of lunch.

Serving up tips and fried fish

TirbTown

Gov. Mike Pence's visit to North Vernon on Wednesday involved learning and a little bit of lunch. Pence, who is expected to formally announce his re-election bid in a couple weeks, toured Hilex Poly in the morning and met with employees and management before stopping at the Grateful Grubb to meet with local Republican Party members and other diners over the noon hour.

Crossing State Lines

My Wabash Valley

On Tuesday, Governor Mike Pence said, "We love the cross-state competition, but frankly Indiana has great advantages, not only over the state of Illinois, but states all across the country." Tuesday's announcement that Franklin Well Services was relocating from Lawrenceville came as a hit to the city.

Beach Mold & Tool Inc. Expanding, adding 160 new jobs in Southern Indiana

Business Facilities

Beach Mold & Tool Inc., an injection molding and precision tool manufacturer, has announced plans to expand its operations in New Albany, IN, creating up to 160 new jobs by 2019. The company, which currently employs 603 Indiana residents and 665 total associates in New Albany, has already begun hiring. "Beach Mold & Tool continues to expand, fueled by demand for quality manufacturing and supported by

an economic environment that lays the groundwork for growth without standing in the way," said Gov. Mike Pence.

Indiana's tax amnesty program-coming this fall
Lexology
This legislation, which was signed into law by Governor Mike Pence, authorizes the Department to enact emergency regulations detailing the parameters of the program, and it is our understanding that the Department is currently in the process of drafting such regulations. The amnesty program will last for an eight week period and is required to occur prior to 2017. The Department is currently planning on conducting the program this fall, from the middle of September until the middle of November.

Pence letter for Pride Fest finds no favor
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Gov. Mike Pence was attacked from both sides Wednesday for a letter he sent welcoming visitors to next week's Circle City IN Pride Festival.

Pence's letter to LGBT festival letter draws criticism
Washington Times
A letter from Gov. Mike Pence welcoming visitors to Indianapolis' upcoming Circle City IN Pride Festival is drawing criticism from both the state Democratic Party chairman and a conservative group, who are unhappy for different reasons with the governor's greeting to gays, lesbians and others.

LEGISLATURE
Riecken's campaign- for legislature- to host fundraiser
Evansville Courier & Press
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STATE WIDES
A state school board that works?
NWI Times
It took replacing half the membership, but the State Board of Education appeared Wednesday to finally work together on behalf of Indiana students instead of spending hours taking cheap shots at one another.

School 93 a step closer to possible takeover despite new law's timeline changes
Chalkbeat
A change in state law that could see failing schools taken over by the state two years quicker won't affect schools that have already earned four or five F grades in a row...A dismal report on School 93 from the Indiana Department of Education to the Indiana State Board of Education raised alarms for some board members who wanted assurances that state and district officials would help the school get back on track.

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Supreme court suspends license of Indianapolis lawyer
Indy Star
The Indiana Supreme Court on May 29 suspended Indianapolis attorney DeJuan Bouvean from the practice of law. He was suspended for not cooperating with the court's Disciplinary Commission in its investigation of a grievance against him.

Ritz, Gregg bids for governor: 'Will it be a nasty split?'
Indy Star
As Glenda Ritz reached out to key Democrats in recent weeks to seek their support for her run for governor, one of her phone calls was to labor leader David Frye.

Glenda Ritz to make campaign announcement
Indiana Daily Student
This week, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz plans to make a "special campaign announcement" to supporters gathered at events across the state, according to her official Facebook page, Ritz4Education.

Ritz tour to announce candidacy
Inside IN Business
Fellow Democrat John Gregg is also running for the state's top office. He spent 16 years in the Indiana House, including six as speaker. He won the Democratic nomination in 2012, before losing to Governor Mike Pence. State Senator Karen Tallian (D-4) has also announced her candidacy.

AROUND INDIANA
Vigo County Health department working to combat HIV
WishTV
The number of people HIV positive in southern Indiana continues to rise at an alarming rate. There are currently 166 confirmed cases...State Senator Jon Ford (R-District 38) reached out to the department in April asking what the plan was if an outbreak occurred in Vigo County. The testing will be offered at the clinic at the Health Department. Exact dates and times have not been determined. We will continue to bring you more information as it becomes available.

EPD, Jacksonville kick off summer academy
Evansville Courier & Press
The hope behind bringing the Evansville Police Department's Citizen's Academy program specifically to the Jacobsville neighborhood is to foster better understanding between law enforcement and the people in one of the city's poorest areas, said one of its organizers.
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Group seeks scenic byway nomination for Lincoln Highway
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A new campaign is underway to have the Lincoln Highway in northern Indiana nominated as a National Scenic Byway.

Thompson back in state to teach
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Jill Long Thompson has returned to Indiana from Washington, D.C., where she had led the Farm Credit Administration since late 2012. Thompson, a Democrat who represented northeast Indiana in the U.S.

House from 1989 through 1994, left the FCA in mid-March, nine months after her term on its board of directors was to expire. She remained as the federal agency's chairman and chief executive officer until the Senate confirmed her rep acement, Kenneth Spearman.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Kroger looks to hire thousands
Inside IN Business
The Kroger Co.'s Central Division is hosting a city-wide job fair in Indianapolis, hiring associates for the following positions: Cashier, Utility Clerk, Grocery, Deli/Bakery, Produce, Meat, Pharmacy Technicians, Drug/General Merchandise and entry level store management. Day, evening, weekend and overnight shifts are available. Hiring needs vary by location.

EDITORIAL
A quick study
Fort Wayne Journal
Over the summer, legislative study committees will zero in on all sorts of Indiana issues, from the compelling to the mundane. "Alternate means of agricultural assessment." "Pension management." "Whether the name of the school corporation capital projects fund should be changed to reflect the use of money in the fund for purposes other than capital projects."

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Riecken's campaign — for legislature — to host fundraiser
John Martin
With the legislative session over, state Rep. Gail Riecken has been able to focus less on Statehouse matters and more on her fall race to unseat Republican Mayor Lloyd Winnecke.
On Tuesday, though, Riecken will return to Indianapolis for a political fundraiser — not for her mayoral bid, but for her legislative campaign fund. Riecken's legislative seat in District 77, like all 100 in the House of Representatives, comes up for election in 2016.
The event caught the attention of Vanderburgh County Republican Party chairman Wayne Parke, who questioned the Democrat's ongoing involvement with campaign funds for two offices or two election cycles.
Parke said he wondered if Riecken planned to combine the two funds to assist her mayoral bid, "or has she given up on the mayor's race and is planning for next year? I've never seen anyone raise funds for two races at the same time."
Riecken's mayoral campaign had $85,572 on hand on April 10, which was the most recent reporting deadline. Her state legislative fund had less than $6,000 as of Jan. 20. Riecken's legislative fund transferred $5,000 to her mayoral campaign fund on Jan. 10.
According to the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, state law places caps on the amount of political contributions a corporation or labor organization can provide. But the limits in state law are based on the type of political race, and not a specific person or candidate.
That leads to a scenario where Riecken could collect double the contributions from those organizations, since state law places separate caps on contributions to House races and local races.
But Ben Young, Riecken's mayoral campaign chairman, said there will be no further mingling of her two campaign funds.
Young said all dollars raised during Tuesday's event, which is being hosted by the Indiana State Teachers Association, will be doled out from Riecken's legislative campaign fund to Democratic candidates in the 2016 election.

"She's looking to be able to support statehouse candidates in 2016," Young said. "It's for her account, but its purpose is to support candicates across Indiana who want to take the Statehouse back (for Democrats)."
Young said no money that Riecken's event raises on Tuesday will be used on her mayoral campaign. He said Riecken — who has long been known as a strong Democratic Party loyalist — wants to support candidates who want to roll back Republican legislative measures, such as this year's vote to repeal common construction wage.
Issues such as those "are still important to her," Young said.
Ed Feigenbaum, editor of Indiana Legislative Insight, said that for elected officeholders of any political party, campaign funds are a way to demonstrate and exact loyalty.
In Riecken's case, Feigenbaum said that even if funds are not mingled among the two campaign accounts, raising money for 2016 candidates could indirectly assist her 2015 bid for mayor if it needs a late boost. Feigenbaum said party donors could tell one another, "Gail has raised money for state rep candidates, so why don't you in recognition of this make a contribution to her mayoral campaign?"

EPD, Jacobsville kick off summer academy
Richard Gootee
The hope behind bringing the Evansville Police Department's Citizen's Academy program specifically to the Jacobsville neighborhood is to foster better understanding between law enforcement and the people in one of the city's poorest areas, said one of its organizers.
The newly formed Jacobsville Crime-Free Alliance is paying for the weekly program, which is free for participants to come every Wednesday through early August. The first session of the program took place at DiLegge's Restaurant on Wednesday because of a scheduling conflict, but subsequent sessions will be at SWIRCA. That alliance is funded by a federal grant that was awarded to the ECHO Housing Corp in 2013. The academy is just one program listed in the alliance's comprehensive plan to try to decrease crime and other problems in the neighborhood.
One of the organizers of the alliance is Jennifer Mason Evans. She is also an ECHO employee and is the one who approached police department officials about bringing the academy to the neighborhood this summer.
Each week, the program includes talks by officers in several units of the police force. Evans said she and other leaders of the alliance recognized that most residents in the neighborhood don't have a solid understanding of the police department. Specifically, she said many citizens had complaints about the length of police run times in their area. Evans said she has worked with police officials at times as part of her job. She is hopeful that the inside look at the police department during the next 10 weeks will lead to a better understanding between residents and the patrol officers in the neighborhood. She, too, plans to go through the program.
"I've had the great experience working with our local law enforcement for a couple of the initiatives that we have done, and I think have a good foundation of understanding," Evans said. "But I did my first full ride-along with them (last) month and still learned a quite a bit about how they do their jobs and the reasoning (behind) certain things that they did. I really gained a new appreciation for what law enforcement does."
During Wednesday's first session, attendees heard presentations from the Gang Task Force and the Hostage Negotiation Team. The program was kicked off by assistant chief Chris Pugh who thanked residents for making the commitment to learn more about the department. He promised that the presentations would give a real look into what different units do. The hope is that participants — regardless of how they feel about the police department now — "walk away with a more realistic impression of what the police department does and how we do things" at the end of the 10 weeks.
Pugh also thanked Evans and other organizers for their efforts to revitalize the Jacobsville area.

"Seeing the pictures (of what's planned), seeing the things that are going on and seeing the things that Jacobsville Join In are doing in the community — that's huge," he said. "We're glad as the police department to be included in that effort and to be a part of it."
Police department training coordinator Debbie Baird said while one aspect of the program is to show residents how sophisticated and high-tech some aspects of the police department are, it is just as important that the program educates people on what to do if they spot suspicious activity or have another reason to contact law enforcement. Baird said the program can also serve as an introduction to any participants who think they might like to pursue a law enforcement career in the future.
The citizen's academy will be Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m., through Aug. 5. Though the program has already begun, more participants are welcome. However, organizers ask that people pre-register. Participants are also not required to attend all nine remaining sessions. To reserve a spot or for information about the program, call Baird at 812-436-4948 or email her at dbaird@evansvillepolice.com.

SBOE meets, targets two struggling Evansville schools
Chelsea Schneider
The reworked Indiana State Board of Education gathered for the first time Wednesday for a relatively low key meeting, a sharp contrast to the tension that's dominated board meetings in the past.
The meeting comes on the eve of state schools chief Glenda Ritz's widely anticipated entrance into the governor's race. But at Purdue University, board members quietly went through the board's agenda, and Ritz declined to discuss specifics of her political future and Thursday's announcement.
Ritz is expected to discuss education and its tie to the Hoosier economy at a series of campaign stops on Thursday and Friday. The stops kick off at an Indianapolis high school and also will take Ritz to Vanderburgh County.
Ritz said she thought the meeting, which concluded in about three hours, went well.
" think we had a lot of action items that were just pretty quick that I expected to be quick," said Ritz, while saying she was impressed with discussion on school improvement and testing for Hoosier students.
All five new members to the state board, which includes former Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. Superintendent Vince Bertram, were in attendance, along with four of the five returning members. Ritz, an automatic member of the board, will remain chair through her current term in office as state superintendent. The term runs through 2016, and the board will begin electing its chair in 2017.
The board spoke of the need for public hearings for two EVSC schools — Caze Elementary and Washington Middle School — that are nearing a potential intervention by the state board because of failing accountability grades.
The state will hold hearings to garner public opinion on the performance of the two schools likely in August. Under state law if either school receives a sixth consecutive "F" school accountability grade, the state board will weigh oversight options. Those grades are expected to be released this fall and will reflect performance during the 2014-15 school year.
So far, the state board has allowed two EVSC schools that already fell under its oversight to remain with the school district. The board decided to allow more time for EVSC's partnership with Mass Insight Education to work at Glenwood Leadership Academy and Lincoln School. The district partnered with the not-for-profit to build its Transformation Zone, which offers additional supports to five Evansville schools. Caze is within the zone, but Washington isn't — though the district has implemented strategies used in the zone to support the school. Both schools also are under new principals and school district officials say they're being proactive to help raise achievement.
"We always act with the greatest sense of urgency for all of our schools, in particular with schools at this level of priority," said Carrie Hillyard, EVSC's director of transformation.
Wednesday marked the first time the board met following a reconstitution required under state law.

Changes to the board passed by the Indiana General Assembly this year required Gov. Mike Pence to reconsider current gubernatorial appointments on the board and name eight members and for top legislative leaders to make two appointments. The state schools chief remains an automatic member of the board.

As for board members with Southwestern Indiana ties, Pence named Bertram to the board and retained current board member B.J. Watts, an Evansville schoolteacher.

In introducing himself on Wednesday, Bertram described Indiana's education system as the "most critical aspect" of the state's economy.

He now heads Indianapolis-based Project Lead the Way that focuses on science, technology, engineering and math education.

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On Jun 5, 2015, at 11:54 AM, "Dowd, Jaclyn (DWD)" <jdowd@dwd.IN.gov> wrote:

> Governor – Just want you to see this communication I sent to the Career Council moments ago. Knowing you are traveling on June 15, the LG is prepared to chair the meeting in your absence. Best wishes, always.
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> Dear Career Council Members,
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> As part of the June 15th Career Council agenda, we will engage in a discussion with Superintendent Ritz and Commissioner Lubbers on the work of the Core 40 subcommittee. Attached are two documents that will be helpful to you in preparation for that conversation. First is the current Core 40 diploma, and second are the proposed high school diplomas now being vetted by the Core 40 subcommittee to a broad range of stakeholders. In addition to the June 15th discussion, below is a message from colleagues at the Department of Education who invite feedback via an online survey. A more detailed agenda for the Career Council meeting will be shared next week. Please let me know if you have questions in the interim.

Best regards,
**Jackie**
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## Indiana High School Diploma Survey

**June 2015**

As part of the Indiana Career Council, the Core 40 subcommittee was established in 2014 per IC-20-19-6-9 to examine the current Core 40 diploma offerings and make recommendations to the SBOE, which may include:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Changing course requirements for the Core 40 diploma
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Changing the types of diplomas offered in Indiana
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Analysis of need in Indiana for a CTE diploma and/or CTE offerings

Over the past several months, and through the chairmanship of both Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and Commissioner of Higher Education Teresa Lubbers, a large committee made up of stakeholders representing business and industry, higher education, school administration, K-12 educators, special educators, and CTE directors has developed the following proposed draft of diploma requirements to be implemented with the freshman class of 2018-2019. Please go to http://www.doe.in.gov/ccr/indiana-high-school-diploma-survey to review the drafts and then take the survey that follows.

We appreciate your feedback!

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**Governor Pence Issues Statement Regarding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act**

*Pence: "This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way in Indiana, I would have vetoed it."*

Indianapolis – Governor Mike Pence today issued the following statement after signing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (SEA 101) in a private ceremony.

"Today I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, because I support the freedom of religion for every Hoosier of every faith.

"The Constitution of the United States and the Indiana Constitution both provide strong recognition of the freedom of religion but today, many people of faith feel their religious liberty is under attack by government action.

"One need look no further than the recent litigation concerning the Affordable Care Act. A private business and our own University of Notre Dame had to file lawsuits challenging provisions that required them to offer insurance coverage in violation of their religious views.

"Fortunately, in the 1990s Congress passed, and President Clinton signed, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act—limiting government action that would infringe upon religion to only those that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion absent a compelling state interest and in the least restrictive means.

"Last year the Supreme Court of the United States upheld religious liberty in the Hobby Lobby case based on the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, but that act does not apply to individual states or local government action. At present, nineteen states—including our neighbors in Illinois and Kentucky—have adopted Religious Freedom Restoration statutes. And in eleven additional states, the courts have interpreted their constitutions to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action.

“In order to ensure that religious liberty is fully protected under Indiana law, this year our General Assembly joined those 30 states and the federal government to enshrine these principles in Indiana law, and I fully support that action.

“This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way in Indiana, I would have vetoed it. In fact, it does not even apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved. For more than twenty years, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act has never undermined our nation’s anti-discrimination laws, and it will not in Indiana.

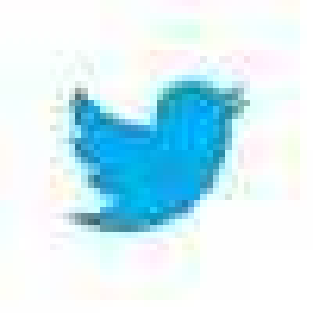
“Indiana is rightly celebrated for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance, and values of our people, and that will never change. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Hoosiers and with the passage of this legislation, we ensure that Indiana will continue to be a place where we respect freedom of religion and make certain that government action will always be subject to the highest level of scrutiny that respects the religious beliefs of every Hoosier of every faith.”

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**GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY**

Running on his record

The Columbus Republic

Pence cited 110,000 net new jobs, falling unemployment, a growing labor force, the implementation of Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 and rising graduation rates and test scores as examples of achieving progress for Hoosiers — all under his first term as governor.

Warbird Expo honors WWI veterans

Indy Star

FISHERS In between oohs and aahs, a curious crowd at Metropolitan Airport went silent on Saturday as it listened to combat stories told by Indiana's World War II veterans. At least a dozen veterans of the war showed up at the airport, where they were honored by Gov. Mike Pence and the Indiana Wing of the Commemorative Air Force.

Governor Pence signs agenda bill improving Hoosier health and well-being

NGA-Workforce Update

Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed a measure to guarantee civil immunity for volunteer health providers. The law, which shields licensed medical providers volunteering their time and service from liability, is intended to encourage providers to give uncompensated care without fear of medical malpractice suits. The law will apply to physicians, physician assistants, advanced nurses, podiatrists, and optometrists who provide basic treatment. Such treatment includes sports physicals; routine medical, eye, and dental services; and suturing of minor lacerations so long as they are provided for free. The law

also requires the professional licensing agency to maintain a health care volunteer registry and that the provider maintains records and results of services provided to patients.

Spreading the World about Indiana's CARE Act
Public news service
Indiana is ranked at the bottom among states for support of family caregivers, but a new law will provide better assistance for the 1.3 million Hoosiers who care for loved ones. Gov. Mike Pence recently signed the CARE Act into law, which goes into effect at the beginning of 2016.

Governor: Building on education gains a priority
The Columbus Republic
Mike Pence said he is seeking a second term as Indiana's governor because his administration has unfinished business, such as making greater strides in education. One focus area will be advancing and expanding a five-county prekindergarten pilot program that gets underway this year, Pence said during a Wednesday interview with The Republic's editorial board.

Will common core return to IN through ISTEP?
Chalkbeat
New options for creating ISTEP just approved by lawmakers have some Common Core critics wondering if the controversial standards shared by other states could make a comeback in Indiana. When Indiana abandoned Common Core, Gov. Mike Pence was clear he also wanted the state to steer clear of Common Core-linked tests that states were creating through two national consortia. Indiana had been a leader in one of them — the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career, or PARCC — but Pence's 2013 executive order forced the state to sever ties with that test. But thanks to the just-passed Senate Bill 566, PARCC questions just might show up onISTEP one day — a pretty big about-face

Pence team's deadline not really critical
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
That "critical fundraising deadline" that Gov. Mike Pence's campaign was all worked up about last week? Uh, it didn't really exist. A half-dozen emails went out last week from the campaign seeking contributions ahead of a major deadline at midnight Sunday. "Governor Pence needs your support to make sure the hyper-partisan, far-left groups that have put a target on his back know that we won't stand by as they fill the airwaves with misleading, negative attacks," one email said. But the state campaign finance deadline is actually June 30, meaning another round of emails will likely be repeated in just a few weeks.

New law: Budget authorizes new state park lodge
The Statehouse File
Potato Creek could be the first Indiana State Park in nearly 80 years to get a new inn. Gov. Mike Pence has proposed building a $25 million lodge to be called the Bicentennial Inn at the property in North Liberty. It will be named for Indiana's 200th birthday coming up in 2016. But even though the lodge was authorized in the state budget that becomes law July 1, it's not yet clear how the project will be financed.
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LEGISLATURE
Indiana law will move slowpokes out of passing lane
Indy Star

The bill was sponsored by State Rep. Jud McMillin, R-Brookville, and signed by Gov. Mike Pence in this year's legislative session. It becomes law on July 1, just in time for the summer's busiest travel day, the Fourth of July.

House lawmakers move to shield communications from public
IBJ
Lawmakers in the Indiana House are working to keep internal correspondence secret by quietly changing the definition of a "work product" in a way that could shield nearly every communication from public view.
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**STATE WIDES**
Indiana sees bigger decline in abortion rate than US
Evansville Courier & Press
State Department of Health figures show the decline occurred from 2010 through 2013, when slightly more than 8,000 abortions were reported. A survey by The Associated Press found a national decrease of about 12 percent during the same period.
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Democrats gearing up for governor election season
Evansville Courier & Press
So far, three Democrats have joined the race: John Gregg, a former state lawmaker who narrowly lost to Pence in 2012; state Sen. Karen Tallian, a fiscal leader amongst the Democratic caucus from Northwest Indiana; and Glenda Ritz, the state schools chief who officially entered the race Thursday.
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AROUND INDIANA
Indy Chamber, Tilson team on HR program
Inside IN Business
The Chamber says the partnership will create a larger employee pool, allowing smaller companies to access large-group pricing for several human resources products and services, such as health insurance and other employee benefits. The organizations say the partnership can also relieve companies of the "daily burden" of payroll and government reporting.

Indiana students test positive for TB
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Nearly 50 southern Indiana students exposed to a classmate with a confirmed case of tuberculosis have tested positive for the disease in preliminary tests, health officials said.

Summer programs planned to curb youth violence
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indianapolis public safety officials are launching a new version of a summer boot camp designed to keep teenagers off the streets, this time targeting at-risk girls with activities ranging from yoga to cooking.

Sirmax to break ground on Anderson facility
Inside IN Business
Sirmax produces and supplies plastics and resins for the automotive, home appliance, furniture and electrical industries and is the second largest independent polypropylene compounder in Europe. The

company's new Anderson plant will be on the site of the former GM Guide Lamp factory, one of the city's largest brownfield sites. The facility will supply the company's automotive and appliance customers.

**EDITORIAL**

Howey: Ritz seeks education showdown with Pence
NWI Times
It was noon on Friday, Nov. 6, 2003, as citizen Mitch Daniels stood among diners at Don & Dona's restaurant in downtown Franklin. Over his shoulder on TV was Gov. Joe Kernan, reversing his stunning announcement from the year prior not to run in 2004.

Krull: Glenda Ritz and the lesson of David and Goliath
The Statehouse File
In a different life, the team I worked with developed a strategy for dealing with bigger and better-funded opponents.
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Colwell: Will Ritz school the governor?
South Bend Tribune
The law of unintended consequences creates the opportunity for Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz to run for governor.

Mike Pence should pay to improve state's image
Indy Star
Business Insider columnist John Ketzenberger's May 30 piece, "Indiana's Tourism budget playing catch-up," highlights money juggling budgeted for the Indiana Economic Development Corp. and the Office of Tourism. He also describes how each will allocate these funds, adding "The state is still dealing with the RFRA (Religious Freedom Restoration Act) fallout, but not through the tourism budget"

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**New law: Budget authorizes new state park lodge**
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INDIANAPOLIS – Potato Creek could be the first Indiana State Park in nearly 80 years to get a new inn.
Gov. Mike Pence has proposed building a $25 million lodge to be called the Bicentennial Inn at the property in North Liberty. It will be named for Indiana's 200th birthday coming up in 2016.
But even though the lodge was authorized in the state budget that becomes law July 1, it's not yet clear how the project will be financed.
"A lot is to be determined on the funding for it," Department of Natural Resources spokesman Phil Bloom. "We are still in the preliminary stage."
In fact, there's no time line for construction and the Pence administration is still determining how to pay for it.
There are two proposals on how to finance the project. The state budget authorizes a public private partnership that would let a private vendor build the lodge and then collect or share in the revenue. Pence has also proposed leasing some of the state's 150 cell towers to private firms. The towers are currently used by the state to support public safety and emergency communications, although not all are in use or are only partially in use. Making the space or towers available to private vendors
When the project is constructed, DNR officials hope it will include 100 rooms, 200 parking spots, a dining room, gift shop, indoor pool and meeting spaces.

Indiana's state park inns are the leader in occupancy rates for the country, including both those privately and publicly operated. In 2013, the lodges had an occupancy rate of nearly 58 percent. It was higher than 61 percent the previous year.
The state plans to build the lodge in a zone near the Whispering Wind picnic area located near the west end of the park. It is located away from the main road, minimizing the necessity for inn traffic going through the majority of the park.

**Indiana sees bigger decline in abortion rate than US**

Associated Press
The number of abortions performed in Indiana has fallen nearly 20 percent in recent years, a rate steeper than what's been seen nationally.
State Department of Health figures show the decline occurred from 2010 through 2013, when slightly more than 8,000 abortions were reported. A survey by The Associated Press found a national decrease of about 12 percent during the same period.
Indiana Right to Life president Mike Fichter attributes some of the state's decline to new laws requiring that pregnant women be given an opportunity to view an ultrasound image and hear the fetal heartbeat before an abortion.
Planned Parenthood of Indiana president Betty Cockrum says 23 Indiana teenagers on average become pregnant each day and that not enough is being done to provide sex education programs.

**House lawmakers move to shield communications from public**

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Associated Press
Lawmakers in the Indiana House are working to keep internal correspondence secret by quietly changing the definition of a "work product" in a way that could shield nearly every communication from public view.
The move, which came just after the end of the legislative session, would exempt documents, notes and other writing or records in any form if they are created, edited or modified by House members or their staff. It includes email, voice mail, text messaging and audio recordings.
The change comes amid a lawsuit filed over records sought by the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana and the Energy and Policy Institute. The groups filed an open records request in January seeking correspondence between Rep. Eric Koch and various utilities regarding a bill about solar power.
The Indiana House denied the request, saying the Legislature is exempt from Indiana's Access to Public Records Act. Public Access Counselor Luke Britt disagreed and ruled the Legislature must comply with the law.
The Indiana General Assembly has no policy outlining what records are accessible to the public. Lawmakers in 2001 passed a law that exempted them from the public records law, but Gov. Frank O'Bannon vetoed the measure.
" egislative history shows they are still a part of the statute," Steve Key, lobbyist for the Hoosier State Press Association, told The Indianapolis Star.
Other states have specific rules.
Florida exempts "a legislatively produced draft, and a legislative request for a draft, of a bill, resolution, memorial, or legislative rule, and an amendment thereto, which is not provided to any person other than the member or members who requested the draft, an employee of the Legislature, a member of the Legislature who is a supervisor of the legislative employee, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature."
The New York State Assembly has a detailed guide that includes a list of all available records.

Indiana offers one specific exemption for "the work product of individual members and the partisan staffs" of the Legislature.
House Minority Leader Scott Pelath said lawmakers need to make it clear what is accessible and what isn't.
"It needs to be done carefully and clearly so the public and the lawmakers understand the ground rules and the implications," said Pelath, D-Michigan City.
House Majority Leader Brian Bosma declined comment, citing pending litigation.
Kerwin Olson, executive director of Citizens Action Coalition, said he and the Energy and Policy Institute want to know what utilities, lobbyists and special interest groups are working with legislators and how cozy the relationships are.
"The energy and utility industry drives policy. These aren't legislators coming up with great public policy ideas. It comes from the industry, and I thought we could expose that," he said.
Britt said in his ruling that the Legislature can define its own work product but urged lawmakers to favor transparency.
Key said the broad definition lawmakers came up with goes against the construction of the statute, which focuses on the content of a record, not the form.
"An email about lunch would be work product," he said. "They are trying to define everything they do as work product, which is very unfortunate."

## Democrats gearing up for governor election season

Chelsea Schneider

As the field currently stands, Indiana Democrats won't be short of options when casting a vote in next May's gubernatorial primary.
As Democrats look ahead to deciding who will represent them in the governor's race, some see a contested primary in 2016 as a good thing for the party. But a top Statehouse Democrat said the primary will serve to drain funding from the November general election, where the winner will likely face Gov. Mike Pence.
So far, three Democrats have joined the race: John Gregg, a former state lawmaker who narrowly lost to Pence in 2012; state Sen. Karen Tallian, a fiscal leader amongst the Democratic caucus from Northwest Indiana; and Glenda Ritz, the state schools chief who officially entered the race Thursday.
A competitive primary changes the dynamics of the race by making it more focused on issues, said Jennifer Wagner, a former state Democratic Party spokeswoman who now runs her own public relations firm.
" t's not a bad thing for us to have a primary," Wagner said. "I think it's a good thing."
Wagner said for the last 10 years, the Democratic Party has focused on issues it's against. She said it's time for the party to discuss what it stands for.
Dan Parker, a former state Democratic Party chairman, said he feels a contested primary will serve as a healthy process.
"Because we really do need to find out what we stand for, not what we are against," Parker said. "Anyone can stand up and rail against Mike Pence. It's pretty easy to do – but what are you for?"
Yet, state Rep. Scott Pelath, a Michigan City Democrat, said the party can't afford a "free-for-all-primary" because it hinders the ability for a Democrat to defeat Pence.
Besting Pence in 2016 is "the number one priority," Pelath said.
Former state lawmaker Dave Crooks, of Washington, said Democrats' minority status in the state makes the governor's race challenging from the start.
" f we have what many are hoping a spirited primary that may be fine for a civics lesson, a worry I have is that all the candidates will be out of cash by May and they'll have no dollars in the bank," said Crooks, who supports Gregg's candidacy.

Kip Tew, an attorney and former chairman of the state party, said he's historically believed contested primaries inside Indiana were not a good thing for Democrats.
"We have less margin for error than Republicans in this state, and so we've tried to avoid them in the past," Tew said.
But Tew said in this instance, Pence is in a weak position, which eases concerns surrounding a contested primary.
Tew said he feels Democrats already have a good field of candidates. Gregg, he said, came close to beating Pence in 2012, though he was outspent by a wide margin. Ritz has shown the ability to win statewide, and Tallian is "fantastic" in her role as state senator, Tew said.
"John has particular strengths. I think the fact he has run a competitive statewide race before for governor gives him a definite leg up over the other two candidates," Tew said. "He knows what it takes to run a gubernatorial campaign because he's been through it."
A challenge for Ritz, Tew said, is growing her talking points outside of education issues.
"The other two candidates, Karen Tallian and John Gregg, have a wealth of experience that isn't just education…both have experiences outside of K-12 education that they bring to bear," Tew said.
As she jumps in the race, Ritz is showing the ability to mobilize Republican voters as she did in 2012 when a grassroots campaign of public educators helped her defeat GOP incumbent Tony Bennett.
Sharon Adams, an organizer of the group Republicans for Glenda Ritz, said she was a traditional conservative voter. But as a school teacher, she grew concerned about the policies adopted under the Bennett administration. Adams said education transcends party politics, so Ritz running as a Democrat doesn't matter.
Adams said she feels supporters of Ritz see Pence embracing similar reforms to Bennett.
"They've pulled out all the stops to eliminate her authority and step on the voters," Adams said.
Unknown is whether the Democratic field will remain at three candidates.
Wagner said she doesn't feel the field for the Democratic primary is set and thinks another candidate will enter the race.
"At the end of the day," Wagner said, "I hope what comes out of the process is a strong candidate that can actually beat Gov. Pence. I'm not sure that person is in the field right now."

## Commentary: Glenda Ritz and the lesson of David and Goliath

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IND ANAPOLIS – In a different life, the team I worked with developed a strategy for dealing with bigger and better-funded opponents.
In those days, I was the executive director of what was then the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, now the ACLU of Indiana. Our mission was to defend the principles set forth in the U.S. and Indiana constitutions – principles almost everyone supports in theory but that a lot of people dislike in practice.
Particularly when they discover that other people they don't like might have those rights, too.
Our budget was meager and our staffing small. We were always outnumbered, always outgunned.
So we had to be creative when it came to political battles. Our strategy was a simple one.
We'd let the other side assume the expense of building the stage and bringing in the crowd. Then we'd rush forward and take control of the microphone.
We'd make their supposed advantages – their money, their staffing, the size of their organization – work against them. At least part of the lesson from the story of David and Goliath is that the rock doesn't have to be thrown all that hard if it hits the right spot. When something's that big and that clumsy, the hard fall that follows a stumble will do more damage than a stone ever could.

We had a lot of fights in my six years at the ICLU – and we won a lot of them. We got pretty good at the art of political ju-jitsu.

Good as we were, though, we were nothing compared to Glenda Ritz.

When Ritz, a Democrat, was elected less than three years ago, she was largely unknown. She became the target of every angry conservative, every power-mad Republican and every frustrated (and self-proclaimed) education reform advocate in the state.

They had money on their side. They had a strong organization on their side. They had political power – two Republican governors who'd vowed to break her and a Republican-dominated legislature eager to help with the breaking – on their side.

Ritz had enough savvy to turn those advantages against them.

When the state Board of Education anointed from above by Republican governors Mitch Daniels and Mike Pence tried to shut her out of their discussions – and circumvent open records laws in the process – she filed suit. The suit went nowhere, but it focused a spotlight on the fact that her opponents weren't exactly fans of open government or listening to voters.

That set the pattern.

Time and time again, Ritz turned criticisms her opponents directed at her around and forced them to have the discussion she wanted, rather than the inquisition they wanted.

When, after much skirmishing, Ritz's opponents worked to strip her of any authority to shape education policy by changing Indiana law, she slipped out of their grasp and announced she was running for governor.

That means she'll drag all the voters who feel they weren't heard in 2012 when they voted for her as superintendent into the governor's race against an already vulnerable GOP candidate, Gov. Mike Pence.

Ritz's opponents now have started a drumbeat that she's not qualified to be governor – that she lacks the requisite administrative experience to be the state's chief executive officer.

Brilliant.

In addition to leaving themselves vulnerable to charges that they're arrogant and intolerant – the Religious Freedom Restoration Act's continuing gift to the Indiana GOP – these new arguments about Ritz's "inexperience" will leave Republicans open to accusations that they're sexist.

Unless I miss my guess, Ritz is going to be smart enough to point out that Mike Pence's resume wasn't exactly weighted down with executive experience when he ran for governor in 2012 – and that didn't seem to bother any of the folks who now are so concerned about Ritz's qualifications.

I don't know if Glenda Ritz can or will win the governor's race in 2016. I also don't know if she would be a good governor should she be elected.

But she does seem to have at least one thing going for her.

The people battling her are slow on the uptake.

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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

Governor to take part in Sirmax Event

Inside IN Business

The unit of Italy-based Sirmax Inc. announced plans earlier this year to build its first North American production plant in the Madison County city. The company makes plastic compounds and resins.

Pence: Court's EPA ruling 'discouraging'

Inside IN Business

In a release, Governor Pence gave the following statement: "The Court's decision is discouraging, but it does not dampen our resolve to use every legal means at our disposal to stop burdensome regulations. Though the Court declined to let the litigation proceed because of procedural matters, the Court's decision did not speak to the substance of our claim that the EPA lacks the authority to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants in the way proposed. We will renew our claim and seek to invalidate the regulations once they are finalized later this summer."

Federal Court rejects challenge to EPA emissions rules

Indiana Public Media

A federal court Tuesday rejected claims by Indiana and 14 other states that a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule limiting carbon emissions from power plants was unconstitutional. The EPA's goal is to reduce emissions by 30 percent by 2030. Gov. Mike Pence has said the proposal will hurt Indiana's economic development.

State must wait to challenge greenhouse gas rule

Lafayette Journal & Courier

A federal appeals court Tuesday put the brakes on a challenge by Indiana and 14 other states to pending federal regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. Gov. Mike Pence has said the state will "use every legal means at our disposal" to stop the regulations, which he said will cause power rates to go up.

Indiana makes bold play in Tax-Heavy Connecticut
Inside IN Business
Smith also tells Inside INdiana Business that Governor Mike Pence will reach out with personal communications to the chief executives of Connecticut's biggest corporate names, including GE. "We're going in the right direction, they're going in the wrong direction," said Smith. "The governor issued direct communication to make sure that message is understood."

National women's group targets Pence for defeat
NWI Times
Gov. Mike Pence's "religious freedom" headache may become a migraine after a key national interest group declarec Tuesday it is the top reason the organization will work to deny the Republican re-election.

LEGISLATURE
New law: Fire academies to provide uniform training
The Statehouse File
Firefighters often risk their lives to save others but a new law expands the opportunity for more unified training, with the intent of creating safer situations for both the victims and the rescuers.
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New law: Tax credit program falls to the wayside in favor of grants for historic properties
The Statehouse File
A new grant program will create a fresh start for Hoosier developers to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties that could bring more tax revenue to the state, starting in fiscal year 2017.
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Juvenile offenders to get victim screenings
Lafayette Journal & Courier
Kids who are abusec and neglected are significantly more likely to be convicted of a crime as a juvenile.
"After 20 years working with children, I have seen firsthand how their lives are layered with different experiences that affect how they perform in school," said Rep. Wendy McNamara, R-Mount Vernon.
" nstead of focusing on one area — criminal acts — this law takes all factors into consideration when a child comes into the judicial system."

STATE WIDES
DCS discusses needs of the state's foster children
The Statehouse file
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A study conducted by the Indiana Department of Agriculture is looking at ways to bring more specialty crops to the state and bridge the gap between growers and consumers.
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Burns Harbor 'On target' for another bug year
Inside IN Business
In a monthly shipping update from the U.S. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corp., Heimann characterized May shipments as "strong."

State to Salute College success coalitions
Inside IN Business
Today at 2:30 p.m. in the Indiana Statehouse, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers will honor seven Hoosier counties for establishing College Success Coalitions - groups of local education, workforce and community leaders who work together to help more students earn a college degree or other training beyond high school.

Gaming revenue increases
Inside IN Business
Belterra Casino Resort in Florence and Ameristar Casino in East Chicago again reported the state's largest upswings. Belterra reported AGR of $21.5 million, compared to $8.7 million and Ameristar was up $1.7 million.

AROUND INDIANA
Otwell Elementary School closes after 2015-16 school year
Evansville Courier & Press
Otwell Elementary in Pike County will close after the upcoming school year, according to school officials.
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WGU Indiana marks five years of growth
Inside IN Business
A study commissioned by the school suggests its students and graduates will generate $550 million in added income and more than $40 million in added tax revenue for the state over their working lives.

Early learning Indiana continues to grow
Inside IN Business
The Day Early Learning program will begin serving children on August 3rd. The center will open with four classrooms with capacity for 80 students.

Suburban cities may form regional group to fund transit route
IBJ
Four cities are considering creating an economic development group to obtain state funding for the first phase of a regional rapid transit route for electric buses.
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Federal court halts Indiana challenge of power plant rules
Indy Star
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EDITORIAL

Commentary: You Go, Glenda

The Statehouse File

There is a God and he does look like me. He gave me the best birthday present a political pundit could ask for. He gave me Superintencent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announcing that she is running for governor...You are correct, I am not a fan of Ritz, but it's nothing personal. I don't have a problem with her. I just question how she would run the state of Indiana based on her past record.

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Leppert: Socrates meets Glenda Ritz

The Statehouse File

If I had the chance to have a conversation with Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, it would almost certainly sound like I was using the Socratic Method on her. Since I do not envision such a conversation occurring any time soon, I will do my best at describing a hypothetical example of that conversation here.

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New law: Fire academies to provide uniform training

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INDIANAPOLIS – Firefighters often risk their lives to save others but a new law expands the opportunity for more unified training, with the intent of creating safer situations for both the victims and the rescuers.

The General Assembly knew the law as House Bill 1182. The bill authored by Rep. Randy Frye, R-Greensburg, a former firefighter, will go into effect July 1.

"As a retired firefighter, having the opportunity to create this academy is one of the greatest honors of my life," said Frye. "Having worked in the field, I know how important it is for firefighters, who oftentimes coordinate and work together, to receive the same type of training."

This bill was created as a public safety bill, and the main goal was to have more standardized training for all firefighters to keep themselves and civilians safe. It allows the Division of Fire and Building Safety – or DFBS – and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to establish a specific training program and then conduct programs.

"This bill gives firefighters some unity in training," said Frye. "But the academies will teach more than just extinguishing fires."

Participants also get leadership training and training on handling other emergency situations.

Financing and staffing could still be a hurdle. The only funding available for the academy is through a bill passed in 2006, which put a sales tax on fireworks. HB 1182 did not provide any additional funding or staff.

The centralized location for the training is also up in the air. Frye says he envisions a main hub for the program but also would like to eventually see several regional locations making travel easier for departments across the state.

Frye says he doesn't doubt the fire training academies will be successful and the programs will help save lives.

"Firefighters will learn skills that will change and save lives for generations" said Frye.

## New law: Tax credit program falls to the wayside in favor of grants for historic properties

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IND ANAPOLIS — A new grant program will create a fresh start for Hoosier developers to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties that could bring more tax revenue to the state, starting in fiscal year 2017. With the switch, the state is abandoning a tax credit program that had the same purpose but became backlogged and eventually all but useless.

"The problem with the limit on the old program was there was no money available, it pretty much ground to a halt in recent years," said Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany.

Since the creation of the tax credit program in 1994, more than $11 million in tax credits have been approved for 199 projects. However as time passed, Indiana developers would've waited for several years before being awarded their credit. Twelve years to be exact.

Preservationists said the wait was too long to make the incentive worthwhile, pushing the Interim Study Committee on Fiscal Policy to study the issue during the summer of 2014.

Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville proposed the new program in the 2014 Session, saying that it would help make for a more "honest and transparent" budget in the years to come.

The new program allows the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to provide a grant to a person or organization undertaking a qualifying historic rehabilitation project. The maximum allowable grant equals 20 percent of the qualifying rehabilitation expenses approved by OCRA.

The total grants awarded through this program will depend on the number of applicants, OCRA's approval process and the amount of funds appropriated to the program. The bill appropriates $1.25 million in fiscal year 2017, in comparison to the tax credit cap of $450,000.

Clere was adamant about passing the tax credit program in previous years, introducing several bills in an effort to move it forward.

However now that the tax credit has been removed, he said that he is "sorry to see it go," but does hope the new grant program will cause positive changes for Indiana communities and economic industries.

" hope the grant program provides a fresh start – I hope it gives us an opportunity to see that a program like this can work and can be effective," said Clere.

President of Indiana Landmarks Marsh Davis said he had hoped the tax credit could be reformed, but he is grateful there is still a program of some kind.

"Rehabilitation is one of the hallmarks of economic revitalization - here and across the nation," Davis said. "And Indiana is falling behind our neighbors."

Davis and Clere both said the downside to the new program is that the residential credit was dropped from the funding at the last minute. Davis said that it is something they want they want to get back in the future.

" t's a minor but meaningful incentive for owners of historic property who don't have any other sources of assistance," Davis said.

## DCS discusses needs of the state's foster children

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IND ANAPOLIS– Maltreatment of children in the state's foster care system has increased 38 percent from April 2013 to April 2015.

The Department of Child Services (DCS) describes maltreatment as children with at least one substantial allegation of abuse or neglect when the perpetrator is a foster parent or a staff member.

DCS officials don't know why the numbers are increasing but said it could correlate with the increasing number of drug abusers. DCS is working with state legislators to solve the problem.
Consulting firm Delloite, shows the workload is simply too much for the number of social workers leaving many of them overwhelmed. Due to the overload, cases are staying open longer than they used to. DCS is trying to fill vacancies as they are created and is implementing technology so employees can get work done more efficiently.
The committee also talked about successes from the session during Tuesday's meeting. The General Assembly passed 10 bills this legislative session that affect children around the state.
" t was a good session for children" said Sen. Carlin Yoder R- Middlebury, chairman of the Department of Child Service Oversight Committee Task Force Agenda.
At the top of the agenca is DCS's plan to extend foster care until the youth turns 20 years of age instead of age 18. DCS also wants to focus on encouraging a healthy level of independence so children have a greater chance of success in life after foster care. That, officials say, starts with cuality foster parents taking a genuine interest in the child's wellbeing and development.
The program has three pillars, connection to caring adults, employment and education. "The goal of this program is to give older youth a voice and let them have an active voice in that planning" said DCS Legislative Director Parvonnay Stover. "The goal is to help them figure out how to become successful adults...the requirements in HB 1434 encourage that youth have a voice in that planning."

**Study makes recommendations to grow the state's food hub network**

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IND ANAPOLIS– A study conducted by the Indiana Department of Agriculture is looking at ways to bring more specialty crops to the state and bridge the gap between growers and consumers.
Food hubs bring consumers closer to the source of their food. It's a system for collecting, processing and distributing local foods that provides space for retail vending, processing, equipment, packaging and more.
"We know that there is potential to grow Indiana's food hub network," said the director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Ted McKinney. "This study now provides a road map with specific actions and activities that will help us expand this important agricultural activity."
The USDA defines specialty crops as "fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture." The study resulted in five broad recommendations to help grow the emerging industry.
The recommendations call for:

- The launch of a Virtual Indiana Food Hub Network, an online outlet for connecting efforts and opportunities for networking, sharing ideas, and collaboration.
- Exploration of a Sub-Hub Model for Hoosier Harvest Market, a Greenfield-based regional food hub model with an existing online purchasing system.
- Streamlining of State policies and procedures, including the incorporation of information on the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Farm Produce Safety Initiative into the Indiana State Department of Agriculture website to better inform producers on requirements to sell to wholesalers.
- Improved marketing of Indiana specialty crops and regional food hubs by using the revamped Indiana Grown program to showcase specialty crops as well as better educate wholesalers and institutional buyers and connect them with producers.
- Increased ISDA Food Hub Planning Resources by increasing and improving the advocacy role that ISDA currently plays through improved outreach, case studies, and assistance efforts in planning.

The study was paid for through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant and administered by the ISDA.

**Otwell Elementary will close after 2015-16 school year**

Richard Gootee

Otwell Elementary in Pike County will close after the upcoming school year, according to school officials. The financially-motivated move was approved 4-1 at Monday night's regular school board meeting, said Pike County superintendent Suzanne Blake. The announcement comes a month after county residents overwhelmingly voted against an operation tax referendum for the school district that would have generated an estimated $2.3 million annually.

The night the referendum — which would have raised property taxes 29 cents for every $100 in assessed value — failed, Blake told the Courier & Press that she was concerned the district was going to have to make "some very deep cuts." On Tuesday, she reiterated that the district could not "continue to operate in deficit spending."

For the 2015 calendar year, Blake said the district's expenses are expected to outpace revenues by $1.9 million if the current spending level is maintained.

On Tuesday, Blake said the decision to close the school — which she attended as a girl — was indeed motivated by the funding problems the district currently faces. Blake said the projected savings of the closure is about $700,000 per year, though that number could fluctuate depending on the number of Otwell teachers and staff members are retained after next year. Last school year, the school had about 120 students, Blake said.

Otwell is one of three public elementary schools in the district. Blake said no final decision about the future of the building has been made. Blake said her hope is that it could be turned into some sort of continuing education center, a resource that is lacking in her area , but is unsure if that is something that is economically feasible. In addition, Blake acknowledged that the building is in need of $2-$3 million of upgrades in the near-future, which was another factor that played into the impending closure of the elementary school there.

"There are so many things that I feel that we could do (with the building) to give back to the community. This doesn't just have to be a negative situation, but turning it into that positive is going to take some support from some outside resources as well, Blake said. "I'm still exploring those options."

Blake expressed a degree of disappointment that she had to close the school that she personally has been tied to for years.

"I was a student at Otwell whenever we consolidated. So I went through seventh grade and then started at Pike Central for eighth grade when the building opened. I have three children and they attended Otwell ... one of our board members was also an Otwell student," she said. "I would have never dreamed or thought that this would a be a decision that I would be facing."

**Suburban cities may form regional group to fund transit route**

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Lindsey Erdody

Four cities are considering creating an economic development group to obtain state funding for the first phase of a regional rapid transit route for electric buses.

Indy Chamber CEO Michael Huber on Monday night presented to the Westfield City Council the plan to create a "Regional Development Authority" involving Westfield, Carmel, Indianapolis and Greenwood. Once established, the development authority could apply for state grants for the first of five lines in the proposed $1.2 billion electric bus rapid-transit system known as "IndyConnect" under Gov. Mike Pence's "Regional Cities" initiative.

Legislators allocated $84 million for the Regional Cities program over the next two years in the state budget. The money for it will come from a new state tax-amnesty program.
The Central Indiana Regional Development Authority would include Westfield, Carmel, Indianapolis and Greenwood—the four cities the proposed 28-mile "Red Line" would travel through.
Last year, IndyGo received a $2 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Growth grant for environmental and design work on the $100 million Red Line. The route would run north to south and would include about 40 stations from Hamilton through Johnson counties. According to the operating plan, it would run every 10 minutes during peak hours.
The development authority, which would include five members, would receive any money granted from the state for the project. It would not have taxing power and there would be no cost to creating it. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization would staff the development authority temporarily.
Mark Fisher, vice president of government relations and policy development for Indy Chamber, said the Indiana Economic Development Corp., which will review the funding applications, is looking for regional projects that can show concrete results, like the Red Line.
"They want to see something come out of the ground," Fisher said.
Huber said they're hopeful that, if state funding is obtained through the Regional Cities program, they can use it as leverage for federal funding.
The Westfield City Council is expected to vote on the authority June 22. Carmel, Indianapolis and Greenwood will also have to pass similar resolutions.
Westfield Mayor Andy Cook spoke highly of the proposal Monday night, saying regional cooperation on projects is a new approach to economic development that could be successful.
"The state is beginning to recognize that there's more to attracting companies than tax abatements," Cook said. "It's about quality of life so we can attract employees."
Huber said the idea is that if a company locates in the Indianapolis area, surrounding communities could also benefit because employees could live in those cities or do other business there.
"A win for the region is going to be a win for any one of our cities," he said.
Huber said other cities can be added to the authority over time, but the deadline to apply for regional city project funding is in August so the short time frame prevented including other communities.
"If the deadline were further away, you'd see a longer list [of cities]," Huber said.

**Commentary: You go, Glenda**

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By Abdul Hakim-Shabazz

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There is a God and he does look like me. He gave me the best birthday present a political pundit could ask for. He gave me Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announcing that she is running for governor.

Joy! Rapture! Divinity!

Now I know what you're thinking: "Abdul, you have never been a Glenda Ritz fan, so why are you excited about her running for governor against your boy, Mike Pence, whose payroll you should be on for all the propaganda you've written about him over the past 2-3 years?" Oh Lord, you have given them eyes, but they cannot see.

You are correct, I am not a fan of Ritz, but it's nothing personal. I don't have a problem with her. I just question how she would run the state of Indiana based on her past record. That's all. And I'm not talking about the usual stuff, ISTEP testing screw ups, the ISTA health insurance trust fund scandal, her suing her own State Board of Education. Not at all.

Let me give you a couple of examples.

First of all, if Ritz is going to run on a record of fiscal responsibility, you would think she might want to demonstrate some. A quick check of her most recent campaign finance report showed her with more than $35,000 worth of debt. Excuse me, but how does that happen? Especially since she the last election for her was back in 2012. She managed to raise more than $140,000 in 2014, but couldn't pay her own bills? Now anyone in politics will tell you it's not uncommon for a campaign to run up debt and owe vendors a buck or two. But most responsible campaigns pay off their bills as soon as possible.

But let's go past the campaign and look at her office. Ritz says she wants to crack down on "wasteful spending." Well, if anyone would be able to recognize wasteful spending, she would. In 2011, former Superintendent Tony Bennett had an office budget that spent $10.6 million on salaries and $78 million on programs. This past fiscal year Ritz spent nearly $13 million on salaries and $108 million on programs.

But let's get out of the past and look at something a little more recent; her campaign rollout last week. For all the talk about angry masses with their torches and pitchforks that were ready to storm the Capitol and kick Pence out of office, that's all it was, talk. At her announcement in Indianapolis there were about 100 people. And that's including the media and staff that worked at Ben Davis High School. At her following stops in Ft. Wayne, Evansville, South Bend, New Albany and Hammond she was lucky to get above 50 people. South Bend was the most interesting seeing how about 40 people showed up for her announcement but more than 200 showed up earlier this year at a rally against Senate Bill 1, which changed the organizational make up of the State Board of Education.

Oh, I also made it point to speak to several Democrats outside of Central Indiana to get their feel for a Glenda candidacy. They all thought it would be the worst disaster since #JustIN. One even pointed out how two of the main images on her webpage (a young white male wearing a Ritz t-shirt and black woman holding a Ritz sign) were photoshopped, and quite poorly. No offense, but if you're a Democrat and can't find a young white guy or black woman to pose for your campaign photos, you have problems.

So what's the moral of the story? The only people excited about a Ritz for governor candidacy are her "Children of the Corn/Jim Jones/Heaven's Gate-esque" followers and yours truly.

You go, Glenda!

**Commentary: Socrates meets Glenda Ritz**

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By Michael Leppert

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So, Socrates and Glenda Ritz walk into a bar…

Only philosophy nerds might think that is the beginning of a funny joke. And maybe a blogger.

If I had the chance to have a conversation with Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, it would almost certainly sound like I was using the Socratic Method on her. Since I do not envision such a conversation occurring any time soon, I will do my best at describing a hypothetical example of that conversation here.

Additionally, since my kids might read this, I want to explain the method and its creator for context and more importantly so I can claim that this week's edition is in fact, educational. (Just in case Superintendent Ritz actually reads this.)

Socrates, the famous Greek philosopher, is considered one of the greatest and most important philosophers who ever lived. While most of what we know about his life's work came from the writings of his disciples, Plato among them, there is significant debate related to his trial, conviction and ultimate execution. The crime he committed was that of "corrupting the young." Wouldn't that be an interesting "crime" in modern time.

A practice that made his teaching timeless was his engagement in the questioning of his students and colleagues in an endless search for truth. He sought to get to the foundation of others' views by asking a series of questions that serve as individual tests of logic. The series of questions continue until a

contradiction is exposed. It ends by ultimately proving the fallacy of the initial assumption. This became known as the Socratic Method. Aristotle also refers to the method as the basis of the scientific method itself.

So here we go.

Socrates: Superintendent Ritz, why did you decide to run for governor?

Ritz: I think I can beat incumbent Gov. Mike Pence. You know, I got more votes than he did in 2012.

Socrates: So is that WHY you are running?

Ritz: Well, not just that. I think Indiana can do a better job connecting our education policies to our economic policies, and this is the key to moving Indiana forward.

Socrates: So your current office doesn't provide the opportunity to successfully move this connection forward?

Ritz: Well, it might if Gov. Pence and Republicans in the legislature would let me do the job to which I was elected. But since they haven't, becoming governor is the next logical step.

Socrates: So if you win the gubernatorial election next year, you will be able to implement all of your education-to-economy policy connections?

Ritz: I hope so.

Socrates: Won't a 'Governor' Ritz still have to work with Republicans, particularly in the legislature, to implement real change in this arena?

Ritz: Of course, but at least I will have a majority of appointments I can make to the State Board of Education and the ability to veto bad education legislation.

Socrates: Who do you expect to replace you as the superintendent of public instruction, and what happens if he or she is a Republican?

Ritz: I hadn't thought of that yet. However, the authority of the office has been reduced to the point that it no longer sets education policy as it once did.

Socrates: Would you "partner" with your replacement the way you believe Pence and Republicans should have partnered with you?

Ritz: Of course, to the extent that matters.

Socrates: Even if the replacement wants to implement all of the agenda items that you have been fighting?

Ritz: When I am governor, the new superintendent is just going to need to work with me, like I have with..., I mean maybe if I am governor, I should appoint the superintendent.

Socrates: Really?

I think you get part of my point. For 2-1/2 years, Ritz has been the superintendent of public instruction in Indiana. For almost that entire time, she has been embroiled in a partisan fight to do that job. Republicans have gone way too far in a long list of ways to block her effectiveness, to the point that one Republican told me that they have "martyred" her. Shame on the Republicans for that.

However, has her performance under these circumstances been impressive to those of us who are independent voters in the middle of the political spectrum? Hardly. Quite the contrary actually. It would seem to me that gridlock and standoffs should be expected in a Gov. Ritz scenario more than progress.

That leads me to rest of my point. Pence's approval rating has suffered this year because pro-business, socially moderate Republicans were alienated by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act debacle. He needs those voters next year. So do Democrats. The fight next year is not a fight between which union groups support which Democratic candidate, it is about engaging a more progressive agenda for Indiana. I emphasize the word "engaging."

We are 11 months from next year's primary and 17 away from the election. Which of the announced candidates will inspire that engagement? Last week's announcement from Ritz, while politically logical, does not signify progress. Is she qualified to be governor? Of course she is. Many are.

Socrates could "prove the fallacy" of virtually any political campaign. When using his method, it's the political campaign that survives the proving of the fallacy the longest that I am most interested in supporting. As things stand right now, all of his conversations around here would be far too brief.

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**Office of Management and Budget Director Announces Departure**
*Micah Vincent Named OMB Director*

Indianapolis – Governor Mike Pence recently accepted the resignation of Office of Management and Budget Director Chris Atkins, who has served in the role since January of 2013. His resignation is effective at close of business on June 26. Prior to this role, he served on the Governor's campaign, as OMB General Counsel and Policy Director for Governor Mitch Daniels, and in a variety of other roles regarding fiscal and tax policy. His letter of resignation can be found attached.

“As Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Chris Atkins has served as a devoted steward of taxpayer dollars,” said Governor Pence. “He is a true public servant in every way, and his leadership and service to the people of Indiana will be greatly missed. We wish him the best as he begins this new chapter of his life.”

Atkins will be joining Mainstreet, where he will serve as Senior Vice President for Corporate Strategy and Analytics.

Micah Vincent, OMB General Counsel and Policy Director, will replace Atkins as OMB Director, effective June 27. Under the Pence Administration, Vincent previously served as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Local Governance Finance. Prior to this role, he served as Assistant General Counsel and Policy Director for Utilities, Energy, and Higher Education in the Office of Governor Daniels; General Counsel for the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance; Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; and Staff Attorney for the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. Vincent, of Whitestown, earned his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and his law degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

“Micah Vincent has a strong background in state government and the proven leadership skills needed to take on the role of Director of Indiana’s Office of Management Budget,” said Pence. “I am confident he will continue to serve Hoosiers well in this new position and keep the Office of Management and Budget laser-focused on ensuring the proper use of taxpayer dollars and maintaining Indiana’s strong fiscal reputation.”

OMB oversees the following state agencies: Department of Local Government Finance, Indiana Finance Authority, Indiana Department of Revenue, Government Efficiency and Financial Planning, Indiana Board of Tax Review, Indiana Public Retirement System, Indiana Office of Technology, Office of State Based Initiatives, State Board of Accounts, and State Budget Agency.

Upon Atkins’ departure, the Indiana Finance Authority and Indiana Department of Revenue will report to State Budget Director Brian Bailey, whose current responsibilities include working with the legislature to develop and implement the state budget, evaluating fiscal and policy impacts of legislative proposals, serving as fiscal forecaster and fiscal policy advisor to the Governor, and keeping state expenditures in line with revenue collections.

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Governor,

Gaming Insight led with a good story on the new Lottery deal that we renegotiated. I'm very pleased with how this is being portrayed here.

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# GTECH stays, but numbers shuffle

*Lottery deal restructured as parties realize targets now unrealistic*

Hoosier Lottery officials confirm for us that they will dramatically scale back annual revenue and income targets for GTECH Indiana after the company disclosed earlier this year that the growth trajectory laid out in the original Integrated Services Agreement (ISA) in 2012 is no longer attainable.

We told you in late 2014 that GTECH Indiana expected Fiscal Year 2015 performance to fall short of the $320 million Bid Net Income (BNI) goal and that as a result GTECH anticipated having to pay the Hoosier Lottery the maximum allowable shortfall penalty, which for FY 15 will total $16 million.

We've now learned that GTECH Indiana forecasts paying the maximum annual shortfall penalty for all 13 years remaining on the original 15-year ISA . . . and lottery officials tell us they recognize that's an unsustainable position for any company to be in.

Rather than walk away, the parties have renegotiated the numbers to reflect the current market reality, says Lottery spokesperson Courtney Arango. Recall that early in March we told you that some serious renegotiations would be necessary if GTECH were to continue to serve the Lottery under the long-term contract. The State Lottery Commission of Indiana was expected vote on the amendment to the ISA at its meeting on Friday, June 11, after we went to press with this issue. The new terms would take effect beginning with Fiscal Year 2016.

"There was a disclosure from GTECH that maximum shortfall payments for the next 13 years would not work," explains the Lottery's outside legal counsel, Phil Sicuso of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP. "No one anticipated when the contract was executed that you would have possibly 14 straight years of maximum shortfalls. The notion that the contractor would basically pay us to work was not economically feasible."

Other states have experienced much the same issue with sales. Illinois, which has been working with a GTECH consortium, has sought a break-up of the deal, which itself has become problematic. Northstar New Jersey, another GTECH consortium, is early into a 15-year contract to run New Jersey Lottery's sales and marketing operations, but it missed the net income target by $55 million (- 7.3%) in its Garden State contract, triggering a potential $14.1 million penalty there, but New Jersey officials – in a surprisingly bipartisan manner – are reshaping their revenue estimates in conjunction with Northstar to more realistic levels and forging ahead with the long-term deal.

Even our next-door neighbors in Kentucky, which handles sales and marketing in-house, has seen its sales for the first 10 months of the fiscal year lag estimates by $30 million – even as revenues are above the prior fiscal year period.

The Bid Net Income target for Fiscal Year 2016 was originally set above $350 million and was slated to rise north of $400 million for Fiscal Year 2017.

The proposed amendment would replace the concept of a single Bid Net Income target with two annual thresholds: a minimum net threshold by which the shortfall payment will be measured, and an incentive threshold.

*For more, please see the following page . . .*

# Compact guidance from GAO

*Report details concerns; offers road map*

As Indiana considers the ramifications of Native American gaming likely coming to South Bend, most of those involved in and affected by the process are unaware of a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report examining Indian Gaming: Regulation and Oversight by the Federal Government, States, and Tribes that has already attracted attention from key federal lawmakers and could result in national policy changes.

The report, released June 3, notes that over the past 25 years, Indian gaming has become a significant source of revenue for many tribes, reaching $28 billion in gross revenues in FY 2013, up from $3 billion in 1995.

GAO examines: (1) the U.S. Department of the Interior's review process to help ensure that tribal-state compacts comply with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA); (2) how states and selected tribes regulate Indian gaming; (3) National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) authority to regulate Indian gaming; and, (4) NIGC efforts to ensure tribes abide by IGRA and related rules.

U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), who has long taken the Senate lead on Native American gaming issues, and U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, expressed concern with some of what GAO uncovered, principally that federal regulators at the National Indian Gaming Commission are not effectively promoting voluntary compliance with federal guidelines concerning the proper handling of money, accuracy of financial statements, and security requirements at Indian casinos.

"If NIGC continues to rely on Indian casinos to voluntarily comply with federal guidelines, then the Commission must at least improve its state and tribal training and consultation initiatives and develop metrics that assess their effectiveness," said Sen. McCain, while Sen. Barrasso added, "This new report calls for improvements in the Commission's methods in maintaining the integrity of the gaming system. The NIGC should find more effective methods that will ensure all facets of gaming are conducted with accountability and accuracy."

*For more, please see p. 4 . . .*

For FY 2016, the minimum net income threshold will be $270 million, and the incentive threshold will be $290 million. The incentive column grows annually throughout the life of the ISA, and the minimum net income threshold will reach $300 million in four years in FY 2018 and grow incrementally thereafter.

The new minimum net income targets are "substantially less than the original Bid Net Income," says Sicuso. "If we reach $300 million on a consistent basis they won't pay us a shortfall."

Under the current arrangement, for every dollar above BNI, GTECH receives a dollar bonus, subject to a 5.0% cap. The amendment slashes incentive compensation in half by making GTECH eligible for only 50 cents for every additional dollar earned above the incentive threshold . . . with the State now eligible for the other 50 cents.

"For them to maximize their incentive payment, they will now have to earn twice as much as if we kept the incentive payment at a dollar-for-dollar amount," explains Sicuso. The five percent cap remains in place.

The amended agreement also requires GTECH to wire to the Hoosier Lottery by July 31 a lump-sum amount of $18.25 million, which will be immediately transferred to the state as if it were revenue earned on sales. The payment will be reported for accounting purposes as deferred revenue and will show up on the ledger as $1.4 million per year over the next 13 years.

The lump-sum payment is not to be confused with the $16 million shortfall penalty we referred to earlier that GTECH will also have to pay for not meeting the FY 15 income target.

GTECH forecasts net income of $273 million in its to-be-approved FY 16 business plan, meaning the company would avoid a shortfall payment and would not qualify for any incentive compensation.

GTECH has invested tens of millions of dollars in new equipment including upgraded terminals, modernized instant ticket vending machines, and counter-top display cases, and has conducted extensive player research to help drive marketing and advertisement strategies, explains Arango. She says that the company generated record revenue in excess of $1 billion in the first year of the contract and will likely do so again this year.

Sicuso says, "It didn't go exactly as planned on Bid Net Income, but does that mean you break it up that quickly?" Sicuso says that after only two years, "Management believes they deserve more time to essentially use what they've learned about this market to help us continue to grow."

Many of the new draw games that GTECH has rolled out have under-performed, and Powerball sales suffered across the nation from having only one mega-jackpot during this fiscal year.

But bread-and-butter scratch-off sales under GTECH have been unprecedented (and new higher price points have proven sustainable), and Lottery officials are optimistic that the recently consummated merger between IGT and GTECH will also provide substantial benefits to Indiana and the lottery industry as a whole.

One thing there has been no talk of: expanding Lottery offerings to include such games as Keno, and options for on-line games and ticket sales, the best way for GTECH to pump up sales. As we told you in March, Governor Mike Pence (R) is unalterably opposed to such concepts.

Some media reports have speculated that GTECH and IGT will move away from the lottery business, but Sicuso suggests that's all wrong. "From everything we have heard there is an effort to do the opposite," he says.

The amendment to the ISA will also tighten up the contract termination provisions. Currently the Lottery can terminate the agreement at no cost if GTECH misses Bid Net Income by 10% or more for two consecutive years or for three out of five years. Moving forward, the threshold will be reduced to only five percent. Since GTECH will miss the FY 15 target by more than 10%, if the company does not reach $256.5 million in income in FY 16, the State Lottery Commission will have the option to terminate the contract at no cost to the State.

"The point is the State has the ability to quickly re-evaluate what it wants to do in the long term," Sicuso notes. "2015 was disappointing, and it's on their record." Additionally, the amendment will provide that any "underspend" in the annual management fee paid by the Lottery to GTECH must be returned to the State. The parties agreed to this in practice in the past years . . . but it wasn't a requirement under the contract.

The Illinois Lottery has spent millions of dollars on legal fees fighting GTECH in a nasty battle that may have undermined the lottery brand there, but what you have seen here is that the Hoosier Lottery and GTECH have been able to work through their differences amicably. Arango attributes that in part to the co-location of GTECH and the Lottery in the same building. "The fact that Colin sits two doors down from Sarah, they see each other multiple times a day. They don't have that in Illinois," Arango says, referring to the close proximity of the offices of GTECH Indiana General Manager Colin Hadden and Hoosier Lottery Executive Director Sarah Taylor.

Extracting itself from the GTECH agreement and subsequently contracting out for lottery management services again was not, as we've explained before, a viable option.

There is a definite paucity of qualified potential vendors, and they would now be in a better position to understand just how much the Lottery would have available and would be willing to pay for assorted services, eviscerating the traditional leverage the State might ordinarily enjoy under a new round of Request for Proposals.



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Then there is Governor's concern over the State effectively running and pushing sales for a gambling enterprise . . . and the concern that if the contract ended and a decision needed to be made as to how to proceed, lawmakers might choose to get involved and complicate the process.

As we reminded you in March, the initial procurement process was executed by the Daniels Administration after the legislature left town in 2012 and before the 2013 session began. The Pence Administration was presented with a fait accompli when it entered office that January, and some lawmakers (including one key committee chair) were clearly perturbed that they had been left out of the loop by the Daniels Administration.

Only three members of the State Lottery Commission are expected at Friday's meeting.

# IN General

● We had told you to expect the Governor to appoint **Sara Gonso Tait**, the agency's general counsel, as interim executive director of the Indiana Gaming Commission (fully anticipating that the appointment would become permanent within a month), but the Guv surprised us by naming her to the post on a permanent basis without the interim tag. She succeeds **Ernie Yelton**, who had told the Governor a few months ago that he was retiring after more than 10 years in the thankless post.

□ Tait, who worked as director of license control and as a staff attorney for the Commission before taking over the top legal role, was earlier a contract attorney for **Lewis Wagner, LLP**. Tait also currently serves as a volunteer guardian ad litem at **Kids Voice**. She earned her undergraduate degree from **Miami University** and her law degree from **Indiana University McKinney School of Law**, and her father, an **Ice Miller LLP** partner, served as the first chief of staff to the governor in the Daniels Administration.

□ Tait becomes the first IGC chief to be promoted from within, and is the first who is not a former state or federal prosecutor or former judge.

● So why did legislative leaders and the Legislative Council opt against assigning gaming tax-related issues (including local riverboat revenue distributions) to an interim study committee, as had seemed a certainty given the statements issued by key lawmakers at assorted points in the debate over HEA 1540-2015? Writing in the *Evansville Courier & Press*, State House correspond **Chelsea Schneider** explains that "Senate President Pro Tem **David Long**, a **Fort Wayne** Republican, said lawmakers will watch to see how the measure they passed this year impact the casinos' bottom lines." Schneider then quotes him saying "I think we feel like we've studied that enough for once...I think people feel pretty good what we did with the industry this year, and we're comfortable with that. Whatever we did in the bill this year is likely to stay put for a little while."

□ Local government officials and those who represent them collectively are breathing a sigh of relief that their revenues appear to now remain unthreatened for at least another budget cycle.

● Officials in **Illinois** are debating whether the latest attempt to site a land-based casino in **Chicago** should be premised on the ability of such a city-owned facility to exclusively fund the Windy City's staggering pension bills. While Chicago Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** (D) is pushing the concept as a win-win proposition for taxpayers, others are a bit more skeptical, noting that such an arrangement could put the City on the hook for major construction costs; lead to a nasty clout-based battle over management rights and costs; suck revenues and tax dollars from suburban casinos that initially thrived (and subsequently struggled) under changed state rubrics; divert tax revenues from state coffers as suburban casino revenues take a hit from the new competition; and would make the pension funding dependent upon an uncertain funding mechanism that gives the City major incentives to reach deeply into the pockets of players with more casino-friendly policies.

□ Such a facility would also, of course, have an impact upon Northwest Indiana casinos, both directly, and then as the other Chicago-area casinos in Illinois adjust their marketing efforts to cope with the addition of a what would likely be the largest casino in the area to an already saturated market.

● May wasn't exactly a bountiful month for the key gaming sources of General Fund tax revenue, as both the riverboat and racino wagering tax collections declined year-over-year by a double-digit percentage . . . the first time that's happened in the current fiscal year since August.

□ Indiana collected $40.0 million from the riverboat wagering tax during May, lagging the revised monthly estimate issued in mid-April by 5.3% (- $2.2 million) and declining from May 2014 by an even larger 13.6% (- $6.3 million). May marks the ninth month of Fiscal Year 2015 in which dollars generated within this tax category have shrunk from the prior year. With only one month remaining in the fiscal year, riverboat wagering tax revenue is off from the same 11 months in FY 2014 by 9.1% (- $29.7 million), although it running marginally (0.6%) ahead of the most recent April target, a $1.6 million surplus.

□ Racino wagering tax collections totaled $10.0 million, underperforming the monthly estimate revised in April by 8.1% (- $900,000) and shrinking from May 2014 numbers by an even more concerning 12.3% (- $1.4 million). On a fiscal year-to-date basis, however, the category is down by a mere 0.6% (- $600,000) compared to the same 11 months in Fiscal Year 2014.

□ Riverboat admissions taxes were not posted during May, but for the fiscal year-to-date through Memorial Day, this tax category has brought in $11.5 million, down by $900,000 (7.0%) from the July - May period in FY 2014.



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□ Looking ahead to the fiscal year-end wrap-up, it will be a close call on whether riverboat wagering tax revenues close out FY 2015 down by 10% from FY 2014.

**July 2014 - May 2015 Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year-to-Date**

| | FYTD Comparison to Monthly Targets | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Forecast** | **Actual** | **$ Amount** | **Percent** |
| Riverboat Wagering | $ 295.6M | $ 297.2M | $ 1.6M | 0.6% |
| Racino Wagering | $ 101.5M | $ 99.8M | (- $ 1.7M) | (- 1.7%) |
| Riverboat Admissions | $ 11.5M | $ 11.5M | $ 0.0M | 0.1% |

| | FYTD Actual Revenue Change | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2014** | **2015** | **$ Amount** | **Percent** |
| Riverboat Wagering | $ 326.9M | $ 297.2M | (- $ 29.7M) | (- 9.1%) |
| Racino Wagering | $ 100.4M | $ 99.8M | (- $ 0.6M) | (- 0.6%) |
| Riverboat Admissions | $ 12.4M | $ 11.5M | (- $ 0.9M) | (- 7.0%) |

* Rounding may mean some actual change figures may not add up

● U.S. Rep. **Luke Messer** (R) is one of 17 House members representing 11 different states signing a bipartisan letter for the Internal Revenue Service rulemaking docket opposing a potential change in IRS regulations that would lower the threshold for reporting slot win from $1,2000 to as little as $600, an issue we've noted for you in these pages. "We strongly believe the IRS should not consider any reduction of this reporting threshold, as any lowering from $1,200 would have significantly negative impacts on casino operations and customers," the lawmakers, writing under the aegis of the **Congressional Gaming Caucus**, contend. "Any reduction in this threshold would dramatically raise costs to comply, decrease gaming revenue due to more frequent slot machine 'lock-ups,' and would greatly increase the burden workload for IRS." His CD 06 includes three casinos and one racino.

# IN Illegal Gaming

● **Fort Wayne** Animal Care & Control was one of a handful of entities credited by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* as being "involved" in an investigation of "what authorities have described as a massive cockfighting and breeding operation" in two western **Wisconsin** counties that involved some 1,200 birds and "several" suspects and was broken wide open earlier this month when the first group of individuals involved were arrested and four different farms were raided.

□ The City of Fort Wayne explains that the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals** (ASPCA) Field Investigations & Response team deployed staff from Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control to four properties in **St. Croix**, Wisconsin and **Polk County** in Wisconsin to assist with the removal of the ≈ 1,200 birds. Animal Care & Control Officer **Erika Hedge** and Animal Care Specialist **Melissa North** volunteered their time to participate in the ASPCA's emergency response team. All expenses were paid by the ASPCA and staff used their own available time for the deployment.

□ **Belinda Lewis**, Animal Care & Control's executive director, confirmed to the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* that this was the first time the Summit City's animal control staff had been requested to participate in a raid outside of Fort Wayne. "We're very proud of the fact that (the ASPCA) recognized our training level and our responsive ability," Lewis told the paper. "We're really proud of these two in stepping up and using their own time to assist the ASPCA." The two staffers "were particularly suited for the task, Lewis said, because they helped break up a cockfighting ring in Fort Wayne in 2010, she said. In that raid, 42 birds were seized."

# IN Native American Gaming

➜ *Cont. from page one . . .*

Other interesting findings from the 88-page GAO report include:

- NIGC auditors reported that one-quarter of all Indian gaming operations were a "high audit risk."
- NIGC has undertaken very few enforcement actions, such as issuing violation notices, since 2010.
- Approximately 80% of all Indian gaming operations now include class III gaming (Las Vegas-style games).
- NIGC's budget, funded by fees collected from tribes, has grown from $3.3 million in 1995 to $19 million in 2015.

GAO recommends that the Commission: (1) obtain input from states on its plans to issue guidance on class III minimum internal control standards; (2) review and revise, as needed, its performance measures to better assess its training and technical assistance efforts; and (3) develop documented procedures and guidance to improve the use of letters of concern.

NIGC, an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, generally agreed with GAO's recommendations.

But there's more food for thought in the report for Indiana as the process evolves. Indiana is a state that allows class III gaming, so that type of gaming would be available to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians for their proposed South Bend casino complex.

The GAO investigation found that the 24 states with class III gaming operations vary in their approach for regulating Indian gaming. Specifically, based on the extent and frequency of state monitoring activities, GAO categorized 7 states as having an active regulatory role, 11 states with a moderate role, and six states with a limited role. In addition, all 12 of the selected tribes GAO visited had regulatory agencies responsible for the day-to-day regulation of their gaming operations.



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According to the GAO report, "The National Indian Gaming Commission possesses the authority to regulate class II gaming, but not class III gaming, by issuing and enforcing gaming standards (minimum internal control standards for gaming). The Commission does, however, play a role in class III gaming. For example, the Commission Chair must approve tribal gaming ordinances. In addition, Commission officials told us they do have authority to issue guidance on class III gaming standards. In its plans for developing such guidance, the Commission has laid out specific steps for gathering tribal input, but its plan for gathering input from affected states is unclear. Federal internal control standards call for managers to obtain information from external stakeholders that may have a significant impact on the agency achieving its goals. Along with tribes, state input could aid the Commission in making an informed decision. Even with differences in its authority for class II and class III gaming, the Commission conducts monitoring activities, and the Commission Chair takes enforcement action to ensure compliance with IGRA and applicable Commission regulations."

What should be of concern to regulators in Indiana is this note from GAO: "The Commission has more recently emphasized actions that encourage voluntary resolution of compliance issues, including providing training and technical assistance and alerting tribes of potential compliance issues using letters of concern. However, the effectiveness of these two approaches is unclear. The Commission has limited performance measures that assess outcomes achieved. With such additional measures, the Commission would be better positioned to assess the effectiveness of its training and technical assistance. Further, the Commission does not have a documented process for its letters of concern to help ensure their effectiveness in encouraging tribal actions to address identified issues. Without written procedures the Commission cannot ensure consistency or effectiveness of the letters it sends."

GAO also criticizes the Commission over a lack of state input on how to proceed with issuing guidance for class III minimum internal control standards. "The Commission's plans for obtaining input from states on its proposal to issue guidance on minimum internal control standards for class III gaming and withdraw its 2006 regulations [regulations establishing minimum internal control standards for both class II and class III gaming updated in 2002, 2005, and 2006] is unclear. *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* call for management to ensure that there are adequate means of communicating with, and obtaining information from, external stakeholders that may have a significant impact on the agency achieving its goals. Commission officials told us that in the past some states provided written comments on updating minimum internal control standards for class III gaming, but the Commission did not specifically outreach to the states. In its letters to tribes, the Commission did not specify including states in its solicitation of comments on its proposal to issue guidance and withdraw its 2006 regulations."

The GAO report offers an excellent overview of the compact process and its particulars. "A tribe may only conduct class III gaming activities if such activities are conducted in conformance with a tribal-state compact, among other requirements. Compacts are negotiated agreements that establish the tribes' and states' regulatory roles for class III gaming and specify the games that are allowed, among other things. According to the Senate committee report accompanying the legislation, IGRA was intended to provide a means by which tribal and state governments can realize their unique and individual governmental objectives. The Senate committee report also noted that the terms of each compact may vary extensively and may allocate most or all of the jurisdictional responsibility to the tribe, to the state, or to any variation in between. IGRA specifies that compacts may include provisions related to

- the application of criminal and civil laws and regulations of the tribe or the state that are directly related to and necessary for the licensing and regulation of gaming,
- the allocation of civil and criminal jurisdiction between the tribe and the state necessary to enforce those laws and regulations,
- state assessments of gaming activities as necessary to defray the costs of regulating Indian gaming,
- tribal taxation of gaming activities,
- remedies for breach of contract,
- standards for gaming activity operations and gaming facility maintenance, and
- any other subjects directly related to the operation of gaming activities.

IGRA authorizes the Secretary to approve compacts and allows the Secretary to disapprove a compact only if it violates IGRA, any other federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligation of the United States to Indians. Under IGRA, the Secretary has 45 days to approve or disapprove a compact once it receives a compact package from a state and tribe. Under IGRA, if a compact is not approved or disapproved within 45 days, then it is considered to have been approved (referred to as deemed approved) to the extent it is consistent with IGRA [No court has issued a decision considering the extent to which a deemed approved compact is consistent with IGRA]. Compacts go into effect only when a notice from the Secretary has been published in the *Federal Register*. Interior's Office of Indian Gaming manages the compact review process and also reviews and approves revenue allocation plans."

The report suggests that compacts submitted to the feds are almost always approved. "Of the 516 compacts and compact amendments submitted to Interior since 1998, Interior disapproved 19. In decision letters we reviewed, the most common reason for disapproving compacts was that they contained revenue sharing provisions Interior found to be inconsistent with IGRA."



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Instructive to the State going forward: the reasons for disapproval, which should serve as a warning. "For example, Interior found that the concessions offered by the state in some compacts were not proportional to the value of the revenues the state sought from the tribe. Interior disapproved these compacts because they did not eliminate or sufficiently reduce the tribe's payment to the state if the tribe's exclusivity ended or was diminished in the future. In addition, Interior found the revenue sharing payment to the state in some compacts to be a tax, fee, charge, or assessment on the tribe, which is prohibited by IGRA. For example, for one compact, Interior found the state's offer of support for the tribe's application to take land into trust did not provide a quantifiable economic benefit that justified the proposed revenue sharing payments. Consequently, Interior viewed the payment to the state as a tax or other assessment in violation of IGRA."

And while some in Indiana have questioned the intervention of the General Assembly into the compact process under legislation just enacted, the GAO report observes that "Compacts are generally negotiated between tribes and state Governors or their staffs but, in some states, state law requires the state legislature to approve or ratify a compact negotiated by the Governor."

Just what can the compacts cover? "Compacts lay out the responsibilities of both tribes and states for regulating class III gaming. For example, compacts may include provisions allowing states to conduct inspections of gaming operations, certify employee licenses, review surveillance records, and impose assessments on tribes to defray the state's costs of regulating Indian gaming. They may also include provisions requiring tribes to notify the state when they hire a new employee or when they make changes to their gaming regulations or rules. In addition, compacts may contain provisions governing how any disputes between the state and tribe over the compact and its terms will be resolved, including provisions waiving the sovereign immunity of the state, tribe, or both, to lawsuits seeking to resolve disputes."

GAO identified seven states with an "active regulatory role": Arizona, Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, New York, Oregon, and Wisconsin. These states "monitor gaming operations at least weekly, with most having a daily on-site presence." GAO found that "states with an active regulatory role perform the majority of monitoring activities, including

- formal and informal inspection or observation of gaming operations,
- review of financial report(s),
- review of compliance with internal control systems,
- audit of gaming operation records,
- verification of gaming machines computer functions,
- review of gaming operator's surveillance, and
- observation of money counts.

Some states with an active regulatory role told us they also verify gaming operation funds to confirm payments to the state and inspect gaming operations to ensure public health and safety, such as reviewing building inspection records for gaming facilities. Of these states, five states assign staff at gaming operations to observe money counts, conduct background checks, and investigate compact violations, among other things."

# IN Riverboats

## *Northern Market News . . .*

● The Indiana Tax Court denies **Blue Chip Casino**'s petition for a rehearing in *Blue Chip Casino, LLC v. LaPorte Co. Treasurer*, No. 49T10-1008-TA-00037. Almost three years after the oral argument, the Tax Court in March dismissed this appeal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Blue Chip had appealed the **LaPorte County** Treasurer's failure to respond to its request for a refund of some $300,000 in innkeeper's tax monies that it paid to the Treasurer between January 2007 and August 2009 (the period at issue) for the complimentary hotel rooms it provided to various members and non-members of its Players Club program.

● The saga continues in *Jones v. Horseshoe Casino*, No. 2:15-cv-00014-PPS-PRC, a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana in which **Gloria Jones** claims she was injured at **Horseshoe Casino Hammond** when a gas cylinder component in the chair she was sitting in failed, causing the seat of the chair to abruptly descend. She sought subpoena to take control of the chair for testing, but the co-defendant chair manufacturer, **Gasser Chair Company**, contends that its requests to her attorney seeking a protocol for testing of the chair, including any proposed destructive testing, has been met with no response. The judge grants the chair manufacturer a protective requiring all parties to consent to any destructive testing before such testing may be done. "The chair is a crucial piece of evidence and destructive testing by one party could result in unfairness or unnecessary expense."

□ The chair manufacturer also asked Horseshoe for video footage of the alleged accident as well as for leave to inspect the chair in which the plaintiff was hurt. This case had been stayed as to Horseshoe because its parent company is currently in bankruptcy, and, finding that the request lacked "any legal authority for the propriety of this request," Magistrate Judge **Paul R. Cherry** denies the manufacturer's motion to lift the stay.

● **UNITE HERE**, the union for workers in gaming, hotels, and food service industries that represents more than 900 workers at four Northwest Indiana casino properties (200 workers at **Ameristar Casino East Chicago**, 300 at **Majestic Star Casino I** and **Majestic Star Casino II**, and 450 at **Blue Chip Casino**), launches a new website which it says is intended to serve as a resource for customers of Northwest Indiana casinos who want to check whether labor disputes could affect their entertainment plans.



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☐ The union website, www.indianagamingalert.org, will be regularly updated with what it says will be "information about actual and potential labor disputes affecting NW Indiana casinos and the status of contract negotiations." Visitors to the site may sign up for email updates, "as well as find strategies to protect their event or travel plans from the possibility of being impacted by labor disputes."

☐ The site is currently presenting the union local's side of its dispute with Ameristar over health care insurance plans, a rift which has caused UNITE HERE Local 1 to call for a labor boycott of the East Chicago property.

● The Majestic Star Casino, LLC announced the expiration and final results of its previously announced invitation to the holders of its 12.5%/14.5% Senior Notes due 2016 to become lenders in a new 12.5%/14.5% First Lien Secured Term Loan Facility, and the related solicitation of consents from the holders of the notes to the adoption of proposed amendments to the indenture and the intercreditor and lien subordination agreement relating to the notes. The expiration came May 28, before which Majestic received valid deliveries of approximately $109.2 million in aggregate principal amount of the notes, representing commitments in the new term loan for the same aggregate principal amount. On May 29, Majestic accepted all the notes and entered into the new term loan. Holders of notes that participated in the invitation received accrued and unpaid interest on the notes up to, but not including, the closing date, in cash. After giving effect to the cancellation of the notes accepted in the invitation, approximately $1.9 million in aggregate principal amount of the notes remain outstanding.

☐ Holders of notes who made commitments to become lenders in the new term loan also consented to the proposed amendments which among other things, eliminated most of the restrictive covenants and certain events of default contained in the indenture, released all of the liens on the collateral securing the notes under the indenture, and increased the amount of permitted obligations set forth in the intercreditor agreement.

## *Southern Market News . . .*

● The Indiana Tax Court issued an 11-page opinion in *Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. v. Indiana Dep't of State Revenue*, No. 49T10-1206-TA-34. We've told you before about this matter, in which Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., which at the time claimed only Belterra Casino Resort among its Indiana holdings, appealed the Department of Revenue's assessments of Indiana adjusted gross income tax for the 2006 and 2007 tax years. The matter, which was before Senior Judge Tom Fisher on cross-motions for partial summary judgment, presents two issues for the court to decide:

(1) Whether an apportioned sum of the gain generated by Pinnacle's 1999 sale of Hollywood Park, Inc., a California racetrack and card club, to Churchill Downs, Inc. for $140 million in cash is attributable to Indiana under I.C. § 6-3-2-2.2; and if so,

(2) Whether the Department correctly classified Pinnacle's gain as business income.

☐ In 2000, Pinnacle filed an Indiana adjusted gross income tax return classifying the gain derived from the track sale as nonbusiness income. Revenue, after an audit, reclassified Pinnacle's gain as business income, recalculated net operating losses, and assessed Pinnacle with additional adjusted gross income tax, interest, and penalties for the 2006 and 2007 tax years. The Tax Court takes a deep dive into the characteristics of the particular sales transaction, sides with the Department of Revenue on the sale being attributable to Indiana, and grants summary judgment in favor of the Department on this issue. However, Judge Fisher determines that there are issues of genuine material fact as to whether the Department correctly classified Pinnacle's gain as business income, and denies summary judgment to either party on the classification question and orders the parties to file a joint case management plan with proposed order by early August.

● Seeking Alpha takes a deep dive into the financial future of Full House Resorts, Inc., parent company of Rising Star • Casino Resort, and is more bullish about the overall company's prospects than its underperforming Indiana component. The analysis finds that Rising Star – "the company's most difficult property" – "has likely been crippled by live dealer expansion in Indianapolis; it's not clear how the company can or should proceed." With live dealers for table games potentially being allowed in early 2021, the company faces what top exec Dan Lee called a "Catch-22" in his legislative testimony against live dealers. "The addition of live dealers at the racinos – which are near Indianapolis – would seemingly preclude the need for gamblers in the area to leave the city for blackjack, roulette, etc. With expansion in Ohio – across the river from Rising Sun – now complete, and two competitive casinos on either side of the property, Rising Star doesn't have a base to draw on. The addition of live dealers in Indianapolis could, without exaggeration, be the death knell for Rising Star. Yet, the expansion to table gaming won't come for over five years. [Full House] would like to try and turn the property around, but making any significant capital expenditures is unwise if the payoff from the investment will dry up in 4-5 years."

☐ Seeking Alpha observes that "revenue is declining - down 16% year-over-year, per the 10-Q – and it's not clear what Full House can do to stop it. The end of expansion in Ohio should stabilize the situation, but stabilization at breakeven doesn't add much value to shares. The company is trying to advertise hotel specials (after visiting the hotel's website a few weeks ago, I've seen numerous cookie-based ads of late, advertising a $39 room special) that will get customers in the door. Promotional spending for more local customers is another possibility. But any substantial capital investment makes little sense if returns from those investments will dry up in 2021. It does appear that Full House can walk away from the lease on the property, which was agreed to by a subsidiary but not guaranteed by the parent. But a sale seems outright impossible (at least for more than $1), and the best-case scenario here appears to be wringing out a few million in EBITDA over the next few years. Once Indianapolis has full table games at its racinos, Rising Star will be literally surrounded."



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## *IN Casinos . . .*

● When the Casino Association of Indiana consciously decided in 2002 to upgrade its operations, particularly on the lobbying side, it enlisted Mike Smith, a newly re-elected Republican state representative from Rensselaer who had just served as his party's floor leader. The genial Smith quickly helped cement the symbiotic relationship between the State of Indiana and its casino industry, build the "three-legged stool" necessary for passage of key gaming legislation over the past dozen+ years, and forge a strong working relationship between all elements of the gaming industry while assimilating the casino gaming industry into the Hoosier mainstream and making the collective industry a partner in public affairs programming and problem gambling solutions.

□ After almost 13 years on the job, Smith is stepping down, but will work with the eight properties who are Association members in recruiting his replacement as president and CEO.

● Here are your May casino numbers:

| CASINO | ADMITS. | TABLE WIN | SLOT WIN | TOTAL WIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ameristar | 222,872 | $ 4,883,819 | $ 16,440,873 | $ 21,324,692 |
| Belterra | 101,555 | $ 1,537,735 | $ 8,942,702 | $ 10,480,437 |
| Blue Chip | 209,110 | $ 1,662,693 | $ 12,454,366 | $ 14,117,059 |
| French Lick | 76,204 | $ 874,462 | $ 5,972,788 | $ 6,847,250 |
| Hollywood | 130,982 | $ 2,332,898 | $ 13,426,760 | $ 15,759,658 |
| Hoosier Park | N/A | N/A | $ 18,888,349 | $ 18,888,349 |
| Horseshoe HD | 334,972 | $ 10,579,667 | $ 27,628,256 | $ 38,207,923 |
| Horseshoe SI | 167,740 | $ 5,536,335 | $ 17,455,869 | $ 22,992,204 |
| Indiana Grand | N/A | N/A | $ 21,662,111 | $ 21,662,111 |
| Majestic Star I | 83,076 | $ 1,930,062 | $ 6,283,015 | $ 8,213,077 |
| Majestic Star II | 83,076 | $ 166,660 | $ 6,216,213 | $ 6,382,873 |
| Rising Star | 62,125 | $ 393,284 | $ 3,786,447 | $ 4,179,731 |
| Tropicana | 97,277 | $ 1,399,963 | $ 8,977,457 | $ 10,377,420 |
| *Statewide* | *1,568,989* | *$ 31,297,578* | *$168,135,206* | *$199,432,784* |

| | ADMISSIONS | TABLE WIN | SLOT WIN | TOTAL WIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ( 1) | Horseshoe HD | Horseshoe HD | Horseshoe HD | Horseshoe HD |
| ( 2) | Ameristar | Horseshoe SI | Indiana Grand | Horseshoe SI |
| ( 3) | Blue Chip | Ameristar | Hoosier Park | Indiana Grand |
| ( 4) | Horseshoe SI | Hollywood | Horseshoe SI | Ameristar |
| ( 5) | Hollywood | Majestic Star I | Ameristar | Hoosier Park |
| ( 6) | Belterra | Blue Chip | Hollywood | Hollywood |
| ( 7) | Tropicana | Belterra | Blue Chip | Blue Chip |
| ( 8) | Majestic Star I | Tropicana | Tropicana | Belterra |
| ( 9) | Majestic Star II | French Lick | Belterra | Tropicana |
| (10) | French Lick | Rising Star | Majestic Star I | Majestic Star I |
| (11) | Rising Star | Majestic Star II | Majestic Star II | French Lick |
| (12) | N/A | N/A | French Lick | Majestic Star II |
| (13) | N/A | N/A | Rising Star | Rising Star |

**WIN, month-over-month change**

| CASINO | TOTAL WIN | | ADMISSIONS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rising Star | 11.32% | $ 424,915 | 3.11% | 1,874 |
| Belterra | 10.62% | $ 1,006,504 | 10.97% | 10,037 |
| Horseshoe SI | 10.07% | $ 2,103,366 | 9.46% | 14,499 |
| Hoosier Park | 9.39% | $ 1,620,859 | N/A | N/A |
| Tropicana | 9.19% | $ 873,333 | 13.73% | 11,746 |
| Ameristar | 6.80% | $ 1,358,480 | 5.56% | 11,729 |
| Majestic Star II | 6.56% | $ 393,041 | 2.66% | 2,155 |
| French Lick | 5.84% | $ 377,513 | 10.10% | 6,988 |
| Horseshoe HD | 5.67% | $ 2,050,823 | 6.68% | 20,979 |
| Blue Chip | 5.37% | $ 719,236 | 6.39% | 12,567 |
| Indiana Grand | 3.27% | $ 686,540 | N/A | N/A |
| Majestic Star I | 1.31% | $ 105,889 | 2.66% | 2,155 |
| Hollywood | - 0.03% | ($ 4,580) | 2.63% | 3,359 |
| *Statewide* | *6.24%* | *$ 11,715,919* | *6.67%* | *98,088* |

**WIN, year-over-year change**

| CASINO | TOTAL WIN | | ADMISSIONS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| French Lick | 11.91% | $ 728,956 | 9.91% | 6,871 |
| Belterra | 8.48% | $ 819,385 | 2.04% | 2,031 |
| Ameristar | 6.47% | $ 1,296,730 | 2.76% | 5,992 |
| Majestic Star II | 6.12% | $ 368,176 | - 15.30% | - 15,009 |
| Hoosier Park | 1.71% | $ 316,958 | N/A | N/A |
| Blue Chip | 1.50% | $ 208,098 | 3.55% | 7,173 |
| Tropicana | 1.16% | $ 118,975 | 1.00% | 962 |
| Horseshoe SI | - 0.28% | ($ 64,706) | - 2.93% | - 5,061 |
| Indiana Grand | - 0.87% | ($ 189,362) | N/A | N/A |
| Horseshoe HD | - 2.10% | ($ 818,219) | - 5.56% | - 19,707 |
| Majestic Star I | - 4.57% | ($ 393,057) | - 15.30% | - 15,009 |
| Hollywood | - 6.63% | ($ 1,119,762) | - 7.46% | - 10,566 |
| Rising Star | - 8.29% | ($ 377,876) | - 6.83% | - 4,551 |
| Statewide | 0.45% | $ 894,296 | - 2.90% | - 46,874 |

**WIN, year-to-date**

| CASINO | 2015 | 2014 | DIFFERENCE | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 186,020,042 | $ 186,879,005 | ($ 858,963) | - 0.46% |
| Indiana Grand | $ 105,240,925 | $ 101,664,045 | $ 3,576,880 | 3.52% |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 102,978,098 | $ 108,715,799 | ($ 5,737,701) | - 5.28% |
| Ameristar | $ 97,600,422 | $ 93,074,472 | $ 4,525,950 | 4.86% |
| Hoosier Park | $ 86,898,467 | $ 86,754,974 | $ 143,493 | 0.17% |
| Hollywood | $ 76,758,777 | $ 86,174,521 | ($ 9,415,744) | - 10.93% |
| Blue Chip | $ 65,223,502 | $ 63,152,645 | $ 2,070,857 | 3.28% |
| Tropicana | $ 49,180,166 | $ 50,046,072 | ($ 865,906) | - 1.73% |
| Belterra | $ 48,054,751 | $ 46,771,792 | $ 1,282,959 | 2.74% |
| Majestic Star I | $ 39,739,154 | $ 42,123,372 | ($ 2,384,218) | - 5.66% |
| French Lick | $ 31,613,203 | $ 28,957,587 | $ 2,655,616 | 9.17% |
| Majestic Star II | $ 29,458,182 | $ 28,801,807 | $ 656,375 | 2.28% |
| Rising Star | $ 19,959,373 | $ 22,400,927 | ($ 2,441,554) | - 10.90% |
| *Statewide* | *$ 938,725,062* | *$ 945,517,018* | *($ 6,791,956)* | *- 0.72%* |

**ADMISSIONS, year-to-date**

| CASINO | 2015 | 2014 | DIFFERENCE | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 1,622,337 | 1,697,131 | ( 74,794) | - 4.41% |
| Ameristar | 1,049,110 | 985,550 | 63,560 | 6.45% |
| Blue Chip | 944,008 | 904,966 | 39,042 | 4.31% |
| Horseshoe SI | 787,979 | 872,706 | ( 84,727) | - 9.71% |
| Hollywood | 652,782 | 731,500 | ( 78,718) | - 10.76% |
| Tropicana | 465,617 | 468,889 | ( 3,272) | - 0.70% |
| Belterra | 463,462 | 470,910 | ( 7,448) | - 1.58% |
| Majestic Star I | 398,998 | 441,548 | ( 42,550) | - 9.64% |
| Majestic Star II | 398,998 | 441,548 | ( 42,550) | - 9.64% |
| French Lick | 341,731 | 312,149 | 29,582 | 9.48% |
| Rising Star | 296,214 | 316,732 | ( 20,518) | - 6.48% |
| *Statewide* | *7,421,236* | *7,643,629* | *(222,393)* | *- 2.91%* |

**WIN PER ADMISSION**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 04/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | $ 137 | $ 133 | $ 136 |
| Hollywood | $ 120 | $ 119 | $ 124 |
| Horseshoe HD | $ 114 | $ 110 | $ 115 |
| Tropicana | $ 107 | $ 107 | $ 111 |
| Belterra | $ 103 | $ 97 | $ 104 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 99 | $ 88 | $ 100 |
| Ameristar | $ 96 | $ 92 | $ 95 |
| French Lick | $ 90 | $ 88 | $ 93 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 77 | $ 61 | $ 74 |
| Blue Chip | $ 68 | $ 69 | $ 68 |
| Rising Star | $ 67 | $ 68 | $ 62 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 101* | *$ 98* | *$ 102* |



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**WIN PER SLOT PER DAY**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 04/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | $ 338 | $ 349 | $ 336 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 338 | $ 350 | $ 340 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 319 | $ 311 | $ 299 |
| Tropicana | $ 318 | $ 318 | $ 299 |
| Horseshoe HD | $ 313 | $ 299 | $ 314 |
| Ameristar | $ 302 | $ 296 | $ 304 |
| Belterra | $ 241 | $ 231 | $ 229 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 228 | $ 247 | $ 230 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 238 | $ 229 | $ 231 |
| Blue Chip | $ 224 | $ 207 | $ 224 |
| Hollywood | $ 211 | $ 221 | $ 212 |
| French Lick | $ 193 | $ 179 | $ 189 |
| Rising Star | $ 125 | $ 112 | $ 119 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 272* | *$ 267* | *$ 269* |

**WIN PER TABLE PER DAY**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 04/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ameristar | $ 2,219 | $ 1,912 | $ 1,842 |
| Horseshoe HD | $ 2,094 | $ 2,405 | $ 1,904 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 1,768 | $ 1,585 | $ 1,356 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 1,175 | $ 1,210 | $ 1,224 |
| Tropicana | $ 1,129 | $ 1,182 | $ 1,112 |
| Belterra | $ 1,102 | $ 701 | $ 1,123 |
| Blue Chip | $ 1,031 | $ 1,023 | $ 837 |
| Hollywood | $ 1,003 | $ 685 | $ 1,104 |
| French Lick | $ 762 | $ 571 | $ 746 |
| Rising Star | $ 437 | $ 472 | $ 381 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 207 | $ 279 | $ 212 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 1,459* | *$ 1,369* | *$ 1,316* |

**WIN, past six months ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2014 | 12/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 38.21 | $ 36.16 | $ 41.50 | $ 36.03 | $ 34.13 | $ 35.81 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 22.99 | $ 20.89 | $ 17.26 | $ 20.52 | $ 21.33 | $ 21.54 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 21.66 | $ 20.98 | $ 22.54 | $ 21.04 | $ 19.02 | $ 20.09 |
| Ameristar | $ 21.32 | $ 19.97 | $ 20.19 | $ 18.53 | $ 17.60 | $ 18.72 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 18.89 | $ 17.27 | $ 18.81 | $ 16.39 | $ 15.54 | $ 16.14 |
| Hollywood | $ 15.76 | $ 15.77 | $ 16.12 | $ 14.34 | $ 14.78 | $ 15.86 |
| Blue Chip | $ 14.12 | $ 13.40 | $ 14.47 | $ 11.51 | $ 11.73 | $ 13.08 |
| Belterra | $ 10.48 | $ 9.47 | $ 9.71 | $ 8.52 | $ 9.87 | $ 8.99 |
| Tropicana | $ 10.38 | $ 9.50 | $ 10.02 | $ 9.62 | $ 9.66 | $ 10.05 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 8.21 | $ 8.11 | $ 8.56 | $ 7.63 | $ 7.23 | $ 7.17 |
| French Lick | $ 6.85 | $ 6.47 | $ 6.81 | $ 5.37 | $ 6.12 | $ 6.32 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 6.38 | $ 5.99 | $ 6.14 | $ 5.65 | $ 5.30 | $ 5.42 |
| Rising Star | $ 4.18 | $ 3.75 | $ 4.33 | $ 3.56 | $ 4.13 | $ 3.79 |
| *Statewide* | *$199.43* | *$187.72* | *$196.45* | *$178.71* | *$176.42* | *$183.00* |

**WIN, same month past years ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 | 05/2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 38.21 | $ 39.03 | $ 41.32 | $ 41.60 | $ 46.25 | $ 50.75 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 22.99 | $ 23.06 | $ 25.86 | $ 23.56 | $ 23.67 | $ 25.20 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 21.66 | $ 21.85 | $ 20.53 | $ 20.03 | $ 20.68 | $ 20.18 |
| Ameristar | $ 21.32 | $ 20.03 | $ 19.35 | $ 18.78 | $ 20.48 | $ 22.19 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 18.89 | $ 18.57 | $ 21.27 | $ 17.92 | $ 18.86 | $ 19.07 |
| Hollywood | $ 15.76 | $ 16.88 | $ 23.06 | $ 34.20 | $ 36.19 | $ 38.98 |
| Blue Chip | $ 14.12 | $ 13.91 | $ 15.16 | $ 14.82 | $ 14.67 | $ 15.42 |
| Tropicana | $ 10.38 | $ 10.26 | $ 11.69 | $ 10.01 | $ 10.94 | $ 10.12 |
| Belterra | $ 10.48 | $ 9.66 | $ 12.90 | $ 12.72 | $ 10.97 | $ 12.75 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 8.21 | $ 8.61 | $ 10.86 | $ 9.62 | $ 9.79 | $ 10.50 |
| French Lick | $ 6.85 | $ 6.12 | $ 8.24 | $ 7.13 | $ 7.54 | $ 7.36 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 6.38 | $ 6.01 | $ 9.45 | $ 7.89 | $ 8.45 | $ 9.48 |
| Rising Star | $ 4.18 | $ 4.56 | $ 7.23 | $ 7.60 | $ 8.15 | $ 8.50 |
| *Statewide* | *$199.43* | *$198.54* | *$226.93* | *$225.88* | *$236.65* | *$250.49* |

**WIN, month-over-month change**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rising Star | 11.32% | - 13.31% | 21.57% | - 13.75% | 8.91% |
| Belterra | 10.62% | - 2.48% | 14.03% | - 13.66% | 9.79% |
| Horseshoe SI | 10.07% | 21.05% | - 15.89% | - 3.79% | - 1.00% |
| Hoosier Park | 9.39% | - 8.20% | 14.74% | 5.50% | - 3.71% |
| Tropicana | 9.19% | - 5.11% | 4.08% | - 0.39% | - 3.92% |
| Ameristar | 6.80% | - 1.09% | 8.96% | 5.30% | - 6.02% |
| Majestic Star II | 6.56% | - 2.39% | 8.60% | 6.64% | - 2.28% |
| French Lick | 5.84% | - 4.99% | 26.84% | - 12.24% | - 3.21% |
| Horseshoe HD | 5.67% | - 12.88% | 15.19% | 5.57% | - 4.70% |
| Blue Chip | 5.37% | - 7.43% | 25.74% | - 1.83% | - 10.37% |
| Indiana Grand | 3.27% | - 6.93% | 7.11% | 10.61% | - 5.33% |
| Majestic Star I | 1.31% | - 5.32% | 12.28% | 5.46% | 0.79% |
| Hollywood | - 0.03% | - 2.18% | 12.36% | - 2.93% | - 6.86% |
| *Statewide* | *6.24%* | *- 4.45%* | *9.93%* | *1.30%* | *- 3.60%* |

**WIN, year-over-year change**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| French Lick | 11.91% | - 14.97% | - 7.21% | 3.51% | - 8.66% |
| Belterra | 8.48% | - 7.11% | - 18.23% | - 3.14% | 3.99% |
| Ameristar | 6.47% | 3.49% | - 1.37% | - 6.54% | - 11.68% |
| Majestic Star II | 6.12% | - 19.91% | - 11.98% | - 3.42% | - 6.21% |
| Hoosier Park | 1.71% | - 2.39% | 4.75% | - 6.65% | - 8.06% |
| Blue Chip | 1.50% | 3.39% | - 14.58% | 1.56% | - 8.52% |
| Tropicana | 1.16% | - 1.34% | - 3.04% | 2.84% | - 9.90% |
| Horseshoe SI | - 0.28% | - 6.28% | - 0.85% | - 0.06% | - 1.45% |
| Indiana Grand | - 0.87% | 6.44% | 2.52% | - 4.17% | - 4.87% |
| Horseshoe HD | - 2.10% | - 5.54% | - 5.14% | - 0.54% | - 9.46% |
| Majestic Star I | - 4.57% | - 2.87% | - 13.10% | - 1.74% | - 6.85% |
| Hollywood | - 6.63% | - 26.80% | - 38.28% | - 4.68% | - 6.84% |
| Rising Star | - 8.29% | - 26.65% | - 22.52% | - 1.82% | - 11.69% |
| *Statewide* | *0.45%* | *- 6.31%* | *- 10.43%* | *- 2.44%* | *- 7.07%* |

**SLOT WIN % vs. TABLE WIN %, past four months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Majestic Star II | 97.4/02.6% | 97.2/02.8% | 96.8/03.2% | 87.7/12.3% |
| Rising Star | 90.6/09.4% | 91.2/08.8% | 90.7/09.3% | 88.1/11.9% |
| Blue Chip | 88.2/11.8% | 90.3/09.7% | 89.5/14.2% | 89.4/10.6% |
| French Lick | 87.2/12.8% | 87.2/12.8% | 85.3/14.7% | 84.8/15.2% |
| Tropicana | 86.5/13.5% | 86.0/14.0% | 86.2/13.8% | 86.6/13.4% |
| Belterra | 85.3/14.7% | 87.6/12.4% | 91.8/08.2% | 87.0/12.3% |
| Hollywood | 85.2/14.8% | 84.2/15.8% | 85.8/14.2% | 87.7/12.3% |
| Ameristar | 77.1/22.9% | 80.4/19.6% | 86.4/13.6% | 83.5/16.5% |
| Majestic Star I | 76.5/23.5% | 76.0/24.0% | 75.3/24.7% | 77.9/22.1% |
| Horseshoe SI | 75.9/24.1% | 80.3/19.7% | 78.4/21.6% | 77.6/22.4% |
| Horseshoe HD | 72.3/27.7% | 74.2/25.8% | 69.1/30.9% | 72.2/27.8% |
| *Statewide* | *84.3/15.7%* | *85.7/14.3%* | *85.2/14.8%* | *85.4/14.6%* |

**ADMISSIONS, past five months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 334,972 | 313,993 | 360,642 | 303,958 | 308,772 |
| Ameristar | 222,872 | 211,143 | 226,775 | 194,211 | 194,109 |
| Blue Chip | 209,110 | 196,543 | 203,131 | 167,521 | 167,703 |
| Horseshoe SI | 167,740 | 153,241 | 132,260 | 159,844 | 174,894 |
| Hollywood | 130,982 | 127,623 | 138,535 | 128,227 | 127,415 |
| \Belterra | 101,555 | 91,518 | 101,454 | 82,555 | 86,380 |
| Tropicana | 97,277 | 85,531 | 95,837 | 90,407 | 96,565 |
| Majestic Star I | 83,076 | 80,921 | 82,963 | 75,618 | 76,420 |
| Majestic Star II | 83,076 | 80,921 | 82,963 | 75,618 | 76,420 |
| French Lick | 76,204 | 69,216 | 72,703 | 58,421 | 65,187 |
| Rising Star | 62,125 | 60,251 | 63,609 | 53,648 | 56,581 |
| *Statewide* | *1,568,989* | *1,470,901* | *1,560,872* | *1,390,028* | *1,430,446* |



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**ADMISSIONS, same month past years**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 334,972 | 354,679 | 377,523 | 487,725 | 476,413 |
| Ameristar | 222,872 | 216,880 | 217,004 | 226,915 | 234,023 |
| Blue Chip | 209,110 | 201,937 | 199,940 | 202,526 | 204,654 |
| Horseshoe SI | 167,740 | 172,801 | 182,908 | 191,476 | 184,989 |
| Hollywood | 130,982 | 141,548 | 187,841 | 274,610 | 307,292 |
| Belterra | 101,555 | 99,524 | 115,114 | 137,687 | 143,284 |
| Tropicana | 97,277 | 96,315 | 94,677 | 100,773 | 108,904 |
| Majestic Star I | 83,076 | 98,085 | 114,708 | 122,977 | 125,205 |
| Majestic Star II | 83,076 | 98,085 | 114,708 | 122,997 | 125,205 |
| French Lick | 76,204 | 69,333 | 79,046 | 81,125 | 84,299 |
| Rising Star | 62,125 | 66,676 | 74,668 | 104,337 | 104,583 |
| *Statewide* | *1,568,989* | *1,615,863* | *1,758,137* | *2,053,148* | *2,098,851* |

**INDIANA vs. ILLINOIS WIN ($ in millions)**

| STATE | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | $ 199.43 | $ 187.72 | $ 196.45 | $ 178.71 | $ 176.42 | $ 183.00 |
| Illinois | $ 130.37 | $ 126.52 | $ 129.86 | $ 109.72 | $ 115.49 | $ 121.84 |
| IL VGTs | $ 77.85 | $ 76.50 | $ 77.65 | $ 68.49 | $ 65.44 | $ 66.81 |
| *Spread* | *$ 69.06* | *$ 61.20* | *$ 66.59* | *$ 68.99* | *$ 60.93* | *$ 61.16* |

**STATEWIDE MARKET SHARE**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 19.16% | 19.26% | 21.13% | 20.16% | 19.34% | 19.57% |
| Horseshoe SI | 11.53% | 11.13% | 8.78% | 11.48% | 12.09% | 11.77% |
| Indiana Grand | 10.86% | 11.17% | 11.47% | 11.77% | 10.78% | 10.98% |
| Ameristar | 10.69% | 10.64% | 10.28% | 10.37% | 9.97% | 10.23% |
| Hoosier Park | 9.47% | 9.20% | 9.58% | 9.17% | 8.81% | 8.82% |
| Hollywood | 7.90% | 8.40% | 8.20% | 8.03% | 8.38% | 8.67% |
| Blue Chip | 7.08% | 7.14% | 7.37% | 6.44% | 6.65% | 7.15% |
| Belterra | 5.26% | 5.05% | 4.94% | 4.77% | 5.59% | 4.91% |
| Tropicana | 5.20% | 5.06% | 5.10% | 5.38% | 5.48% | 5.49% |
| Majestic Star I | 4.12% | 4.32% | 4.36% | 4.27% | 4.10% | 3.92% |
| French Lick | 3.43% | 3.45% | 3.47% | 3.00% | 3.47% | 3.45% |
| Majestic Star II | 3.20% | 3.19% | 3.12% | 3.16% | 3.00% | 2.96% |
| Rising Star | 2.10% | 2.00% | 2.20% | 1.99% | 2.34% | 2.07% |

**REGIONAL WIN ($ in millions)**

| $ | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North | $ 88.25 | $ 83.62 | $ 90.86 | $ 79.34 | $ 75.98 | $ 80.21 |
| South | $ 70.64 | $ 65.86 | $ 64.24 | $ 61.93 | $ 65.88 | $ 66.56 |
| Racino | $ 40.55 | $ 38.24 | $ 41.35 | $ 37.43 | $ 34.56 | $ 36.23 |

| % | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North | 44.25% | 44.54% | 46.25% | 44.40% | 43.07% | 43.83% |
| South | 35.42% | 35.08% | 32.70% | 34.66% | 37.34% | 36.37% |
| Racino | 20.33% | 20.37% | 21.05% | 20.95% | 19.59% | 19.80% |

**REGIONAL MARKET SHARE**

| NORTH | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 43.30% | 43.24% | 45.68% | 45.41% | 44.92% | 44.65% |
| Ameristar | 24.17% | 23.88% | 22.22% | 23.35% | 23.16% | 23.34% |
| Blue Chip | 16.00% | 16.02% | 15.93% | 14.51% | 15.43% | 16.31% |
| Majestic Star I | 9.31% | 9.70% | 9.42% | 9.61% | 9.52% | 8.94% |
| Majestic Star II | 7.23% | 7.16% | 6.75% | 7.12% | 6.97% | 6.76% |

| NORTH | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 | 05/2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 43.30% | 44.56% | 42.98% | 44.87% | 46.42% | 46.84% |
| Ameristar | 24.17% | 22.87% | 20.13% | 20.26% | 20.55% | 20.48% |
| Blue Chip | 16.00% | 15.88% | 15.77% | 15.98% | 14.73% | 14.23% |
| Majestic Star I | 9.31% | 9.83% | 11.30% | 10.38% | 9.83% | 9.69% |
| Majestic Star II | 7.23% | 6.87% | 9.83% | 8.51% | 8.48% | 9.08% |

| SOUTH | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | 32.55% | 31.72% | 26.86% | 33.13% | 32.37% | 32.36% |
| Hollywood | 22.31% | 23.94% | 25.09% | 23.16% | 22.43% | 23.83% |
| Belterra | 14.84% | 14.39% | 15.12% | 13.76% | 14.98% | 13.50% |
| Tropicana | 14.69% | 14.43% | 15.59% | 15.54% | 14.66% | 15.11% |
| French Lick | 9.69% | 9.82% | 10.60% | 8.67% | 9.29% | 9.50% |
| Rising Star | 5.92% | 5.70% | 6.74% | 5.75% | 6.27% | 5.70% |

| SOUTH | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 | 05/2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | 32.55% | 32.69% | 29.06% | 24.74% | 24.29% | 24.49% |
| Hollywood | 22.31% | 23.93% | 25.91% | 35.92% | 37.13% | 37.88% |
| Belterra | 14.84% | 13.70% | 14.50% | 13.36% | 11.26% | 12.39% |
| Tropicana | 14.69% | 14.54% | 13.14% | 10.51% | 11.22% | 9.84% |
| French Lick | 9.69% | 8.67% | 9.26% | 7.49% | 7.74% | 7.15% |
| Rising Star | 5.92% | 6.46% | 8.13% | 7.98% | 8.36% | 8.26% |

**CORPORATE MARKET SHARE ($ in millions)**

| $ | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caesars | $ 61.20 | $ 57.05 | $ 58.76 | $ 56.54 | $ 55.45 | $ 57.35 |
| Centaur | $ 40.55 | $ 38.24 | $ 41.35 | $ 37.44 | $ 34.56 | $ 36.23 |
| Pinnacle | $ 31.81 | $ 29.44 | $ 29.90 | $ 27.05 | $ 27.46 | $ 27.71 |
| Majestic Star | $ 14.60 | $ 14.10 | $ 14.70 | $ 13.28 | $ 12.53 | $ 12.60 |

| % | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caesars | 30.69% | 30.39% | 29.91% | 31.64% | 31.43% | 31.34% |
| Centaur | 20.33% | 20.37% | 21.05% | 20.95% | 19.60% | 19.80% |
| Pinnacle | 15.95% | 15.68% | 15.22% | 15.13% | 15.57% | 15.14% |
| Majestic Star | 7.32% | 7.51% | 7.48% | 7.43% | 7.10% | 6.88% |

**SLOT PAYBACK PERCENTAGE, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Chip | 91.88% | 91.28% | 91.37% | 91.48% | 91.35% | 91.21% |
| Rising Star | 91.66% | 92.44% | 91.55% | 92.12% | 92.09% | 92.24% |
| Hoosier Park | 91.65% | 91.81% | 91.87% | 91.81% | 91.80% | 91.56% |
| Indiana Grand | 91.50% | 91.53% | 91.28% | 91.24% | 91.46% | 91.48% |
| French Lick | 91.27% | 91.00% | 91.53% | 91.70% | 91.32% | 91.07% |
| Belterra | 91.05% | 90.80% | 90.50% | 90.50% | 90.48% | 91.09% |
| Hollywood | 90.73% | 90.60% | 90.40% | 90.45% | 90.95% | 90.64% |
| Ameristar | 90.43% | 90.45% | 90.16% | 90.31% | 90.21% | 90.38% |
| Majestic Star I | 90.33% | 90.35% | 90.48% | 90.24% | 90.38% | 90.17% |
| Tropicana | 90.27% | 89.96% | 90.37% | 90.08% | 90.59% | 90.17% |
| Horseshoe SI | 90.26% | 89.66% | 90.04% | 89.43% | 89.88% | 90.12% |
| Horseshoe HD | 89.74% | 89.60% | 89.53% | 89.42% | 90.52% | 89.74% |
| Majestic Star II | 89.67% | 89.75% | 89.88% | 89.73% | 90.00% | 89.76% |
| *Statewide* | *90.82%* | *90.69%* | *90.68%* | *90.58%* | *90.86%* | *90.71%* |

**COIN-IN, past five months ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 269.36 | $ 258.23 | $ 273.90 | $ 245.90 | $ 249.32 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 254.85 | $ 247.60 | $ 258.43 | $ 240.34 | $ 222.83 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 226.27 | $ 210.88 | $ 231.30 | $ 200.21 | $ 189.59 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 179.29 | $ 162.22 | $ 135.79 | $ 150.51 | $ 165.74 |
| Ameristar | $ 171.85 | $ 168.07 | $ 177.23 | $ 159.64 | $ 149.88 |
| Blue Chip | $ 153.29 | $ 138.69 | $ 150.00 | $ 120.79 | $ 119.60 |
| Hollywood | $ 144.79 | $ 141.30 | $ 144.00 | $ 131.66 | $ 135.52 |
| Belterra | $ 99.92 | $ 90.20 | $ 93.87 | $ 77.97 | $ 84.57 |
| Tropicana | $ 92.25 | $ 81.39 | $ 89.68 | $ 83.97 | $ 86.55 |
| French Lick | $ 68.39 | $ 62.66 | $ 68.58 | $ 54.86 | $ 58.41 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 64.96 | $ 63.81 | $ 67.72 | $ 60.86 | $ 55.87 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 60.18 | $ 56.80 | $ 58.72 | $ 53.16 | $ 51.35 |
| Rising Star | $ 45.40 | $ 45.28 | $ 46.51 | $ 39.82 | $ 42.74 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 1.831B* | *$ 1.727B* | *$ 1.796B* | *$ 1.620B* | *$ 1.612B* |



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**COIN-IN, same month past years ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 269.36 | $ 277.59 | $ 295.77 | $ 301.70 | $ 348.88 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 254.85 | $ 246.87 | $ 226.87 | $ 233.22 | $ 250.23 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 226.27 | $ 220.49 | $ 231.41 | $ 233.39 | $ 235.89 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 179.29 | $ 182.45 | $ 197.06 | $ 207.65 | $ 195.48 |
| Ameristar | $ 171.85 | $ 174.67 | $ 179.24 | $ 172.84 | $ 180.69 |
| Hollywood | $ 144.79 | $ 165.18 | $ 213.45 | $ 311.72 | $ 352.00 |
| Blue Chip | $ 153.29 | $ 144.46 | $ 150.26 | $ 160.80 | $ 155.48 |
| Belterra | $ 99.92 | $ 92.09 | $ 109.85 | $ 126.10 | $ 128.26 |
| Tropicana | $ 92.25 | $ 89.31 | $ 89.57 | $ 85.95 | $ 97.53 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 64.96 | $ 70.82 | $ 71.93 | $ 75.97 | $ 78.55 |
| French Lick | $ 68.39 | $ 62.56 | $ 75.90 | $ 71.28 | $ 73.29 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 60.18 | $ 59.49 | $ 70.78 | $ 76.32 | $ 83.42 |
| Rising Star | $ 45.40 | $ 50.89 | $ 68.14 | $ 81.50 | $ 84.98 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 1.830B* | *$ 1.837B* | *$ 1.980B* | *$ 2.138B* | *$ 2.265B* |

**SLOT & TABLE WIN, month-over-month change**

| CASINO | SLOT WIN | | TABLE WIN | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rising Star | 10.60% | $ 362,974 | 18.69% | $ 61,941 |
| Tropicana | 9.89% | $ 807,720 | 4.92% | $ 65,613 |
| Hoosier Park | 9.39% | $ 1,620,859 | N/A | N/A |
| Belterra | 7.81% | $ 647,481 | 30.46% | $ 359,023 |
| Majestic Star II | 6.73% | $ 391,892 | 0.69% | $ 1,149 |
| French Lick | 5.87% | $ 331,306 | 5.58% | $ 46,207 |
| Horseshoe SI | 4.03% | $ 675,428 | 34.76% | $ 1,427,938 |
| Indiana Grand | 3.27% | $ 686,540 | N/A | N/A |
| Blue Chip | 2.99% | $ 361,557 | 27.41% | $ 357,679 |
| Horseshoe HD | 2.92% | $ 783,794 | 13.61% | $ 1,267,029 |
| Ameristar | 2.48% | $ 397,098 | 24.51% | $ 961,382 |
| Majestic Star I | 1.99% | $ 122,542 | - 0.86% | ($ 16,653) |
| Hollywood | 1.10% | $ 146,011 | - 6.06% | ($ 150,591) |
| *Statewide* | *4.56%* | *$ 7,335,202* | *16.27%* | *$ 4,380,717* |

**SLOT & TABLE WIN, year-over-year change**

| CASINO | SLOT WIN | | TABLE WIN | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| French Lick | 9.32% | $ 509,317 | 33.54% | $ 219,639 |
| Majestic Star II | 7.36% | $ 426,134 | - 25.80% | ($ 57,958) |
| Belterra | 3.26% | $ 281,974 | 53.72% | $ 537,411 |
| Tropicana | 2.11% | $ 185,159 | - 4.51% | ($ 66,184) |
| Hoosier Park | 1.71% | $ 316,958 | N/A | N/A |
| Blue Chip | 1.06% | $ 130,392 | 4.90% | $ 77,706 |
| Horseshoe HD | 0.57% | $ 156,414 | - 8.44% | ($ 974,633) |
| Indiana Grand | - 0.87% | ($ 189,362) | N/A | N/A |
| Horseshoe SI | - 3.00% | ($ 540,179) | 9.40% | $ 475,473 |
| Ameristar | - 3.99% | ($ 683,399) | 68.19% | $ 1,980,129 |
| Majestic Star I | - 7.68% | ($ 522,842) | 7.21% | $ 129,785 |
| Rising Star | - 8.07% | ($ 332,475) | - 10.35% | ($ 45,401) |
| Hollywood | - 10.30% | ($ 1,542,451) | 22.13% | $ 422,689 |
| *Statewide* | *- 1.06%* | *($ 1,804,360)* | *9.44%* | *$ 2,698,656* |

**TABLE HOLD, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Majestic Star II | 99.41% | 101.45% | 101.67% | 80.99% | 58.43% | 63.03% |
| Horseshoe SI | 26.00% | 23.45% | 26.52% | 27.87% | 25.22% | 28.09% |
| Horseshoe HD | 24.34% | 22.14% | 27.72% | 25.83% | 24.89% | 21.03% |
| Blue Chip | 22.64% | 17.25% | 21.15% | 18.87% | 22.15% | 17.65% |
| Hollywood | 22.39% | 24.43% | 21.44% | 18.75% | 26.45% | 28.19% |
| Tropicana | 22.38% | 22.47% | 20.65% | 21.40% | 25.15% | 25.88% |
| Majestic Star I | 21.01% | 21.30% | 21.01% | 19.74% | 23.26% | 15.71% |
| Ameristar | 20.77% | 17.74% | 12.75% | 18.14% | 17.13% | 17.68% |
| Belterra | 20.02% | 20.38% | 13.31% | 23.09% | 28.88% | 19.54% |
| French Lick | 15.63% | 18.39% | 18.57% | 18.25% | 21.76% | 16.93% |
| Rising Star | 14.01% | 12.51% | 13.68% | 17.99% | 26.54% | 18.18% |
| *Statewide* | *22.72%* | *21.10%* | *22.14%* | *22.87%* | *23.93%* | *21.63%* |

**TABLE DROP vs. TABLE HOLD**

| CASINO | TABLE DROP | TABLE HOLD | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 43,470,140 | $ 10,579,667 | 24.34% |
| Ameristar | $ 23,514,386 | $ 4,883,819 | 20.77% |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 21,292,979 | $ 5,536,335 | 26.00% |
| Hollywood | $ 10,419,599 | $ 2,332,898 | 22.39% |
| Majestic Star I | $ 9,185,824 | $ 1,930,062 | 21.01% |
| Belterra | $ 7,679,239 | $ 1,537,735 | 20.02% |
| Blue Chip | $ 7,345,125 | $ 1,662,693 | 22.64% |
| Tropicana | $ 6,254,042 | $ 1,399,963 | 22.38% |
| French Lick | $ 5,594,026 | $ 874,462 | 15.63% |
| Rising Star | $ 2,808,099 | $ 393,284 | 14.01% |
| Majestic Star II | $ 167,656 | $ 166,660 | 99.41% |
| *Statewide* | *$ 137,731,115* | *$ 31,297,578* | *22.72%* |

**SLOT MACHINES, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 2,851 | 2,851 | 2,851 | 2,855 | 2,859 | 2,859 |
| Indiana Grand | 2,066 | 2,058 | 2,058 | 2,014 | 1,986 | 1,994 |
| Hollywood | 2,054 | 2,087 | 2,130 | 2,185 | 2,215 | 2,223 |
| Hoosier Park | 1,913 | 1,923 | 1,923 | 1,925 | 1,928 | 1,929 |
| Blue Chip | 1,795 | 1,799 | 1,808 | 1,808 | 1,819 | 1,819 |
| Ameristar | 1,759 | 1,759 | 1,749 | 1,747 | 1,748 | 1,768 |
| Horseshoe SI | 1,667 | 1,667 | 1,668 | 1,661 | 1,661 | 1,661 |
| Belterra | 1,195 | 1,206 | 1,207 | 1,207 | 1,207 | 1,210 |
| French Lick | 996 | 996 | 998 | 990 | 985 | 1,000 |
| Rising Star | 981 | 961 | 961 | 943 | 939 | 921 |
| Tropicana | 910 | 910 | 910 | 907 | 889 | 889 |
| Majestic Star I | 890 | 893 | 879 | 890 | 889 | 891 |
| Majestic Star II | 843 | 842 | 827 | 823 | 823 | 814 |
| *Statewide* | *19,920* | *19,952* | *19,969* | *19,955* | *19,948* | *19,978* |

**TABLE GAMES, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/15 | 04/15 | 03/15 | 02/15 | 01/15 | 12/14 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 |
| Horseshoe SI | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| Hollywood | 75 | 75 | 75 | 76 | 76 | 90 |
| Ameristar | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 70 | 68 |
| Majestic Star I | 53 | 53 | 52 | 51 | 50 | 50 |
| Blue Chip | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Belterra | 45 | 35 | 39 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| Tropicana | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| French Lick | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Rising Star | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 28 |
| Majestic Star II | 26 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| *Statewide* | *692* | *682* | *686* | *691* | *688* | *700* |

**WIN, past 12 months**

| | Statewide Win | % Change Previous Yr. | Actual Change Previous Yr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 06/14 | $ 179,731,956 | - 8.57% | ($ 16,837,314) |
| 07/14 | $ 187,513,864 | - 10.10% | ($ 21,074,886) |
| 08/14 | $ 199,545,478 | - 4.66% | ($ 9,763,386) |
| 09/14 | $ 174,254,906 | - 8.85% | ($ 16,922,284) |
| 10/14 | $ 184,730,051 | - 4.51% | ($ 8,716,555) |
| 11/14 | $ 178,352,105 | - 7.27% | ($ 13,987,118) |
| 12/14 | $ 182,998,838 | 3.00% | $ 5,333,093 |
| 01/15 | $ 176,415,115 | 13.63% | $ 21,154,388 |
| 02/15 | $ 178,709,837 | - 3.73% | ($ 6,928,332) |
| 03/15 | $ 196,450,461 | - 7.32% | ($ 15,514,944) |
| 04/15 | $ 187,716,865 | - 3.30% | ($ 6,397,364) |
| 05/15 | $ 199,432,784 | 0.45% | $ 894,296 |



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**WIN, same month past year**

| | Statewide Win | % Change Previous Yr. | Actual Change Previous Yr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 05/02 | $ 170,363,078 | 12.88% | $ 19,433,559 |
| 05/03 | $ 192,295,445 | 12.87% | $ 21,932,367 |
| 05/04 | $ 201,798,423 | 4.94% | $ 9,502,978 |
| 05/05 | $ 206,189,444 | 2.18% | $ 4,391,021 |
| 05/06 | $ 209,280,381 | 1.50% | $ 3,090,937 |
| 05/07 | $ 220,906,583 | 5.56% | $ 11,626,202 |
| 05/08 | $ 222,525,225 | 0.73% | $ 1,618,642 |
| 05/09 | $ 251,613,385 | 13.07% | $ 29,088,160 |
| 05/10 | $ 250,489,223 | - 0.45% | ($ 1,124,162) |
| 04/11 | $ 239,042,511 | 0.84% | $ 1,980,053 |
| 05/11 | $ 236,645,752 | - 5.53% | ($ 13,843,471) |
| 05/12 | $ 225,884,407 | - 4.55% | ($ 10,761,345) |
| 05/13 | $ 202,335,139 | - 10.43% | ($ 23,549,268) |
| 05/14 | $ 198,538,488 | - 6.31% | ($ 13,378,960) |
| 05/15 | $ 199,432,784 | 0.45% | $ 894,296 |

# May State Summary

Indiana's 13 gaming properties brought in May revenue of $199.43 million, a year-over-year improvement of 0.45% ($894,296). The marginal gain can likely be chalked up to the fact that the calendar was more favorable in May 2015 than May 2014, with 15 weekend days in May 2015 vs. 14 in May 2014 (the only month with five full weekends during 2015). The state has failed to top $200 million in revenues in any month since March 2014, the longest such streak since the state first cracked the $200 million barrier in August 2003, with one fewer casino and neither of the two racinos.

This is the highest monthly win since August (the last time the calendar offered the 15-weekend day phenomenon), and represents the first year-over-year gain since January. The improvement ends a slide of five consecutive years in which win had progressively declined on a May-to-May basis, dating back to the last May increase seen from 2008 to 2009. Win is the second-lowest for any May over the past 10 years. Still, we now have posted two months with year-over-year gains to date during 2015, the first time we have seen this occur since 2012.

The casinos welcomed the fewest May patrons in state history as only 1,568,989 passed through the turnstiles, a year-over-year decline of 2.90% (- 46,874 visitors). This was, however, the highest monthly headcount since August. Admissions have now declined on a May-to-May basis in every year since 2010, and looking at the entire year-to-date through Memorial Day, industry folks are beginning to get concerned about their inability to drive up attendance.

All three regions posted improvement in win. The five Lake Michigan riverboats accounted for revenues of $88.25 million, up marginally from last year by 0.76% ($661,728), but this still marked the first May-to-May growth for the northern tier since 2009 and the recession. The six Southern Indiana casinos added up May win of $70.64 million, also up by only a tad, gaining 0.15% ($104,972) compared to last year. This becomes the first May-to-May gain for the southern casinos since 2010.

The two Central Indiana racinos posted May win of $40.55 million, rising by 0.32% ($127,596), making this the third consecutive May-to-May growth for the slots at the tracks.

Win per admission of $101.26 is the highest ever for the month of May. For the first time since March-April 2008 (which you will recognize as being close to the onset of the recession), win per admission has topped $100 in back-to-back months.

The 10 Illinois casinos generated May receipts of $130.4 million, which is the highest take for the Land of Lincoln since March 2014. Win improved from May 2014 by 0.55% ($710,083), which you'll notice is a rate almost identical to that achieved here . . . but when you add in the record $77,848,306.44 in May win from the 20,349 video gaming terminals in 4,888 establishments, Illinois shows a more substantial year-over-year gain, and surpasses Indiana in total gaming revenue by $8.79 million.

Some of the casinos in Iowa and Missouri that are competing against the VGTs in Illinois (and the massive coin-in, topping $970 million in May, about one-half of Indiana;'s statewide slot handle) are designing projects which they see as clearly differentiating their respective casino products from VGTs, and offer patrons a materially better experience.

The top casino gainer in Illinois by far was Harrah's Metropolis, which continues to benefit from its new land-based platform (and gives hope to market-mate Tropicana Evansville that going land-based will prove to be a game-changer).

The four Ohio land-based casinos collected May win of $71.05 million, down by less than one percent from $71.18 million in May 2014. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati recorded May revenue of $16.71 million, down from almost $17.17 million in May 2014 (a reduction of 2.7%), but up by about $809,000 from April and performing well enough to lead the broader Cincinnati market.

While numbers were off slightly for the four casinos, revenue generated by the Buckeye State's seven racinos added up to $73.6 million, more than the cash from the casinos and up by almost one-third (32.2%) from May 2014, when only five racinos were in business.

Interestingly, the downtown Cincinnati Horseshoe property has failed to post a year-over-year gain in any month yet this year . . . despite the fact that its promotional play spend has grown by some $3.72 million (37.1%) over the same period in 2014, with the free play spend increasing in each month of 2015 compared to the same month one year earlier. The free play amount claimed by the Cincinnati casino in May 2015 was $2.52 million.

All told, four corporate owners account for almost three-quarters (74.29%) of all May revenues.



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The two Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.-owned riverboats, Ameristar Casino East Chicago and Belterra Casino Resort are on a roll, as they combine for $31.8 million in win, the highest take for parent company since April 2013. The two boats own a 15.95% state market share, which is the second-largest slice of the state pie ever claimed by the company (Pinnacle's Belterra Park racino near Cincinnati also outperformed that market during May as well). The two Central Indiana racinos owned by Centaur Gaming captured a 20.33% share of the state market, representing the fourth month in a row above the 20% threshold, the first time that has ever happened for them. The two Horseshoe-branded boats owned by Caesars Entertainment Corporation combined for $61.2 million in May win, a 10-year May low. The twin Majestic Star Casino riverboats in Gary claim 7.32% of the state market, down from 10.20% in May 2007.

Indiana gamblers parted with May coin-in of $1.830 billion, the largest volume of slot play since August. But the slot handle is also down by $6 million from May 2014, representing the sixth consecutive May-to-May decline in slot play. Indiana's slots paid back at a rate of 90.82%, which is the highest payback percentage offered to patrons since January. Slot win fell to $168.14 million, a reduction from the prior year of 1.06% (- $1.80 million), representing the sixth consecutive May-to-May decline in slot win, although it constitutes the highest slot win since August.

Indiana relied on slot machines for 84.31% of overall win, the lowest reliance on slots as a percentage of total win for May since 2007. The 13 properties offered 19,920 slots for play, the fewest in any month since the racinos opened in May 2008, and the 11 casinos were home to 692 tables, the highest inventory since December.

Players wagered $137.7 million at the tables during May, which is the highest monthly table drop for the state since March 2014. The casinos posted a table hold rate of 22.72%, which is a new state record high for the month of May. Table win tallied to $31.3 million, rising from last year by 9.44% ($2.70 million), and representing the first month since April 2013 during which table win has topped $30 million. This was the highest May table win the casinos have enjoyed since 2011. Win per table per day of $1,459 is the highest in any month since April 2013.

# Hoosier Lottery

● The new Fast Play game family is now available from the Hoosier Lottery, a new series of games that allow the feel and instant gratification of scratch-off games in a draw game context. The games are dispensed by instant terminals, but play slips are not used.

□ The Lottery debuts the concept with four different Fast Play games, including: $1 Fast Cash with a top prize of $500; $1 Red Hot Numbers with a top prize of $1,000; $2 Slots of Fun with a $5,000 top prize; and $5 Bling Bling Bucks with a maximum payout of $25,000.

□ Two new Fast Play games are targeted to join the four-game lineup beginning August 2: Piggy Bank Bucks (win up to $500) and 10X The Cash (win up to $5,000).

□ We told you back in March to expect this new genre as the Lottery seeks to afford players a better perception of a differentiation of games, trying to position each game as its own "experience" of sorts, and looking to appeal to players within specific demographic categories with individual games.

□ Many jurisdictions already offer Fast Play, and, as we've explained, some markets offer an ever-changing number of Fast Play configurations and themes (each with its own price point, odds, rules, and prizes), while other markets offer a version of Fast Play that includes a progressive jackpot that grows over time and as more people play.

□ GTECH Indiana originally forecasted sales of $1 million from this concept in just the first three weeks of sales before the current fiscal year closes on June 30.

● The MegaMillions jackpot was hit for $260 million with a ticket in Illinois on June 2, with that game surpassing $200 million for the third time in the past 12 months. A $188.9 million Powerball jackpot was hit the next day.

□ The Hoosier Lotto jackpot of $18.7 million for Saturday, June 13 was the fifth-largest domestic jackpot, and the seventh-largest available in the world. Among state lotteries, only California and New York offered larger bottom line winning opportunities.

□ The jackpot had been bumped up by the usual $200,000 from Saturday, June 6 to Wednesday, June 10, but then Lottery officials decided Wednesday to take the unusual step of pumping it up by another $300,000. The jackpot then rose by the customary $300,000 for June 13 (the usual progression of $200,000 and $300,000 increments was interrupted by a $900,000 boost when the annuity could be funded). This jackpot run began October 25, 2014. This is the largest homegrown Hoosier Lotto jackpot available since the $28 million won more than one year ago – on May 10, 2014.

● Stop the presses! Buck's Market in New Albany is displaced from its top rung on the Hoosier Lottery retailer ladder after 12 consecutive months leading the state. Silver Express in Indianapolis moves into the top spot in May, maintaining their positions as the top two Hoosier Lottery retailers since December. Behind them, Grand Food Junction in Fort Wayne which jumped from fifth to third in April, remained there in May. K & D Marathon in Hammond remains in fifth place for a second consecutive month and the third time in four months after placing third from November through January, where it ranked in May 2014 as well. Lassus Handy Dandy 46 in Fort Wayne hit the Top 10 for the first time in April, placing ninth in its only appearance on the charts, but is bounced off by the re-entry of Lightning Food Mart in New Albany and the first-time presence of MCR Short Stop in Portage. The Hen in Crown Point also leaves the list after six consecutive months.



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☐ As in April, the six leading lottery retailers each hail from different communities, remaining down from seven in January - March. Seven of the Top 10 on the overall list are again from different communities after eight were represented in February and March. Indianapolis leads with a trio; New Albany is back up to a pair, and Fort Wayne drops to one after having three as recently as in February.

Top 10 Hoosier Lottery Retailers - May 2015 Sales Rank

| May 15 | 14 | | April | Mar. | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. | Nov. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | Silver Express - Indianapolis | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | (1) | Buck's Market - New Albany | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | (9) | Grand Food Junction - Fort Wayne | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| 4 | (-) | Friendly Market - Speedway | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | (3) | K & D Marathon - Hammond | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 6 | (4) | Lucky Stop - Michigan City | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | (-) | Marsh Supermkt. 83 - Indianapolis | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | — | 10 |
| 8 | (10) | Safeway Foods #14 - Indianapolis | 8 | 9 | — | — | — | — |
| 9 | (5) | Lightning Food Mart - New Albany | — | — | — | 9 | 10 | — |
| 10 | (-) | MCR Short Stop - Portage | — | — | — | — | — | — |

# Horse Racing & Racinos

● **Indiana Grand Racing & Casino** celebrated its seventh anniversary on Wednesday, June 10, offering players several 7-themed promotions.

● The Indiana Horse Racing Commission inks a new contract for Fiscal Year 2016 that will pay **Katz & Korin PC** of **Indianapolis** up to $75,000 for the services of former **Hamilton County** judge **Buddy Pylitt** as an administrative law judge for the Commission. Pylitt, who will be paid $175 per hour, has served as an ALJ for the Indiana Gaming Commission as well.

● More than $200,000 ($201,078) was raised Saturday, May 30 at the second annual "Jockeys & Jeans" event at **Indiana Grand Racing & Casino**. The money was raised for the **Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund** (PDJF) through sponsorships, ticket sales, donations, and a live and silent auction that featured more than 100 items. This was by far the largest single day fundraiser in the history of PDJF.

☐ The evening's high bid was $30,000 by Indiana Grand and Centaur Gaming executive **Jim Brown**, who bought a colorful painting of jockeys **Chris McCarron**, **Laffit Pincay, Jr.**, and **Steve Cauthen** by noted sports artist **Bill Lopa**.

● **Hoosier Park Racing & Casino** reprises its "Hour of Play Free Lunch Buffet" promotion Mondays through Fridays for **Club Centaur** members earning a minimum of 50 same-day points during the aurifying hour of play to be eligible.

☐ The buffet at **Centaur Gaming**'s other property, **Indiana Grand Racing & Casino**, is being renovated so m management is offering patrons of that food service option a 15% discount while construction continues. **Jim Brown**, who oversees the property for Centaur, tells the *Shelbyville News* that "We are going to turn the deli into a sidewalk café and we are changing the buffet area, especially where people come in, and that is under construction."

● The *Power Plant Entertainment Casino Resorts Indiana v. Mangano*, No. 24C11001014, the litigation in which former **Indianapolis Downs, LLC** chief exec Ross J. Mangano of **South Bend** was accused of improperly undercutting a **Cordish Companies** casino referendum election in **Maryland** (involving some of the aspects of the original business relationship between Mangano and Cordish over the **Indiana Live! Casino**) is apparently still alive in the Circuit Court for **Baltimore** City in Maryland. We had told you recently that a Notice of Contemplated Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution had been filed, and there had been a flurry of correspondence to the court from attorneys on both sides of the case.

☐ Although the Baltimore attorneys involved have opted not to respond to our requests for information on the status of the case, earlier this month and Order of Court was entered deferring any such dismissal until November 25, 2015 . . . and just last week there was a docket entry entitled "Notice of Service of Discovery Material," so the matter has apparently been revived.

☐ Because, however, Mangano passed away on April 13 in in **Rancho Mirage, California**, we're not sure whether the action survives his death.

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> **http://www.indystar.com/story/money/2015/06/11/study-indiana-light-touch-business-taxes/71086836/**
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> ## Study: Indiana has a light bite in business taxes
> ***Only six states have lighter business tax burden than Indiana***
>
> **Jeff Swiatek**, **jeff.swiatek@indystar.com** *6:51 a.m. EDT June 12, 2015*
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> Its economic growth might be lagging much of the nation, but at least Indiana can boast of low business taxes.
>
> A day after new data showed Indiana's economy grew at a feeble 0.4 percent rate last year, a new study spotlights the Hoosier state for having the seventh lowest tax burden for businesses.
>
> The report by Anderson Economic Group shows businesses in Indiana paid just 7.5 percent of their pre-tax gross operating surplus in state and local taxes in 2013. Only six other states (none in the Midwest) levy a lighter tax burden on business.
>
> Indiana's relatively favorable business tax climate has long been a selling point for Indiana governors when they shop the state to companies.
>
> In fact, this week, Gov. Mike Pence's business development team ran an ad in the Wall Street Journal trying to lure Connecticut businesses to Indiana.
>
> Indiana pledged in the full-page ad to "offer our support in the wake of Connecticut's looming tax increase, because friends don't let friends pay higher taxes."
>
> The ad specifically mentions two big companies, General Electric and Aetna, that publicly said they'd consider leaving Connecticut if the tax increases included in a two-year, $40.3 billion Democratic budget become law.
>
> The only states with a lighter business tax burden than Indiana were Oregon, Louisiana, North Carolina, Utah, Delaware and South Dakota. The business tax burden is heaviest in Alaska and North

Dakota (because of large tax revenues paid by oil and gas industries) and West Virginia and Maine.

Connecticut ranked 26th, with a business tax burden of 9.1 percent.

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Victor Smith said Thursday's news that a Louisville wine and spirits company will spend $12 million to buy and expand a wood mill in Spencer to make bourbon barrel staves is a sign that Indiana's low taxes are a real incentive for business expansion.

"Indiana's recognition as the best state in the Midwest for business is more significant than a title," Smith said in a statement. "Brown-Forman's expansion across state lines is evidence that our efforts to lower taxes and reduce regulations are producing tangible results, attracting new investments and new companies to the Hoosier State."

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> > > ## Study: Indiana has a light bite in business taxes
> > > ***Only six states have lighter business tax burden than Indiana***
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> > > **Jeff Swiatek**, **jeff.swiatek@indystar.com***6:51 a.m. EDT June 12, 2015*
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> > > Its economic growth might be lagging much of the nation, but at least Indiana can boast of low business taxes.
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> > > A day after new data showed Indiana's economy grew at a feeble 0.4 percent rate last year, a new study spotlights the Hoosier state for having the seventh lowest tax burden for businesses.
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> > > The report by Anderson Economic Group shows businesses in Indiana paid just 7.5 percent of their pre-tax gross operating surplus in state and local taxes in 2013. Only six other states (none in the Midwest) levy a

lighter tax burden on business.

Indiana's relatively favorable business tax climate has long been a selling point for Indiana governors when they shop the state to companies.

In fact, this week, Gov. Mike Pence's business development team ran an ad in the Wall Street Journal trying to lure Connecticut businesses to Indiana.

Indiana pledged in the full-page ad to "offer our support in the wake of Connecticut's looming tax increase, because friends don't let friends pay higher taxes."

The ad specifically mentions two big companies, General Electric and Aetna, that publicly said they'd consider leaving Connecticut if the tax increases included in a two-year, $40.3 billion Democratic budget become law.

The only states with a lighter business tax burden than Indiana were Oregon, Louisiana, North Carolina, Utah, Delaware and South Dakota. The business tax burden is heaviest in Alaska and North Dakota (because of large tax revenues paid by oil and gas industries) and West Virginia and Maine.

Connecticut ranked 26th, with a business tax burden of 9.1 percent.

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Hi Mark,
Below is the op-ed from Governor Pence. Please let me know when you plan to post it on-line. I will also forward the op-ed to you in Word in just a few minutes. Let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you.
Kara

Indiana is open for business. Our state is rightly celebrated for our pro-business environment, and we enjoy an international reputation for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance and kindness of our people. Hoosier hospitality is not a slogan, it is our way of life.

Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA") ensuring that the law in Indiana will respect freedom of religion and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, in recent days the law has become the subject of controversy, resulting from a gross mischaracterization that it somehow is a "license to discriminate."

In the last few days I have been speaking to leaders in business, sports, tourism and other industries, and I want to make it clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is not a "license to discriminate" either in Indiana or across the country where it is federal law and the law in thirty other states. RFRA is about fully protecting religious liberty under Indiana law.

I abhor discrimination. Like most Hoosiers, I was raised to believe in the Golden Rule that you should "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple I wouldn't eat there anymore. As governor of the state of Indiana, if I was presented a bill that legalized discrimination against any person, I would never sign it. Indiana's new law contains no reference to sexual orientation. It simply mirrors the judicial review standards that President Bill Clinton signed and are reflected in the laws of some thirty other states.

As Professor Daniel O. Conkle of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, a supporter of gay rights including same-sex marriage, said about our law "it is anything but a 'license to discriminate,' and should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis."

Many people have asked me why this is necessary now. They recognize that the Constitution of the United States and the Indiana Constitution both provide strong recognition of the freedom of religion and question why a law could be needed in addition to the Constitution. RFRA is needed and in many ways overdue in Indiana.

At the federal level, in 1990 the Supreme Court issued a ruling that reduced the level of scrutiny courts could apply when someone thought the government had taken an action that infringed on their

religious liberty. In the years following that decision, Congress responded and passed, and President Clinton signed, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This law limits federal government action that would infringe upon religion to only those acts that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion absent a compelling governmental interest and in the least restrictive means.

Many states followed with RFRAs of their own, including nineteen that passed state RFRAs and eleven whose courts interpreted their laws to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action. When President Obama was a state Senator in Illinois, he supported Illinois's version of the law. Historically, this law has received wide bipartisan support.

But for one reason or another Indiana did not pass one right away and a period of years passed. Then came the Affordable Care Act, which renewed concerns by many about the government infringing on deeply held religious beliefs. Litigation was filed by Hobby Lobby and the University of Notre Dame challenging provisions that required them to offer certain types of insurance coverage in violation of their religious views. Last year the Supreme Court of the United States upheld religious liberty in the Hobby Lobby case based on the federal RFRA.

With the Supreme Court's ruling, the need for a RFRA at the state level became more important because the federal RFRA does not apply to states. Therefore, In order to ensure that religious liberty is fully protected under Indiana law, this year our General Assembly joined those thirty states and the federal government to enshrine these principles in Indiana law, and I fully supported that action.

It is important to note the RFRA does not apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved. For more than twenty years, the federal RFRA has never undermined our nation's anti-discrimination laws, and it will not in Indiana. I am currently working with leaders of the Indiana General Assembly to determine if there is a better way to clarify the true intent of the RFRA.

Because, as Thomas Jefferson noted, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of civil authority," I regret that false narratives and mischaracterizations of the RFRA have taken hold.

People across this country know that Hoosiers are a gentle people whose hospitality and character are synonymous with everything that is good about America. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Hoosiers. With the passage of this legislation, we ensure that Indiana will continue to be a place where we respect freedom of religion and make certain that government action will always be subject to the highest level of scrutiny that respects the beliefs of every person in our state.

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**Subject:** RE: Gov. Pence

Thanks, Kara, as you're probably aware, I've been in touch with Christina Denault. My hope is to run the piece in tomorrow's paper, online later today, and having it sooner rather than later will be helpful, but we don't commit to running op-eds until we've been able to read them.

Best,
Mark

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Hi Mark,
Governor Pence is writing an op-ed to clarify the Religious Freedom Restoration Act law and would like for it to appear in tomorrow's newspaper and of course, you could post online today as well. I expect to send you the op-ed in the next hour. Please confirm.
Thank you.

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We'll need to be ready by about **3:30 PM EST**. Please let me know when you've received my note; I'm happy to be of any assistance.

Thanks so much,
Kate

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Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA, which ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, the law has stirred a controversy and in recent days has been grossly misconstrued as a "license to discriminate."

I want to make clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the law is not a "license to discriminate," either in Indiana or elsewhere. In fact, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act reflects federal law, as well as law in 30 states nationwide. Indiana's legislation is about affording citizens full protection under Indiana law.

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Mr. Pence, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.

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Hi there,
In a few minutes I'm going to have edits/questions for you on Gov. Pence's op-ed. We'll need to move quickly, so I just wanted to get in touch with you both in advance. Thanks so much for your help & looking forward to working with you.

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Governor Pence,

Mr. Simcox requested I forward the attached article to you.

Blessings,
Kerry

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# Indiana's RFRA

## The Smear Campaign Against Mike Pence and Religious Freedom

John Stonestreet



**Ignorance, deception, and distortion. That sums up the bulk of the media coverage about the religious freedom bill in Indiana.**

Even before this year's NCAA "Final Four" Basketball Championship in Indianapolis was set, much of the media's attention had already pivoted to what one pundit called "the nightmare [looming] in Indiana."

The "nightmare" being referred to was the new Indiana law that – we are being told - "essentially gives Indiana businesses the freedom to discriminate against gays and lesbians."

"Well, why would Indiana do that?" you might ask. Well, it didn't. It's part of a shameless campaign to discredit that state's version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which Gov. Mike Pence signed into law last week.

And so far, the reporting has been somewhere between ignorant and flat-out dishonest.

In the ignorant category you have Charles Barkley's statement that "As long as anti-gay legislation exists in any

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state, I strongly believe big events such as the Final Four and Super Bowl should not be held in those states' cities." With all due respect to Mr. Barkley, I doubt he has read Indiana's law or was aware that 19 other states already have similar laws or that he has considered any legal analysis of what the law actually permits.

And in the dishonest category you have the lion's share of media coverage touting a hypothetical scenario in which Bible-swinging restaurant owners chase away gay diners in the same way that Lester Maddox did with an axe handle against African-Americans.

No mention was made of what prompted the enactment of the Indiana law and others like it: Christians being forced, under penalty of law, to participate in ceremonies that violated their religious beliefs.

And hardly any mentioned that Indiana's law was modeled on the federal 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which found overwhelming support from Democrats and Republicans, and was signed into law by President Clinton. And as Governor Pence has pointed out, in 1998, then-state Senator Barack Obama voted in favor of Illinois' religious freedom legislation.

As Daniel O. Conkle, a law professor at Indiana University, wrote in the Indianapolis Star, the Indiana law "despite all the rhetoric" has "little to do with gay marriage and everything to do with religious freedom."

And that's exactly the point Governor Pence tried to make to anyone who would listen.

And here's something you need to know: Professor Conkle is a supporter of gay rights, including gay marriage. So obviously, not everyone who supports the Indiana law is a "bigot."

As Conkle points out, "granting religious believers legal consideration does not mean that their religious objections will always be upheld." In fact, the bill only ensures them of "their day in court." Once there, they'll still have to compellingly argue that being required to, say, photograph a gay wedding, is an infringement on their religious freedom that does not serve a compelling governmental interest, or if it does, that this interest could not be furthered in a less intrusive manner. In other words, this bill is no license to discriminate.

Rather, it's the kind of freedom that Americans have long taken for granted. All Americans, not just Christians. It's why the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a Muslim prisoner in Arkansas could wear a half-inch beard.


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And yet, an intolerant clique with their media partners would deny millions of Americans this right and excoriate Mike Pence for upholding it. As Eric Metaxas said in a recent email to me about this, we are at a tipping point. It's game on. And we can't let the media's lies go unanswered.

So, three cheers for Mike Pence and the Indiana General Assembly for standing for the rights of citizens. You may want to send Governor Pence a supportive message. I bet he could use one right about now.

And get up to speed on the issue so you can tell the truth about this bill. Come to BreakPoint.org for a list of clear articles from those on both sides of the political aisle.

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**Next Steps:**

As John said, we are at a tipping point when it comes to religious freedom. Arm yourself and your friends with the truth. Check out the articles below—and then share them! Post them on Facebook, send to your legislators. Whatever you need to do to get the word out.

**Resources:**

UVA Law Prof Who Supports Gay Marriage Explains Why He Supports Indiana's Religious Freedom Law
John McCormack | Weekly Standard | March 29, 2015

Law professor: Why Indiana needs 'religious freedom' legislation

Daniel O. Conkle | Indystar.com | March 26, 2015

Indiana: A Religious Liberty Bellwether
Rod Dreher | The American Conservative | March 30, 2015

Straightforward explanation of Indiana's RFRA Law
Eric Teetsel | Manhattan Declaration

What You Should Know About Religious Freedom Restoration Acts
Joe Carter | The Gospel Coalition | March 27, 2015

Read the federal RFRA here, and Indiana's RFRA here.

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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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## Ensuring Religious Freedom in Indiana

## Our new law has been grossly misconstrued as a 'license to discriminate.' That isn't true, and here's why.

By Mike Pence
3/30/15

Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA, which ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, the law has stirred a controversy and in recent days has been grossly misconstrued as a "license to discriminate."

I want to make clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the law is not a "license to discriminate," either in Indiana or elsewhere. In fact, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act reflects federal law, as well as law in 30 states nationwide. Indiana's legislation is about affording citizens full protection under Indiana law.

I abhor discrimination. I believe in the Golden Rule that you should "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple, I wouldn't eat there anymore. As governor of Indiana, if I were presented a bill that legalized discrimination against any person or group, I would veto it. Indiana's new law contains no reference to sexual orientation. It simply mirrors federal law that President Bill Clinton signed in 1993.

As Prof. Daniel O. Conkle of Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, a supporter of gay rights, including same-sex marriage, wrote last week in the Indianapolis Star: "The proposed Indiana RFRA would provide valuable guidance to Indiana courts, directing them to balance religious freedom against competing interests under the same legal standard that applies throughout most of the land. It is anything but a 'license to discriminate,' and it should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis."

People have asked why this is necessary. After all, the U.S. Constitution and the Indiana Constitution provide strong recognition of freedom of religion. But RFRA is in many ways overdue in Indiana.

In 1990 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith that the First Amendment's free exercise clause could not be raised as a defense to generally applicable laws, even if the law infringed on a person's religious liberty. In response, Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993. This law limits federal government action that would infringe upon religion to only those acts that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion, absent a compelling governmental interest and in the least restrictive means.

For example, a public school in Texas in 2008 told a Native American kindergartner that he would have to cut his hair because of the school's grooming policies. But keeping his hair long was part of his religious practice, which allowed his parents to prevail in federal court under RFRA.

Many states have enacted RFRAs of their own; 19 states have passed such laws and 11 state courts have interpreted the law to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action. When President Obama was a state senator in Illinois, he supported Illinois's version of the law in 1998. Historically, this law has received wide bipartisan support.

But Indiana never passed such a law. Then in 2010 came the Affordable Care Act, which renewed concerns about government infringement on deeply held religious beliefs. Hobby Lobby and the University of Notre Dame both filed lawsuits challenging provisions that required the institutions to offer certain types of insurance coverage in violation of their religious views.

Last year the Supreme Court upheld religious liberty in Burwell v. Hobby Lobby, based on the federal RFRA. With the Supreme Court's ruling, the need for a RFRA at the state level became more important, as the federal law does not apply to states. To ensure that religious liberty is fully protected under Indiana law, this year the General Assembly enshrined these principles in Indiana law. I fully supported that action.

Some express concern that Indiana's RFRA law would lead to discrimination, but RFRA only provides a mechanism to address claims, not a license for private parties to deny services. Even a claim involving private individuals under RFRA must show that one's religious beliefs were "substantially burdened" and not in service to a broader government interest—which preventing discrimination certainly is. The government has the explicit power under the law to step in and defend such interests.

As Thomas Jefferson noted, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of civil authority." I regret that false narratives and misrepresentations of the RFRA have taken hold.

The hospitality and character of Hoosiers are synonymous with everything that is good about America. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Indiana residents. With the passage of this legislation, Indiana will continue to be a place that respects the beliefs of every person in our state.

*Mr. Pence, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.*

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# Indiana 'Fix' on Religious Liberty Law Creates Bad Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity Law

Ryan T. Anderson / April 02, 2015

At a press conference in the Indiana State House earlier this morning, Senate President Pro Tem David Long,R-Fort Wayne, and House Speaker Brian Bosma,R-Indianapolis, announced a proposed "fix" to their religious liberty law.

The religious liberty law is good policy. It needs no "fix."

And the proposed "fix" amounts to nothing less than a wholesale repeal of the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act with respect to those who need religious liberty protections the most.

The “fix” is bad public policy that explicitly exempts sexual orientation and gender identity laws from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act except with respect to a narrow class of nonprofit religious organizations and their agents. The “fix” specifically targets the millions of other religious Americans who wish to live their lives in accordance with their faith values, free from government coercion.

As Attorney General Ed Meese and I explain in today’s Washington Post, the Indiana religious liberty bill is good policy that protects all Americans from government discrimination. And as I explained last month in testimony before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, sexual orientation and gender identity laws are bad policy that create special privileges enforceable against private citizens and backed up with government coercion and fines.

At the press conference, Big Business and LGBT activists were represented and featured speakers. Noticeably absent were Gov. Mike Pence, R-Ind., and religious leaders.

The “fix” will need to pass both chambers of the legislature and receive the governor’s signature to become law. It should not.

It is important to note that this fix does not create new sexual orientation and gender identity privileges in Indiana; it says that the religious freedom restoration act cannot protect citizens from existing (municipal) Indiana sexual orientation and gender identitylaws and ensuing coercion from government.

In other words, it eliminates any balancing test for sexual liberty and religious liberty. It says sexual orientation should trump religious liberty. That’s bad policy.

All citizens should oppose unjust discrimination, but sexual orientation and gender identity laws are not the way to achieve that goal. Sexual orientation and gender identity laws threaten fundamental First Amendment rights. These laws create new, subjective protected classes that will expose employers to unimaginable liability, and would increase government interference in labor markets in ways that could harm the economy.

Yet sexual orientation and gender identity laws’ damage is not only economic. It would also threaten the freedom of citizens and their associations to affirm their religious or moral convictions, such as that marriage is the union of one man and one woman and that maleness and femaleness are not arbitrary constructs but objective ways of being human. Sexual orientation and gender identity laws would treat expressing these beliefs in a commercial context as actionable discrimination.

Sexual orientation and gender identity laws do not protect equality before the law. Instead, they create special privileges that are enforceable against private actors.

We should respect the intrinsic dignity of all people, but sexual orientation and gender identiy laws are bad public policy. They threaten our freedoms and unite civil libertarians concerned about free speech and religious liberty, free marketers concerned about freedom of contract and government interference in the marketplace, and social conservatives concerned about marriage and culture.
Religious freedom bills, by contrast, protect against *government* coercion. They don't infringe on anyone's rights. They simply create a standard that *government* must meet before it violates the free exercise of religion of any citizen.

The United States is in a time of transition. Courts have redefined marriage, and beliefs about human sexuality are changing. Will the right to dissent be protected? Will the right of Americans to speak and act in accord with what the United States had always believed about marriage — that it's a union of husband and wife — be tolerated?

Equating sexual orientation and gender identity with race is bad policy. As I explained in my testimony last month before the United States Commission on Civil Rights, sexual orientation and gender identity are conceptually different from race, and beliefs about marriage as the union of man and woman are conceptually and historically different from opposition to interracial marriage.
So, too, while protections against discrimination based on race were necessary and justified, creating such laws based on sexual orientation and gender identity is neither necessary nor justified.

It is outrageous and irresponsible for activists to compare such dissent to racism and Jim Crow. What does marriage have to do with race? Absolutely nothing.

But more or less every society throughout human history, and all the major world religions today, have held that marriage is the union of man and woman. Even if the legal definition of marriage is changed for public policy purposes, should that entitle activists to silence citizens and eradicate charities, schools and business that simply ask for the freedom to operate according to this belief?

The "fix" from Indiana is no good and it must be opposed.

Religious liberty protections are one way of achieving civil peace even amid disagreement. The United States is a pluralistic society. To protect that pluralism and the rights of all Americans, of whatever faith they may practice, religious liberty laws are good policy.

Liberals committed to tolerance should embrace them.

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The following quote may be attributed to **Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Kristen Waggoner** regarding language proposed by some Indiana lawmakers to amend Indiana's new religious freedom law:

"The religious freedom law is a good law. It does not pick winners or losers, but allows courts to weigh the government's and people's interests fairly and directs judges to count the cost carefully when freedom is stake. The new proposal unjustly deprives citizens their day in court, denies freedom a fair hearing, and rigs the system in advance. It gives the government a new weapon against individual citizens who are merely exercising freedoms that Americans were guaranteed from the founding of this country. Surrendering to deception and economic blackmail never results in good policy."

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This morning, legislative leaders released the language of their so-called "fix" of the religious freedom law – a law that has been proven sound in 19 other states and needs no correction.



Incredibly, the new language actually throws the religious freedom of many Hoosiers under the bus. For example:

- The Jewish caterer who declines to provide services for a particular event because of violations of their religious

tenets

- The Christian florist who declines to participate in celebrating a same-sex wedding ceremony (as happened in Washington State)
- The baker who declines to bake a cake with a message deriding same-sex marriage (as happened in Colorado, showing that these issues cut both ways)

Restrictions on freedom of this sort are happening around the nation and will inevitably come to Indiana if this bill becomes law.

Legal experts also say that the bill's protection for churches is inadequate and will likely lead to lawsuits or even prosecution over non-religious church activity, such as renting out facilities for events.

What can you do? Please call Gov. Mike Pence at (317) 232-4567 and urge him to veto the bill and protect religious liberty for ALL Hoosiers.

Thank you for making your voice heard.

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## What Some National Groups Are Saying About the "Fix"

**Heritage Foundation**: "The religious liberty law is good policy. It needs no 'fix.' And the proposed 'fix' amounts to nothing less than a wholesale repeal of the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act with respect to those who need religious liberty protections the most."

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**FRC Action**: The "proposed 'fix' actually guts the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and empowers the government to impose punishing fines on people."

**CitizenLink**: "Incredibly, the new language actually throws the religious freedom of many Hoosiers under the bus. Legal experts also say that the bill's protection for churches is inadequate and will likely lead to lawsuits or even prosecution over non-religious church activity, such as renting out facilities for events."

**Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission**: "This Indiana 'compromise' is a train wreck. It should be voted down."

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*"When vice is bold, that is not the time for virtue to be timid."*

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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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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.

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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 Pence visits the RV Hall of Fame

WNDU

Governor Pence was touting a measure that allows individuals without a commercial drivers license, or CDL, to transport an RV or towing vehicle to the dealership for sale. The governor ceremonially signed SEA 197, which amended Indianacode. Governor Mike Pence stated, "We're a right-to-work state and we make a commitment to education in particularly the area of workforce that supports a growing industry like this one. So we're going to continue those broader policies but wherever possible we're going to eliminate those barriers and obstacles to businesses. Just like this legislation does today we'll continue to do that."

Governor Pence visits Elkhart to sign bill, responds to Mayor Buttigeig essay

Fox 28

Governor Mike Pence was in Elkhart County on Wednesday to ceremonially sign a bill at the R-V Hall of Fame. Today he took the time to respond to South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg's coming out essay. "I hold Mayor Buttigieg in the highest personal regard," he said. "We have a great working relationship and I see him as a dedicated public servant and a patriot."

Pence set to announce 2016 re-election campaign

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is set to formally announce his bid for a second term in the state's top office.

Governor Pence re-election: Mike Pence to announce governor re-election bid tonight
RTV 6
After one term as Indiana's governor, Mike Pence will announce he's seeking another for the 2016 election. The announcement will come tonight at the Republican Party's annual spring dinner at the Primo Banquet Hall on National Avenue.

Counties teaming up to win $42M in grants
South Bend Tribune
Counties around Indiana are starting to form coalitions in an effort to win potentially millions of dollars in new state grants for regional development projects. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed legislation in May creating the Regional Cities Initiative. The new program will allow the Indiana Economic Development Corp. to award grants or loans to regional groups for infrastructure or amenity projects that could help attract businesses and people to those areas.

How will Pence respond to poll showing ongoing RFRA fallout?
Indy Star
When Gov. Mike Pence formally launches his re-election bid Thursday night before a sold-out crowd of Republican stalwarts, a single question will loom over the event.

Poll finds majority of Hoosiers want Pence out of office
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A majority of Hoosiers want a new governor, according to a poll released Wednesday by a reputable Republican pollster.

Most religious freedom bills defeated in legislatures
Washington Blade
Now that most state legislative sessions have come to a close for this year, observers have differing assessments on the efforts aimed at stopping a series of religious freedom bills seen to enable anti-LGBT discrimination, although the vast majority were defeated. The biggest blowback for one of these measures came after Gov. Mike Pence signed into law a sweeping religious freedom bill, SB 101, which prohibited government action against individuals for acting on a religious belief, including the purposes of discrimination against LGBT people. After a media firestorm and condemnation from the business community, Pence signed into law a "fix" that clarifies the law doesn't allow discrimination against LGBT people (although churches, ministers and non-profit religious organizations were exempt from the change).

Mike Pence is clinging to political life: "Religious freedom" backlash could spell doom for Indiana's right wing governor
Salon
Indiana Republican Governor Mike Pence is expected to announce his bid for reelection this week, but the erstwhile rumored presidential hopeful has seen his popularity in the state erode following widespread backlash to his failed attempt to enshrine discrimination into law under the guise of religious freedom.

Poll shows Hoosiers support protections against LGBT discrimination
Indy Star
Poll results released Wednesday showing a majority of Hoosier voters support adding sexual orientation and gender identity to Indiana civil rights laws are setting the stage for what's likely to become a

meaningful legislative debate over banning LGBT discrimination. The poll numbers particularly raise the stakes for Republican Gov. Mike Pence, historically a staunch social conservative. Scheduled to announce his re-election campaign Thursday, Pence faces backlash within his own party for championing the controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which some feared would allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

LEGISLATURE

Donnelly defends export banktp://www.journalgazette.net/news/local/indiana/Donnelly-defends-export-bank-7244659

Fort Wayne Journal

Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., said Wednesday he cannot understand conservative opposition to renewing the federal Export-Import Bank, which could lose its charter at the end of June.

Hoosiers in Congress blast medical device tax

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

The U.S. House is expected to vote today to repeal the medical device tax, which helps fund the federal Affordable Care Act. The Protect Medical Innovation Act should pass easily – it has 282 co sponsors, and identical legislation was approved 270-146 in the House in 2012.

Good Samaritan law aims to help kids stuck in cars

The Statehouse File

A new law will protect a person who breaks into a locked vehicle to save a child in danger.

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STATE WIDES

Indiana to keep HIV outbreak response center open for 1 year

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

With the largest HIV outbreak in Indiana history on the wane, a state-run community outreach center that's been in operation since late March will close next week and reopen at another location, state health officials said Wednesday. State Health Commissioner Dr. Jerome Adams said the three-days-a-week response center in the Scott County city of Austin will close June 25 but HIV testing, a needle exchange and its other services will continue at a to-be-determined site that will remain open for at least one year.

Bogus loan emails sent after county clerk hacked

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

The Decatur County clerk says hackers gained access to her office email account and sent out thousands of bogus emails about forgiving student loans.

Ritz checks on children during tour

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Glenda Ritz may be the Indiana superintendent of public instruction and a Democratic candidate for governor, but a young boy knew nothing of that when he invited her to jump around and smack the musical buttons Wednesday at Kreager Park.

AROUND INDIANA

Virtual charter school shuttered over financial, management issues

Evansville Courier & Press

A Trine University board will shut down the online-only school it chartered three years ago due to management and academic problems, leaving more than 1,100 Hoosier students from across Indiana to find a new place to attend classes.
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Companies seek to change state regulation of utility rates
Evansville Courier & Press
More than two dozen companies with operations in Indiana have formed a consortium and are preparing to argue for changes in the way the state regulates utility rates.
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JOBS/ECONOMY
Holiday World seeks more workers
Inside IN Business
The 100 open positions span departments including rides, cleaning staff and food and beverage workers. Eckert says the park needs workers for both early and late shifts. The attraction is currently accepting online applications, and says those received by June 22 will be considered for an upcoming job fair.

EDITORIAL
Swarens: Here's how Mike Pence can save himself
Indy Star
The numbers and the news could not be much worse for Gov. Mike Pence, and by extension for Republicans in Indiana.

Indiana wrong to offer low-interest loans to charter schools?
NWI Times
Indiana Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley is worried that giving the state's charter schools access to $50 million in low-interest state loans could backfire. Many of the schools already have significant debt.

When the wedges no longer work
The Statehouse File
Many years ago, when Newt Gingrich still was scrambling to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, I sat with him in his Washington office.
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Bangert: This, too, shall pass? Not for Pence
Lafayette Journal & Courier
Even as Gov. Mike Pence watched his stock fall so hard this spring after he signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Statehouse Republicans and allies kept the faith, muttering under their breath: This, too, shall pass.

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**Virtual charter school shuttered over financial, management issues**
Max Bomber
A Trine University board will shut down the online-only school it chartered three years ago due to management and academic problems, leaving more than 1,100 Hoosier students from across Indiana to find a new place to attend classes.

The parents of Indiana Cyber Charter School students were notified Wednesday that the school will close June 30.

The school and Trine's Education One – the university's nonprofit board that oversees charter authorizations and revocations – are implementing a transition plan meant to help families understand their options, which include transferring to traditional public schools or other charters.

" n the coming weeks we will be reaching out to the families with our transition plan, to help make the process more smooth" said Lindsay Omlor, the managing director of Education One.

In addition, the Education One board has voted to close the Indiana Achievement Academy in Indianapolis, which served 84 students in its first year. The school, which uses a combination of online and onsite instruction, also has had some financial and management issues, Omlor said.

Charter schools are publicly funded schools that operate largely outside a traditional district structure. They must be "chartered" by an organization – which can include some mayors, public and private universities, and a state board – that have been authorized in state law.

Trine University created Education One to be its chartering organization.

The Indiana Cyber closure comes less than two years after Trine officials boasted that its test results ranked it among the Top 10 charter schools in the state.

Enrollment ballooned over the next two years – from less than 100 in the first year to about 235 in 2013 and then more than quadrupled to about 1,100 in 2014. At the same time, the school parted ways with its curriculum partner and financial problems began to emerge, Omlor said.

Meanwhile, academic achievement plummeted. During the 2012-2013 school year, 72 percent of Indiana Cyber students passed both the math and language arts sections of the ISTEP exam. In 2013 2014, the passing rate dropped to 54 percent. Results are not yet available for the 2014-2015 school year.

In addition, some of the school's vendors had not been paid causing parents to complain to Education One that online services and the help desk were sometimes unavailable – which Omlor said are absolute necessities for a virtual school that uses a largely self-directed model.

Omlor came to Education One last summer and the board assigned her with launching examinations of all the schools it had chartered. She zeroed in on problems with Indiana Cyber, in part out of concern that its split with a partner – Pennsylvania-based National Network of Digital Schools – had left it on the hook for some $600,000.

Don Williams, then the CEO of Indiana Cyber, assured her and the school's board members last fall that the financial picture would clear once the state distributed a $750,000 tuition allotment in November and again in December.

It was a pattern of questions and reassurances that would repeat over several months as Education One officials raised concerns about debt and financing and Williams would provide documentation indicating the school was on a path to recovery, Omlor said. At one point, the Education One board notified Indiana Cyber it wouldn't renew its charter but a review panel recommended a continued partnership – under probationary terms that included new accountability and a revamped board.

But problems persisted, Omlor said. During the first few months of 2015, a new board president resigned, as did a school business manager, reportedly saying she didn't want to be responsible for signing any more checks. Then a key administrator at the school provided Education One with further documentation of additional financial problems.

In March, the Indiana Cyber board voted to fire Williams as its CEO. And in April, Education One hired an auditor to further investigate problems at the school.

Matt Fabina of Investigation, Inc. interviewed Indiana Cyber vendors, reviewed financial records, and met with the school's business manager and bankers. In Fabina's final audit to Education One he reinforced their concerns about the management of public funds, Omlor said.

The audit "showed the school could be viable," she said. But "it confirmed a lack of transparency about the flow of data" and key financial information.

The final report led Education One to vote to terminate the Indiana Cyber charter.
Meanwhile, Williams was also serving as CEO of Indiana Achievement Academy, something the Education One board saw as a problem. In addition, the Indiana Achievement Academy operated under a three-member board – and all three members resigned within a short amount of time, Omlor said.
"Knowing the connection between the CEO with both entities and similar concerns on a much smaller scale was what drove everyone to vote closure," Omlor said.
The closure of both schools is effective June 30, which is intended to give the students and their families' time to finish up the classroom units they are working on.
The affected students have several educational options. They can attend public school, try a brick-and-mortar charter school, or try one of the state's two other virtual charter schools.

**Companies seek to change state regulation of utility rates**

More than two dozen companies with operations in Indiana have formed a consortium and are preparing to argue for changes in the way the state regulates utility rates.
Members comprising the Indiana Industrial Energy Consumers Inc. are making the effort to try to restore the state's economic competitiveness, the consortium said. The state's electric rates have gone from being the fifth lowest in the nation in 2003 to the 26th lowest in 2014, it said, citing data from the U.S. Energy Information Agency.
"We've lost that really nice economic competitiveness advantage we use to have," said Jennifer Wheeler Terry, an Indianapolis-based energy sector lawyer and legislative liaison for Indiana Industrial Energy Consumers.
And neighboring states like Illinois and Ohio, which once had higher industrial electric rates than Indiana, now have lower average rates, she said. In recent years, Illinois and Ohio have instituted reforms that have controlled, and in some cases lowered, their electric rates.
"We feel like surrounding states are really engaged with their energy policy and Indiana could really benefit as well if we got in the game," Terry said.
Companies included in the consortium include Alcoa, BP, Marathon Petroleum, Chrysler, Honda and Toyota, The (Munster) Times reported.
Terry recently represented several northwest Indiana companies in a Court of Appeals case challenging bill surcharges for NIPSCO's $1.2 billion electric modernization plan. A settlement has been proposed that would require the utility to file a rate case by the end of the year.
NIPSCO remains committed to competitive electric rates, which are important to both customers and the state, according to company spokesman Nick Meyer. Recent increases in electric rates have been caused by factors beyond utilities' control, including environmental regulations, he pointed out.
Investor-owned utilities NIPSCO, Vectren, Indianapolis Power & Light, Duke and AEP dominate the state's market for electricity.
Indiana Industrial Energy Consumers plans to begin lobbying a joint Indiana Senate/House committee this summer on energy matters to expand opportunities for co-generation plants producing both heat and electricity at their facilities, Terry said.
The consortium also is discussing the possibility of broader reforms to increase competition in the marketplace for both industrial and residential customers.

**New law: Good Samaritan law aims to help kids stuck in cars**

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IND ANAPOLIS — A new law will protect a person who breaks into a locked vehicle to save a child in danger.

"You shouldn't be afraid of liability if a child's life is at stake," said Amber Rollins, director of KidsandCars.org.

House Bill 1161 provides that a "child" is any individual under the age of 18 who is unable to exit a motor vehicle on his or her own.

The bill will grant immunity to an individual who:

- Determines the car is locked and that there is no other way of getting the child out.
- Has a good faith belief that the child is in serious danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed.
- Contacts law enforcement before or as soon as they are able.
- Uses no more force than necessary.
- Remains with the child near the vehicle until law enforcements arrive at the scene.

The bill's author, Rep. Philip GiaQuinta D-Fort Wayne, said that after hearing a story of a rescue case from another state, he thought that creating the immunity was a "good idea."

"Someone had helped somebody else break into the car window and while the mother was grateful for the help, she tried to sue the person for damages to the window," GiaQuinta said. But he said there was no Indiana case that sparked his interest.

GiaQuinta said that the law will now become part of a list of "Good Samaritan laws" already on the books and will take some education on the public's behalf.

Rollins said that KidsandCars feel it is "very important" to have a law like this in any state.

" think in a lot of situations people think that they shouldn't get involved and it's none of their business," Rollins said. "This type of legislation sends a clear message that the public should get involved."

Rollins said that it's "critically important" that parents or other adults don't leave children in the car alone – for any amount of time.

"There is no safe amount of time for a child to be left alone in a vehicle," Rollins said. "Not for one minute, not for thirty seconds – never."

Some of the greenhouse effects in vehicles:

- The inside of a vehicle heats up very quickly. Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can reach 125 degrees in minutes.
- Cracking the windows does not help slow the heating process or decrease the maximum temperature.
- 80 percent of the increase in temperature happens in the first 10 minutes.
- Children have died from heatstroke in cars in temps as low as 60 degrees.

Commentary: When the wedges no longer work

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By John Krull

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IND ANAPOLIS Many years ago, when Newt Gingrich still was scrambling to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, I sat with him in his Washington office.

Gingrich was telling me about the way the Republican Party not only could gain control of Congress but also dominate the national debate.

With his feet propped up on a coffee table in front of him and his chair tilted back, like a naughty kid trying to get away with something, Gingrich smiled and said the trick was to drive wedges into the public like an ax chopping wood. If the GOP could split the country apart by using abortion, gay rights and other divisive issues as the ax blade and then pick up the bigger slice, he said, conservatives could run things for a long time.

That was 25 years ago.

Gingrich couldn't – or didn't – contemplate a time when those wedge issues might cut the other way. He didn't imagine there might be a time when (often self-proclaimed) conservatives wouldn't pick up the larger piece of the split public.

But that's what seems to be happening.

Indiana is a red state. We Hoosiers don't vote for Democratic presidential candidates unless, as was the case in 2008, the Republican nominee all but ignores us and the Democratic challenger woos us with all the ardor of a smitten teenage boy.

Even then we make the outcome close.

But here in quiet, staid Indiana two events have given the political landscape an earthquake-level shake.

The first involved the mayor of Indiana's fourth-largest city, Democrat Pete Buttigieg of South Bend.

Buttigieg is a former Rhodes Scholar and a Navy reservist who was deployed to Afghanistan for seven months last year.

He's also gay.

Buttigieg came out in a newspaper column in which he called Indiana's battles over same-sex marriage and an equally divisive so-called religious freedom restoration act "disastrous." He said Hoosiers – and Americans – need to find a civilized way to resolve difficult issues.

South Bend is home to perhaps the most prominent Catholic institution of higher education in the world, Notre Dame University. The Catholic Church often hasn't been supportive in regard to questions of equal rights for gays.

But there was Notre Dame's president offering words of measured support for Buttigieg's announcement.

Then, hours later, a poll conducted by a respected GOP pollster – and paid for by Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels' first campaign manager, Republican Bill Oesterle – showed that Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (also a Republican) is in real political trouble.

More than half the people surveyed – 54 percent – said they want someone else to be governor after next year's election, largely because Pence has embraced wedge issues like gay rights and supposed education reform.

Pence partisans poopooed the poll. They pointed out that the 2016 election was still 17 months away and a lot could change between now and then.

That's true, but it's also beside the point.

Oesterle is a savvy political operator. He was upset – an understatement – with Pence's repeated dalliances with divisiveness when the state needed to be coming together to meet common challenges.

My guess is he commissioned and paid for the poll for at least two reasons.

The first is that its findings confirm what Oesterle said about the damage the same-sex marriage and RFRA debacles did to his state and his party.

The second is that he knows a poll like this will make it a lot harder for Mike Pence to raise money as he gets ready to run for re-election.

Last time around, Pence barely beat his Democratic opponent, John Gregg, even though he raised and spent more than twice as much as money as Gregg did. If the fundraising race is closer to even this time around, that improves Democrats' chances.

Why would a Republican like Oesterle want to see that happen?

Well, maybe, it's because he knows that the ground has shifted – that the strategy that Newt Gingrich devised and Mike Pence embraced has done lasting damage to Indiana and the Republican Party.

When the mayor of South Bend can come out of the closet and the president of Notre Dame can applaud him for it, we're saying we're done with wedges and division.

That we want to bind wounds, not create them.

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GOVERNOR

Pence to name Adjutant General

Inside Inciana Business

Tomorrow, Governor Pence will join executives from ASONS, a national facilities management provider, for a major economic development announcement. Later in the afternoon, he will hold a press conference to announce The Adjutant General of Indiana. Major General R. Martin Umbarger, the current Adjutant General who will retire next month, will also be in attendance. Details below.

Big day for East Central Indiana

Inside Inciana Business

Governor Mike Pence will join executives from ASONS, a national facilities management provider, at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Muncie for a major economic development announcement.

300 Jobs to be announced

Muncie Star Press

State and local officials will meet Thursday to announce 300 new jobs at a Muncie construction and facilities management company.

LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers debate details of crime fighting bill

The Statehouse File

Lawmakers are continuing to tinker with a plan to send extra cash for crime fighting to Marion, Lake and Allen counties as they face a Thursday deadline for action.

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Top 10 winners, losers for school funding in Indiana

Indy Star
The Indiana Senate Appropriations Committee is taking up the school funding bill at 9 a.m. Thursday. Here's a look at the current winners and losers under House Bill 1001, which sets funding levels for the next two years and likely will go to the Senate floor for a vote next week.

Consumer protections for distressed homeowners to stay in place
Indy Star
Sen. James Merritt, R-Indianapolis, the author of the bill, said he did not fight to keep the controversial amendment and would concur with the House action when the bill returns to the Senate.

Firearms bill targeting Gary lawsuit advances in House
Indy Star
The House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday advanced a bill that would kill a long-pending lawsuit against gun makers and sellers.

Bill to ban some abortions stalls
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A bill that would prohibit abortions based on gender or fetal disabilities such as Down syndrome will not receive a committee hearing in the House this session, lawmakers said Wednesday.

STATE AGENCIES
State revenues miss monthly target
Inside Indiana Business
The monthly revenue report for March, along with commentary from Budget Director Brian Bailey, has been posted on the State Budget Agency webpage. The report can be found here: http://www.in.gov/sba/2631.htm. Data on March revenues can also be found on the MPH website here: http://in.gov/mph/staterevenue.html.

New 463 area code coming to Central Indiana
Indy Star
Get ready for a new area code in Central Indiana next year...To deal with that, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Wednesday approved the new 463 area code.

Central Indiana to add 463 area code; 10 digit dialing will be required
The Statehouse File
Central Indiana will get a second area code in 2016, which means callers will have to dial 10 digits even to reach someone across the street.
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INDOT to host planning open house
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Department of Transportation is hosting regional open houses around the state to collect input on its draft four-year transportation plan. INDOT needs the public's help in identifying projects and improvements that will enhance safety, mobility and economic growth while protecting the environment.

AROUND INDIANA
IMS Museum Adds Director, Board Members
Inside Indiana Business

New Executive Director Betsy Smith has served as a partner at Ice Miller LLP in Indianapolis and was previously director of philanthropy of the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

High hopes at the ball park
Inside Indiana Business
The 113th consecutive season of Indianapolis Indians baseball begins on Apr. 9 with a 7:05 p.m. home game versus the Columbus Clippers and will include several special promotions including the fifth annual 60-degree weather guarantee, Bike to the Ballpark, a post game fireworks show and more.

Losing firms to get $1.5M for bids on Indy Justice center
Indy Star
Private consortiums Indy Justice Partners and Plenary Edgemoor Justice Partners won't build a criminal justice center in Indianapolis this year.

Portage City Council Oks resolution asking for RFRA repeal
NWI Times
City council members in Portage have approved a resolution asking Indiana state lawmakers to repeal the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

JOBS/ECONOMY
Competition to boost South Bend economy
Inside Indiana Business
For the second consecutive year, the American Advertising Federation (AAF) will be holding the District 6 National Student Advertising Competition at South Bend's Century Center. The competition will bring more than 450 attendees from across Indiana, Michigan and Illinois to the area Wednesday, April 8 through Saturday, April 11 with an expected impact of $315,244 on the local economy.

'Huge Deal' brings jobs to Gary
Inside Indiana Business
The announcement comes at a good time for the city. U.S. Steel Corp. (NYSE: X) announced plans earlier this year to close its coke-making plant at Gary Works.

Raises coming for Walmart workers
Inside Indiana Business
As part of Walmart's additional $1 billion investment in its workers this year, Walmart is giving pay raises to 15,149 associates in Indiana for the pay period starting April 4th. With the raises, associates earn at least $1.75 an hour above the federal and Indiana state minimum wage. The full-time average hourly wage in Indiana is now $12.81.

Manufacturer adding jay county jobs
Inside Indiana Business
FCC (Indiana), LLC, an automatic transmission clutch manufacturer, announced plans today to expand its operations here, creating up to 57 new jobs by 2016.

EDITORIAL
Williams: How to avoid divisive actions: vote
Indy Star

Actions by the governor and legislature have given Indiana more publicity nationally than it has received in years. Unfortunately it has been almost universally negative — hurting our image, economy and credibility. In the whirling debate over Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Gov. Mike Pence and his fellow Republicans are right about one thing. The problem we should worry about is government overreach. It's just not the kind of overreach that they have in mind.

Brazile: It's not a matter of perspective
Amarillo
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence is one of those people who can make something seem like what it isn't.

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**Lawmakers debate details of crime fighting bill**
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By Lesley Weidenbener
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INDIANAPOLIS – Lawmakers are continuing to tinker with a plan to send extra cash for crime fighting to Marion, Lake and Allen counties as they face a Thursday deadline for action.
Senate Bill 551 creates a pilot program that's meant to increase the number of police on duty in high crime areas. But questions about who would manage the money and evaluate the results have the legislation bottled up in the House Veterans and Public Safety Committee.
Twice, the committee has postponed a vote on the bill, which passed the Senate unanimously in February. Committee members told the bill's sponsor, Rep. David Frizzell, R-Indianapolis, that they want changes.
On Tuesday, Frizzell offered an amendment that would give the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – which typically distributes federal grants – the task of determining the high crime districts in Allen, Lake and Marion counties and then issuing grants to pay for overtime shifts or other crime reduction efforts. The institute would also issue a report by the end of 2016 detailing how the money was used.
But the amendment also calls on the Criminal Justice Institute to send the money to the police chief of the largest city in Allen and Lake counties, who would then distribute it to other law enforcement agencies. That makes sense in Allen County, where Fort Wayne is by far the largest community.
But Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, said the "highly charged political environment" in Lake County makes that system fairly unworkable. The county is full of smaller cities – and the public officials in them don't all get along.
Soliday said the bill would "be much more palatable" if the Criminal Justice Institute determined which communities received money and how much – and then handled the actual distributions. That would also allow the institute to hold "the spenders of the money directly accountable," he said.
And the committee's chairman – Rep. Randy Frye, R-Greensburg – said there's nothing in the bill that ensures the money goes to programs to that will help reduce the crime rate. He said the language is too vague.
"It's just an open door," he said. "I have concerns about that."
But Frizzell said the program is meant to be a pilot, which will allow the state to try it out and see what works.
The bill doesn't include money for the grants but Frizzell said he's confident it will be included in the budget before the session ends later this month. He said it will only be enough to serve the three counties named in the bill.
"The study needs to be small enough to be manageable and see the success rate," he said.
Frye said he hoped the bill's supporters would keep working on the language to satisfy members' concerns so the legislation can pass the committee before a deadline Thursday.

# Central Indiana to add 463 area code; 10 digit dialing will be required

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IND ANAPOLIS – Central Indiana will get a second area code in 2016, which means callers will have to dial 10 digits even to reach someone across the street.

The new number will be 463, which spells IND on the telephone keypad.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approved an order Wednesday that sets in motion the eventual roll out of the new area code. It authorizes what's called an overlay, which means both the 317 and 463 codes will be used in the same region.

That's why callers will have to use full phone numbers, including the area code, when dialing.

An overlay allows residents with existing numbers to keep their 317 area codes. New numbers will be assigned the 463 area code.

Without the change, the 317 code would run out of numbers in 2017, state regulators said Wednesday.

The telecommunications industry recommended the overlay "because it minimizes the inconvenience, costs, and burdens on customers and service providers," regulators said in a statement. The IURC conducted several field hearings to gather information about the proposed change.

The 463 code will be Indiana's second overlay and the state's eighth area code. Southern Indiana recently started using the new 930 area code, which overlaid the existing 812 code.

Previously, the state had always divided regions up into separate areas with separate codes, primarily to avoid 10-digit dialing. But the divisions are tougher to manage in more urban areas and require large numbers of individuals to change their numbers. Also, the use of mobile phones with stored numbers makes 10-digit dialing less onerous than it was a few years ago.

According to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, all new area codes that have been introduced since 2008 have been implemented as overlays.

"With an overlay, only documents and signage showing seven-digit telephone numbers would have to be changed," the OUCC said in a statement about the proposed changes.

"For existing numbers, the only update required under the proposed overlay would be the addition of 317," the agency said. "The gradual transition to 10-digit dialing would allow businesses and other entities to update materials in the normal course of reprinting or reordering, making it less costly and less time-consuming for many consumers to adjust to the changes."

The IURC's order on Wednesday requires the industry to develop a detailed, 13-month implementation plan and a customer education plan for the implementation of the overlay, in particular addressing questions about mandatory 10-digit dialing.

More regulatory information about the change is available at www.in.gov/iurc/2808.htm.

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GOVERNOR

Pence appoints new Adjutant General

WFYI

Gov. Mike Pence Thursday named Brig. Gen. Courtney Carr the new head of the Indiana National Guard. The longtime guard member will take over next month.

New Adjutant General named

Inside Indiana Business

Governor Mike Pence today has selected Brigadier General Courtney P. Carr to become the Adjutant General of Indiana upon the retirement of Major General R. Martin Umbarger on May 31, 2015.

Gov. Mike Pence says fallout from religious law won't have long term effect on Indiana

The Daily Reporter

Republican Gov. Mike Pence believes Indiana will bounce back from the backlash of a religious objections law that sparked boycotts and criticism nationwide.

Gov. Mike Pence says Indiana's future is bright despite backlash over religious objections law

The Star Tribune

Gov. Mike Pence said Thursday he was optimistic about Indiana's future despite a backlash over a new religious objections law that sparked a boycott of the state and criticism that the law could be used to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

Gov. Pence: 'Back to business' for Indiana's economy

CBS

It's been exactly one week since Governor Mike Pence approved changes to the state's controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and Thursday he spoke to the media for the first time since signing those changes into law.

Pence calls off planned trip to NRA annual convention
Hometown Station
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence has called off a planned trip to speak at the National Rifle Association's annual convention.

Pence cancels NRA speech
The Hill
Gov. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) is canceling his address to the National Rifle Association Leadership Forum on Friday in Nashville.

Pence disagrees with Indiana Senate school funding plan
WLFI
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence says he isn't sold on the school funding plan being proposed by the state Senate's budget leaders.

Indiana law proves GOP is trying to roll back progress
Concord Monitor
As Indiana Gov. Mike Pence scrambled to minimize the damage from his state's discriminatory Religious Freedom Restoration Act law, it became increasingly evident that so long as members of the Republican Party seek to win over the factions of division and hatred, we all lose.

Poll: Most Americans oppose allowing businesses to refuse service based on religion
The Dickinson Press
A majority of Americans believe businesses should not be allowed to refuse services based on their religious beliefs in the wake of controversies in Indiana and Arkansas over gay rights and religious freedom, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found on Thursday.

LEGISLATURE
Senate budget boosts funding for schools, highways,; Kenley warns cuts may be coming
The Statehouse File
Senate Republicans revealed a two-year, $31.5 billion budget Thursday that boosts funding for schools, universities and highways and leaves the state with nearly $1.9 billion in the bank.
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Indiana House panel backs bill to let board replace Ritz as leader
Evansville Courier & Press
Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz could lose her automatic position as State Board of Education leader under a GOP backed bill a House committee passed Thursday.
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Bill to remove Ritz as education chair passes Senate committee
Greensburg Daily News

An Indiana Senate committee has advanced a bill that would strip Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz of her role as chair of the State Board of Education. The House Education Committee passed the bill 8-4.

Land based casinos win Senate approval
NWI Times
The dream of land-based gaming in Northwest Indiana is edging closer to reality after the Senate voted 36-13 Thursday to authorize the state's casinos move off their permanently docked riverboats.

Live dealers sticking point in gambling bill
The Statehouse File
Riverboat casinos could rebuild on land and a tax break for casino marketing would become permanent under legislation approved by the Senate Thursday.
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Joint IU-Purdue study of IPFW in Senate budget plan
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Indiana lawmakers would mandate Indiana University and Purdue University to work together on a report detailing all options for the future of the IPFW campus, according to a provision in the Senate version of the biennial budget.

STATE AGENCIES
Court: NIPSCO plan OK'd in error
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana Court of Appeals has issued a ruling that could hinder a public utility's $1.2 billion electric modernization plan.

Insect that spreads deadly tree fungus found in Indiana
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
State officials say an insect that's involved in spreading a fungus that's deadly to black walnut trees has been found for the first time in Indiana.

AROUND INDIANA
Ernie Pyle's war remembered 70 years later
Evansville Courier & Press
Armed with yard sticks and tape measures, Jerry and Shirley Maschino spent months in 2013 in dusty quarries around Sacramento, California, to find a rock befitting the memory of her rough-around-the-edges relative, famed World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle.
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N. Indiana pizzeria that backed religious law reopens
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
A northern Indiana pizzeria that closed after its owner supported Indiana's religious objections law has reopened.

EDITORIAL
Chameleon Rand Paul is far from libertarian
Fort Wayne Journal

"Send in the Clowns" – so the song goes. Well, that's no problem for the state of Indiana where, every year, a mélange of wingnuts, pseudo-Christians, demagogues and opportunists looking to schmooze with lobbyists gather in the "big top" of Indianapolis to engage in the buffoonery they call "lawmaking."

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**Senate budget boosts funding for schools, highways; Kenley warns cuts may be coming**

Senate Republicans revealed a two-year, $31.5 billion budget Thursday that boosts funding for schools, universities and highways and leaves the state with nearly $1.9 billion in the bank.

But the plan's architect warned immediately that lower-than-expected tax receipts mean the budget may need cuts before it ever becomes law.

"The economy has not performed as we hoped it would," said Senate Appropriations Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville. "The odds are we might have to do some downward revisions in order to live within our means."

Lawmakers will find out more next week when they hear an updated fiscal forecast, which will project tax revenue over the next two years. That will serve as the base for final budget negotiations. But tax receipts have failed to meet projections so far this fiscal year, leaving budget writers skeptical that the news will be good.

Republican Gov. Mike Pence says he "will continue to urge caution on overall spending and reserve levels."

"As we move forward, I believe we can maintain the state's fiscal integrity and make the kinds of investments and reforms that will keep our economy moving and help our students and our schools succeed," Pence said in a statement.

Still, Kenley said he wanted the Senate budget plan to reflect the chamber's priorities, assuming the same revenue projections that Gov. Mike Pence and the GOP-controlled House relied on.

And the key priority is education.

The Senate plan boosts funding for K-12 schools by 2.3 percent in each of the next two years – which puts about $466 million more into education. That money will be used for traditional public schools, public charter schools and private school vouchers.

For public schools, the plan boosts the base per-student funding for all schools and starts to change the way districts receive extra money to educate their poorest students. Rather than relying on the free textbook or free lunch programs to determine who is considered at-risk in the funding formula, the Senate plan counts any student whose family qualifies for a welfare program and any student in foster care. The Senate bill would phase in that change over five years.

The Senate plan also designates more money for at-risk students than the House plan, which should mean fewer or less significant cuts to urban schools. And it doesn't fund Pence's proposal to give construction dollars to charter schools.

"  prefer the House budget's approach to the public school funding formula where the dollars more closely follow the students in growing suburban areas," Pence said. "I also prefer my budget's approach where more funding is provided to public charter schools serving students in our urban areas."

Sen. Karen Tallian, the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, said her caucus had not finished evaluating the plan's impact on individual districts. But she said Democrats see a "significant

problem that vouchers have not been made into a separate line item, especially for those who have never been in public schools."

Currently, funding for all K-12 students – whether they receive vouchers or traditional funding – comes from the same pot in the budget. Democrats have been calling for those dollars to be separated.

Still, Tallian said, "There are a lot of things we think are really good in this budget."

It includes $220 million more for state colleges and university operations plus $367 million in bonding authority for new buildings on those campuses. It also provides $25 million for repairs and maintenance.

Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso, said that's more money than either the House or governor proposed for higher education this year. If the Senate plan is approved, "there probably shouldn't be any need for tuition increases over the next two years," he said.

And in fact, the budget proposal requires that the Indiana Commission on Higher Education review any planned tuition hikes.

The Senate budget includes $200 million per year in extra funding for highways plus additional dollars to fund new caseworkers for child abuse and neglect. There's money to renovate a stadium at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis to make it the home of the Indy Eleven minor league soccer team and funding to boost the Hoosier State Line, a train that runs from Indianapolis to Chicago.

There's also more money for tourism, including new cash to help local officials boost messages about Indiana. That comes on the heels of national criticism that Indiana does not explicitly ban discrimination against gays and lesbians and passed a law to protect religious freedom, which some interpreted as permission to discriminate. Lawmakers followed with a "fix" that banned individuals or businesses from using religious freedom as a justification for discrimination. But economic officials worry the state's image is already damaged.

"There are a lot of ways Indiana can work to make sure that good Hoosier image is the right one to have," Kenley said.

The plan does not fund Pence's request to expand two prisons. It increases funding for local community corrections, which are slated to start receiving thousands more defendants under a change in state sentencing law, but not as much as the House had proposed.

And Senate Republicans opted not to fund a House GOP initiative to give teachers a $200 tax break annually for money they spend on supplies for their classrooms.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the budget plan 8-3, sending it to the full Senate for consideration.

The vote comes on the last day for committee action this session. Three of the committee's four Democrats voted no, in part because they said they'd had no opportunity to digest the plan and check the details.

**Live dealers sticking point in gambling bill**
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**By Lesley Weidenbener**
**TheStatehouseFile.com**

IND ANAPOLIS – Riverboat casinos could rebuild on land and a tax break for casino marketing would become permanent under legislation approved by the Senate Thursday.

But the bill, which passed 36-13, doesn't allow live dealers to man table games at the state's horse track-based casinos in Anderson and Shelbyville – at least not for five years. And that could be a deal-breaker in the House, which passed a bill that authorized them immediately.

The problem is that adding live dealers back into the legislation could be a deal breaker for Gov. Mike Pence, who opposes anything he considers an "expansion" of gambling. He hasn't been publicly specific about what that might be but lawmakers say live dealers are a no-go.

Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said Thursday that would be silly.

He called the use of live dealers simply a "substitution" for the electronic dealers now used at the racinos. Gamblers play games including poker, black jack and roulette on a machine that is set up very much like a traditional table game. In some cases, attendants even monitor the game as if they are dealers, although they never actually handle cards.

The proposal would "replace that computer chip with real live people," Lanane said. "Hundreds of jobs would be created that way."

He said pushing those jobs off five years is risky because so much can change between now and then.

Lawmakers are trying to help Indiana's casinos and racinos, which are losing business to increasing competition in surrounding states. New casinos in Ohio and tavern based gambling in Illinois has drained away customers and led to reduced revenue for the gambling operations and the state.

Kenley said the revised bill – House Bill 1540 – tries to balance the needs of the entire Indiana gambling industry, which includes nine riverboats casinos, two race track based casinos and one traditional casino in rural Orange County. And he urged the bill's passage, saying that even those who oppose gambling need to recognize that it's an established industry that employs thousands of Hoosiers and is entertain for about one-third of Indiana residents.

"This is a recognized part of our society and a big revenue producer for our state," Kenley said. "We have a partnership and an obligation to our consumers to try to make it be what it should be."

Rep. Tom Dermody, the Republican author of the bill, said through a spokeswoman that he hasn't decided whether to accept the Senate changes or send the bill to a conference committee to seek a compromise.

The Senate version of the legislation makes permanent a marketing tax break that casinos say helps them compete. But it eliminates a House-approved tax break for construction at casino sites.

The Senate plan also provides some additional funding to help the owners of the French Lick Spring Resort & Casino, which maintains two historic and costly hotels.

**Indiana House panel backs bill to let board replace Ritz as leader**

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IND ANAPOLIS — Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz could lose her automatic position as State Board of Education leader under a GOP-backed bill a House committee passed Thursday.

The House Education Committee voted 8-4 to advance the proposal that would allow the board to choose its own chairman, likely ousting Ritz from the position that the elected state superintendents have automatically filled for more than a century.

The measure was prompted by well-known friction between Ritz — the only Democrat controlling a Statehouse office — and the 10 other board members, appointed by Republican Gov. Mike Pence.

Supporters say it's a necessary and much-needed change to address a "dysfunctional board" that has struggled over control of education policy.

"The governor has repeatedly asked that we get back to business," said Pence's education policy director Chad Timmerman. "We think that allowing the board to select its own chair is a good step in that direction."

Ritz ended one board meeting abruptly after ruling a member's motion out of order and walked out. She later sued the other members of the board, claiming they violated state public access laws when they sought to move calculation of the A-F school grades to legislative analysts.

Ritz supporters say that the disputes have been spawned by Pence's appointees who want control over programs on teacher evaluation, private school vouchers and the state takeover of poorly performing schools.

Many programs at the epicenter of these arguments were championed by former Superintendent Tony Bennett, who Ritz unseated after receiving more supporting votes than Gov. Pence.

"The voters had made it clear that they did not agree with Superintendent Bennett," said Vic Smith, of the Indiana Coalition for Public Education. "According to this bill, the voters are wrong."

Opponents call the change a political power grab that shifts power away from the voters who elected Ritz in 2012 and tips it into the hands of Pence and his appointees.

John Barnes, a spokesman for state Superintendent Glenda Ritz and the Indiana Department of Education said the bill was "a product of a very bad political decision," that would dismantle a system of checks and balances between elected and appointed members of the board.

The few lawmakers who voted against the proposal urged committee members to look for another solution rather than driving a wedge between state education leaders.

"It is our job as leaders to do everything we can to keep those schisms from happening," said Democratic Rep. Terri Austin. "I hope that we think seriously about how we can resolve this issue other than just trying to move deck chairs around on the Titanic."

Changes adopted Thursday would increase the board's size from 11 to 13 members. The two additional board members would be selected by the House speaker and Senate pro tem. A similar proposal pending in the Senate would keep the current structure and lawmakers need to work out a common version by the end of the legislative session.

## Ernie Pyle's war remembered 70 years later

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Armed with yard sticks and tape measures, Jerry and Shirley Maschino spent months in 2013 in dusty quarries around Sacramento, California, to find a rock befitting the memory of her rough-around-the-edges relative, famed World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle.

The Maschinos found and shipped to Honolulu a 1,000-pound pyramid of granite. For them it's almost as heavy as the anticipation of a ceremony Tuesday to mark the 70th anniversary of the death of the Scripps Howard columnist.

The Maschinos, members of the military and other Pyle relatives will gather near Pyle's grave at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu for speeches and military music.

Shirley Maschino, Pyle's first cousin once removed and a director of the Ernie Pyle Legacy Foundation, still has a letter that he sent her as a child, asking about her braces.

"His legacy should live on," Jerry Maschino, a foundation director, said.

On April 18, 1945, Pyle was riding in a jeep on the Pacific island of Iejima, then known as Ie Shima, reporting on the battle between the Japanese and the Army's 77th Infantry Division when he was shot and killed.

The Pulitzer Prize-winner was buried there in a row of graves among the soldiers whose stories he chronicled in and out of foxholes in his newspaper column. His remains were moved after the war.

Soldiers' family members prayed for Pyle on the battlefield as they did for their own relatives, read one of his obituaries.

"No one has had the overall fame that Pyle did," Owen Johnson, retired Indiana University associate professor and Pyle scholar, said. Johnson will speak at the ceremony.

As time marches on, Maschino and Johnson fear Pyle will be forgotten. That's why the memorial event is important.

Pyle began his journalism career at Indiana University's student newspaper, The Indiana Daily Student.

He quit college in 1923, a few months before graduating, to work as a cub reporter for the LaPorte Herald, now the LaPorte Herald-Argus, in Indiana.

He moved 3 1/2 months later to write for Scripps Howard's Washington Daily News, where he became the country's first aviation columnist. Pyle was offered a national column for the Scripps Howard newspaper chain after three years as the paper's managing editor, a job he didn't like.

Inspired by former Associated Press reporter Kirke Simpson's story on the burial of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, Pyle wandered the country for six years, writing columns about American's daily lives. Some of these columns are compiled in the book "Home Country."

Pyle applied this intimate style of writing to combat reporting, generally writing his columns from the perspective of the soldier.

Johnson said soldiers wrote home to tell family members to read Pyle if they wanted to understand their experiences.

"Every mom would read the newspaper looking for their son's name," Jerry Maschino said.

Pyle's wartime writings are compiled in the books "Ernie Pyle in England," "Here Is Your War," "Brave Men" and "Last Chapter." Biographer James Tobin examines Pyle's life and work in the trenches in "Ernie Pyle's War: America's Eyewitness to WWII."

Although remembered as being patriotic, Pyle, much like the soldiers he wrote about, just wanted to win the war and get home, Johnson said.

"He was sensitive to his surroundings," Johnson said, adding that, despite rumors, Pyle was not depressed."He sometimes cut through that, then the emotions soaked him up again."

After spending 29 months covering the war in Europe and a brief stint at home trying to shrug off his fame, Pyle somewhat reluctantly began covering the war in the Pacific – a decision that ultimately cost him his life.

In 2002, Hasbro recognized what some consider to be Pyle's heroism with a G.I. Joe D-Day Collection action figure, typewriter included. This may be a nod to the 1945 Academy Award-nominated film "The Story of G. I. Joe," about American World War II infantrymen told through Pyle's eyes. The movie premiered two months after Pyle's death.

Pyle is also remembered through the annual Scripps Howard Award for human interest storytelling.

Johnson said there's no one quite like Pyle today because the nature of war reporting has changed.

"He was an icon for people who lived through World War II," Johnson said. "He would have hated the word hero."

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**GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR**

'Jenny's Law' signed, extends rape statute of limitations
RTV6 – Kara Kenney
INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence ceremoniously signed a bill Thursday nicknamed "Jenny's Law" aimed at lengthening the statute of limitations for rape in Indiana.

Pence signs 'Jenny's Law'
WISH
INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — Governor Mike Pence signed a new bill into law today to protect victims of sexual assault. The bill's called Jenny's law after Jenny Wendt.

Students hike around Lake Delaware for "Mile with Mike"
The Statehouse File – Staff
INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence hosted a Mile with Mike at the Department of Natural Resources' Capital Campout at Fort Harrison State Park on Thursday.
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Defiant Pence vows to be tough campaigner in re-election bid
IndyStar – Tony Cook
A defiant Gov. Mike Pence pledged, despite poor poll numbers after a high-profile controversy over the state's new religious freedom law, to fight his political opponents — even if it means running a less positive campaign than the one he ran in 2012.

At GOP gathering, Pence comes out swinging
FW Journal Gazette – Niki Kelly
INDIANAPOLIS – Gov. Mike Pence didn't shy away from the controversy that has shaken his chances of re-election in a speech Thursday night. Instead, he practically spoiled for a fight.

Video & story: Pence says he's ready for election fight, says faith must coexist with changing culture
The Statehouse File – Max Bomber
INDIANAPOLIS – Republican Gov. Mike Pence said in a speech to launch his reelection bid Thursday that Hoosiers won't "tolerate discrimination against anyone."
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Pence launches re-election campaign at GOP fundraiser
NWI Times – Dan Carden
INDIANAPOLIS | Despite a recent poll finding a majority of Hoosiers want him gone, Gov. Mike Pence is confident his record on job growth, education reform, workforce training and health policy will help him win a second term.

House ignores veto threat, backs repeal of medical device tax
IndyStar – Maureen Groppe
WASHINGTON – The House on Thursday easily backed repeal of a tax on the medical device industry, which has a strong presence in Indiana.

**AGENCIES/STATEWIDES**

Artists needed for Bicentennial public art
Inside Indiana Business
State officials say the budget for the project is $150,000-$500,000 for each sculpture. IDOA will announce the final budget in August.

Supreme Court: States can reject specialty license plates
USA Today via IndyStar
WASHINGTON — States that sell specialty license plates promoting everything from "Choose Life" to "Conserve Water" can prohibit images like the Confederate flag, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Indiana BMV license plate case to proceed despite federal ruling
IndyStar – Maureen Groppe
WASHINGTON — A U.S. Supreme Court decision confirming a state's right to decide which groups can be honored with specialty license plates means Indiana can continue to promote Purdue University, the National Rifle Association, the Indianapolis Colts and dozens of other organizations.

**AROUND THE STATE**

Indiana Chamber discusses state's report card
The Statehouse File – Katie Stancombe
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Chamber presented its 2015 national rankings report, more specifically known as the Indiana Vision 2025 Report Card, on Thursday.
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Report card grades state's ups and downs
Inside Indiana Business
The Indiana Chamber of Commerce says improvements in the state's business and education climates are driving an "overall positive" economic development report card. The results are part of the chamber's two-year review of progress in its long-term Indiana Vision 2025 strategic plan. President Kevin Brinegar says the report suggests the state is still "mired" in low levels of post-secondary education attainment.

RDA funds could help spur $160M in development
Inside Indiana Business
The approvals include a nearly $7.5 million matching grant for the city of Gary to improve an access road near the Gary/Chicago International Airport. The RDA says the project is designed to separate traffic heading to industrial sites from visitors going to the Majestic Star Casino.

Former prosecutor Corne will seek Warrick judicial appointment
Evansville Courier & Press – Mark Wilson
Boonville, Ind. Former Warrick County prosecutor Todd Corne said he will seek appointment to finish the term of Warrick Superior Court Judge Keith Meier, who will retire Aug. 31.

Purdue's Indianapolis charter a pipeline to university
IndyStar – Kris Turner
Purdue University said Thursday it is launching a new charter high school in Indianapolis to narrow the opportunity and tech skills gaps by directly admitting low-income and minority students to the university upon graduation.

Indy church leaders mourn victims of Charleston massacre
IndyStar – Jill Disis
There were tears Thursday night at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, where many in various Indianapolis religious communities gathered to remember the nine victims of a fatal church shooting a day earlier in Charleston, S.C.

USI, Crane to re-ignite partnership
Inside Indiana Business
The event will offer networking opportunities and showcase student projects from the Technology Commercialization Academy that harnessed Crane technology. Other USI-sponsored programs related to commercialization include the Eagle Innovation Accelerator and Tech on Tap.

**LEGISLATURE**

New law: Good Samaritan law aims to help kids stuck in cars
TheStatehouseFile.com – Katie Stancombe
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**EDITORIALS**

No 1,000-percent markups at Indy's hospitals. Just 450 percent, 440 percent...

IBJ – J.K. Wall
Finally, there's a ranking that shows Indiana's hospitals on the good side of the national average when it comes to the price of their services.
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Business Insider: Power of partnership can help Indiana
IndyStar – John Ketzenberger
Juan Pablo Montoya had barely finished his victory lap after this year's Indianapolis 500 when the news from Indiana's Department of Labor hit. Unemployment for April was just 5.4 percent, and the state was nearing its historic peak in the number of employed Hoosiers.

Tully: Dear America, this is the real Indiana
IndyStar
I hope you're watching, America.I hope Californians, New Yorkers and all the rest — all of those who tossed understandable criticism Indiana's way three months back — are paying attention to what's been going since in the land of Hoosiers. Because what's been going on since the religious freedom spotlight faded, after the cable news networks and everyone else turned away, paints a more accurate picture of who we are in Indiana.

GUEST COMMENTARY: New partnership is good for Gary schools, Indiana
NWI Times – State Sen. Earline Rogers
There's no doubt that Gary schools and the students they serve face enormous challenges. Gary's once robust economy has given way to a period of declining property tax collections from major corporations like U.S. Steel, a halt in revenues from property tax caps and declining residential and student populations.

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Students hike around Lake Delaware for "Mile with Mike"
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INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence hosted a Mile with Mike at the Department of Natural Resources' Capital Campout at Fort Harrison State Park on Thursday.
The Capital Campout is one of more than a dozen outdoor experiences hosted by governors across the United States. It promotes outdoor recreation as part of Great Outdoors Month. Governor Pence declared June as Great Outdoors Month in Indiana. He also read the proclamation attached at Thursday's event.

"Great Outdoors Month is a perfect opportunity for our Mile with Mike effort and to share with young Hoosiers the importance of being healthy, getting exercise, and enjoying Indiana's many outdoor recreational activities," said Pence in a statement. "I'm thankful to the organizations, public agencies, and businesses that work every day to create exceptional experiences for Hoosiers at the many state parks and trails Indiana offers."

Participants came from the LeGore Boys and Girls Club, Christel House Academy, Boy Scout Troop 123 and Girl Scout Troop 7538. They first took part in traditional state park activies such as fishing and horseback riding and then hiked around Delaware Lake with the state's leader.

"Being outside today for Capital Campout reminded me of my own youth, camping and having fun at state parks all over Indiana," said the First Lady in a statement. "We had a great time today sharing with these young people how much fun they can have enjoying outdoor activities all over our state."

"Indiana's Capital Campout is one of several tools that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is using to encourage youngsters to get outdoors," said DNR Director Cam Clark in a statement.

Clark said other efforts include the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, which is Indiana State Parks' new curriculum that includes opportunities for free visits for students.

For more information about Indiana State Parks programs for youth and schools can be found atstateparks.IN.gov/2419.htm and dnr.IN.gov/kids.

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INDIANAPOLIS – Republican Gov. Mike Pence said in a speech to launch his reelection bid Thursday that Hoosiers won't "tolerate discrimination against anyone."

But Pence said the state's gay rights debate can't be about "winners and losers."
"We should protect freedom," Pence said. "Period."

Pence was speaking to an uproar over the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, even though he never mentioned it by name. Pence signed the legislation into law last spring, saying it protected Hoosiers' rights to practice their religious beliefs. But critics claimed that would lead to discrimination against people who are gay, bisexual and transgender.

The state is still dealing with the backlash – and Pence acknowledged Thursday that "as governor, I bear some responsibility for that." But he has resisted calls to back legislation to add sexual orientation to the state's civil rights law, which bans discrimination based on gender, race, religion and disability.

Speaking to more than 800 Republicans gathered for a party dinner, Pence said that "in the changing tides of popular culture, there must be room for faith."

"We will find our way forward as a state that respects the dignity and worth of every individual," Pence said. "And we will ensure that no government intervention, no government coercion will interfere with the freedom of conscience and freedom of religion enshrined in our state and federal Constitution."
The governor's reelection announcement comes against a backdrop of poor approval numbers that show Hoosiers are frustrated about his handling of gay rights and education.

A survey conducted this month by Republican pollster Christine Matthews shows Pence is in a statistical dead heat in head to head matchups with the leading Democratic candidates. And more than half of the respondents said they support adding sexual orientation to the state's Civil Rights law.

Earlier Thursday, Pence dismissed the poll, saying the only numbers that matter will come on Election Day in 2016. But he acknowledged that he will be judged by the actions in his first term.

"When you're an incumbent in reelection your results in office are all fair game," Pence said.

And Democrats say those results won't satisfy voters – particularly when it comes to gay rights.

"Now Republicans say things are fixed. Is our reputation fixed? Why has the governor had to engage the services of a PR agency possibly at the expense of maybe $2 million to try and restore their reputation "said Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane D-Anderson, on Thursday.

Protestors outside the Primo Banquet Hall on the south side of Indianapolis chanted and waved "Fire Mike Pence" signs.

But inside the hall, Republicans – who paid $150 per ticket – gave Pence warm a welcome. And he promised them he'd fight to win reelection – despite past promises never to run a negative campaign. "For those expecting a campaign like 2012, they will be disappointed," Pence said of an effort that included only positive television messages. "I have long believed that negative personal attacks have no place in public life and I hope our opponents feel the same way.

"But elections are about choices and Hoosiers deserve to know the records of those who would lead our state," he said. "If our opponents choose to talk about our record, we will return the favor. And we will make sure that the choice in this election is clear."

Pence said Indiana's economy was among the best in the nation. "With General Motors announcing a $1.2 billion investment in their Fort Wayne plant just few weeks ago, our policies represent three years in a row of record investment and more than $3 billion this year alone," he said.
But Democrats argued earlier Thursday that Pence's record on economic growth, education reform, and providing health care for low-income Hoosiers doesn't match the governor's rhetoric.

"The problem is that we have a leader that doesn't even recognize we have a problem," said House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, "We need to have the type of state where our kids want to stay and prosper along side of us."

<u>Indiana Chamber discusses state's report card</u>
The Statehouse File – Katie Stancombe
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Chamber presented its 2015 national rankings report, more specifically known as the Indiana Vision 2025 Report Card, on Thursday.

The progress plan was put into place in 2012 and includes 33 goals to achieve in four main areas:

- Outstanding Talent
- Attractive Business Climate
- Superior Infrastructure
- Dynamic and Creative Culture

Current results follow a previous report conducted in 2013 that established benchmarks in 59 statistical metrics. The metrics help measure nearly all of the goals included in Indiana Vision 2025.
According to the Indiana Chamber Foundation, "Indiana Vision 2025 is comprehensive effort, coordinated by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, to provide leadership, direction and a long-range economic development strategy for the state of Indiana." The effort launched in 2012 and was a collaboration by a 24-member committee.

Of these 59 metrics, Indiana has improved its national ranking in 28 areas, declined in 19 areas, and remained the same or had no updated data available in 12.

"This plan and this effort has produced results and we believe it will continue to produce results," said Chamber CEO Kevin Brinegar. "Because it helps sharpen the focus on what we need to do across the street for Indiana to be in the best competitive position and for Hoosiers to have the best chance to prosper."

Some of the highlighted areas of advancement include:

- Number one national ranking of Regulatory Freedom Index Tax
- Improved math and reading scores of fourth and eighth grade Hoosiers, ranking in the top ten across the nation
- Poverty rates soared from a rank of 35 to a rank of 16 nationwide in just two years.

However, from the report, it is evident that Indiana's entrepreneurial activity has been in decline for more than a decade.

"We need more entrepreneurs and they need more money to develop their ideas," Brinegar said. "Many efforts are going on, but they're not yielding enough results, at least as indicated in the reports of this report card."

In response to concerns about potential negative economic impact as a result of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the recent HIV breakout in Scott County, Vice President of Economic Development Cameron Carter said that these issues are "not helpful, but not stopping us."

"You cannot keep good ideas and good people down," Carter said. "We will get past this. We can't measure the economic impact just yet."

He also said that the negative headlines across the state and nation are not "the face of Indiana."

<u>New law: Good Samaritan law aims to help kids stuck in cars</u>
TheStatehouseFile.com – Katie Stancombe
INDIANAPOLIS — A new law will protect a person who breaks into a locked vehicle to save a child in danger.

"You shouldn't be afraid of liability if a child's life is at stake," said Amber Rollins, director of KidsandCars.org.
House Bill 1161 provides that a "child" is any individual under the age of 18 who is unable to exit a motor vehicle on his or her own.

The bill will grant immunity to an individual who:

- Determines the car is locked and that there is no other way of getting the child out.
- Has a good faith belief that the child is in serious danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed.
- Contacts law enforcement before or as soon as they are able.
- Uses no more force than necessary.

- Remains with the child near the vehicle until law enforcements arrive at the scene.

The bill's author, Rep. Philip GiaQuinta D-Fort Wayne, said that after hearing a story of a rescue case from another state, he thought that creating the immunity was a "good idea."

"Someone had helped somebody else break into the car window and while the mother was grateful for the help, she tried to sue the person for damages to the window," GiaQuinta said. But he said there was no Indiana case that sparked his interest.

GiaQuinta said that the law will now become part of a list of "Good Samaritan laws" already on the books and will take some education on the public's behalf.

Rollins said that KidsandCars feel it is "very important" to have a law like this in any state.
"I think in a lot of situations people think that they shouldn't get involved and it's none of their business," Rollins said. "This type of legislation sends a clear message that the public should get involved."

Rollins said that it's "critically important" that parents or other adults don't leave children in the car alone – for any amount of time.

"There is no safe amount of time for a child to be left alone in a vehicle," Rollins said. "Not for one minute, not for thirty seconds – never."

**Some of the greenhouse effects in vehicles:**
The inside of a vehicle heats up very quickly. Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can reach 125 degrees in minutes.
Cracking the windows does not help slow the heating process or decrease the maximum temperature.
80 percent of the increase in temperature happens in the first 10 minutes.
Children have died from heatstroke in cars in temps as low as 60 degrees.

<u>No 1,000-percent markups at Indy's hospitals. Just 450 percent, 440 percent...</u>
IBJ – J.K. Wall
Finally, there's a ranking that shows Indiana's hospitals on the good side of the national average when it comes to the price of their services.

Indiana hospitals' list prices, or charges, are a mere 320 percent of what the federal Medicare program pays, according to data collected for an article on "extreme markups" by hospitals, published this month in the journal Health Affairs.

Said another way, the list prices for Indiana hospital services are more than three times what the federal Medicare program determines is the cost of providing that service.

That's actually lower than the national average markup of 340 percent, according to an analysis of 2012 hospital reports conducted by Ge Bai, an accounting professor at Washington and Lee University and Gerard Anderson, a well-known health policy expert at Johns Hopkins University.

Bai and Anderson's study got the world of health wonks more than a little excited and generated headlines like these:

“The Hospitals that Overcharge Patients by 1,000 Percent” (The Atlantic)

"50 Hospitals with Extreme Markups Revealed" (HealthLeaders Media)

“Hospital Greed Frenzy; The American Norm” (Ring of Fire Radio)

Before folks get into too much of a tizzy, it's worth noting that the practice of high markups followed by discounts is hardly unique to hospitals. In fact, according to this article, hospital markups are in roughly the same range as that used for boutique designer jeans, high-end shoes and hot-selling eyeglass frames. And they don't hold a candle to the markups on prescription drugs.

The good news for Indiana is that the state is not home to any of the 50 hospitals whose markups range from 920 percent to 1,260 percent of Medicare’s prices. (If you want to read the list of the 50 hospitals with the highest markups, go here.)

Few if any people actually pay hospitals' listed charges. However, Bai and Anderson’s study makes clear the standard practice of aggressive markups at hospitals is harmful in more ways than people usually think.

High markups have no impact on the prices the Medicare and Medicaid programs set. Nor are the charges used much any more, as they once were, as starting points in price negotiations between hospitals and private health insurers, such as Anthem Inc.

But charges are used to calculate bills for uninsured patients. Obamacare mandates that those discounts be about 40 percent, but that discount off a 320-percent markup is still astronomical.

Also, patients who receive care at an out-of-network hospital (which is a growing possibility with narrow-network plans offered on the Obamacare exchanges) would be subject to the list prices.

In addition, casualty insurers (think of medical expenses paid by your auto insurance carrier) or worker’s comp insurers typically pay out-of-network charges. That’s because their policies promise coverage at any provider, making it difficult for those carriers to negotiate discounts in advance.

And these high charges can even trickle down to privately insured health plans, note Bai and Anderson.

“Hospitals with substantial market power can use the high markups as leverage with private insurers in price negotiations,” Bai and Anderson wrote in their Health Affairs article. “High markups and the possibility for high revenues from out-of-network patients make the option of joining a network less attractive to these hospitals, so they are less willing to negotiate with private insurers.”

(I would add that insurers with the market power to negotiate with hospitals in the Indianapolis and Indiana markets (read: Anthem) have traditionally opted to keep providers in their networks rather than going to the mat with them on prices. After all, employers and even individual customers in Indiana have consistently demanded it.)

Researchers have found that private health insurers are paying markups in the Indianapolis area of 364

percent of Medicare rates for outpatient services and 188 percent of Medicare rates for inpatient services.

Medicare's pre-set prices do not reflect hospitals' actual costs in all or even most cases (in fact, hospitals have become quite good at growing services for which Medicare prices are profitable and minimizing money-losing services). But recent research has shown have shown that hospitals with costs higher than Medicare's prices are usually those able to charge higher prices to private insurers.

As you can see below, the markups at 30 hospitals in central Indiana (for which Bai and Anderson had data in their study) included plenty that were at or above the national average:

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Gov. Mike Pence continues push for medical device tax repeal

Medical Developments

Pence renews his call for Congress to eliminate the medical device tax, saying the tax has slowed research & expansion plans in Indiana's $59 billion life sciences industry.

Pence signs bill extending statue of limitations on rape charges

Shelbyville News

A bill to lengthen the statute of limitations for filing rape charges will go into effect July 1 after being signed into law in a ceremony Thursday.

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The Statehouse File

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Controlled release from Roush Lake expected to begin Friday night at 9

A controlled release of water from the J. Edward Roush Lake is expected to begin on Friday, June 19, about 9 p.m. Scot Dahms, operations manager for all three Upper Wabash reservoirs, said

Friday afternoon that the Roush Lake dam "is operating as it should be operating" and is being monitored 24 hours a day.

Pence faces tough decision about how to campaign for 2016
The Statehouse File
It was no surprise on Thursday night when Republican Mike Pence announced he'd seek a second term as governor – but he did drop a bit of a bombshell about how he'll do it. "I'm ready to take on those who would misrepresent our record and trash our good state and people to advance their political agendas," Pence said during a speech to the GOP faithful at a party dinner.
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Pence defiant on religious objections law in campaign launch
WHAS 11
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence took a defiant tone in launching his 2016 re-election campaign, said that he's ready to take on opponents seeking to use the uproar over the state's religious objections law against him.

Recent poll says Pence may be vulnerable in 2016
The Reporter Times
There's more than a year left before Hoosiers select their next governor, but with four candidates already declared and polls underway, the race for the state's top executive position is getting an early start. Gov. Mike Pence officially announced Thursday night that he intends to run for re-election — and that he's ready to take off the gloves

Narrow vision endangers Pence
The Reporter- Times
When Indiana Gov. Mike Pence announced Thursday that he's running for reelection, he emphasized to his audience of party faithful that Hoosiers will not "tolerate discrimination against anyone."

AGENCIES/STATEWIDES
State sues Indianapolis test prep company
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Attorney General Greg Zoeller's complaint alleges that the College Network made personal loans for customers at high interest rates with payments beginning immediately, but that relatively few people actually complete its program and earn a college degree.

Indiana slops in rankings for startups, VC funding
Indy Star
Matt Wyatt remembers welling up into tears one night after a long day at work while he struggled to set up a table in his backyard. Wyatt credits a business incubator called Launch Fishers — a flexible workspace sponsored by the city — with much of his latest success. It's one of many similar programs and spaces throughout Indiana sponsored by state and local

governments and universities in an effort to foster an entrepreneurial environment in Indiana. But a new report from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce indicates the state still has a long way to go.

How to stay safe as flooding continues
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana Department of Homeland Security reminds Hoosiers to practice safety as rainfall and flooding issues continue throughout the state. Northern Indiana continues to manage high water, while many counties in the southern half of the state are under a flash flood watch.

**AROUND THE STATE**
Student failures beset Ivy Tech
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
Ivy Tech Community College is on the verge of no longer being a provider for some state workforce training and education programs because many of its students are not succeeding.

Ball brothers foundation awards millions
Inside IN Business
"Since Emens Auditorium opened in 1964, it has not only become East Central Indiana's leading performing arts venue, bringing world-class artists, entertainers, musicians, and lecturers to Muncie, but it has also become a cherished landmark. It is where Muncie's citizens celebrate graduation ceremonies, perform in dance recitals, and attend school music concerts. Emens Auditorium has truly achieved the original vision of becoming a combined community and university gathering place. As we look ahead to the future of Emens Auditorium, Ball Brothers Foundation is pleased to support renovations which will enhance visitors' experiences for decades to come," Ball Brothers Foundation President and COO, Jud Fisher said.

**LEGISLATURE**
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The Statehouse File
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**EDITORIALS**
Tully: Dear America, this is the real Indiana
Indy Star

I hope Californians, New Yorkers and all the rest — all of those who tossed understandable criticism Indiana's way three months back — are paying attention to what's been going since the religious freedom spotlight faded, after the cable news networks and everyone else turned away, paints a more accurate picture of who we are in Indiana.

Swarens: AN oasis of hope grows on Indy's Eastside
Indy Star
Young and filled with hope, he arrived 20 years ago on Indy's decaying Near Eastside to serve neighbors in need and to build a life on city streets others had forgotten.

Rich James: Pence should use own funds to fix mistake
NWI Times
The buck has got to stop somewhere. And it might as well be at the desk of Gov. Mike Pence.

Analysis: Pence faces tough decision about how to campaign for 2016
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INDIANAPOLIS – It was no surprise on Thursday night when Republican Mike Pence announced he'd seek a second term as governor – but he did drop a bit of a bombshell about how he'll do it.
"I'm ready to take on those who would misrepresent our record and trash our good state and people to advance their political agendas," Pence said during a speech to the GOP faithful at a party dinner.
That matters because Pence has said for years that he wouldn't run negative campaigns. In fact, he once wrote an essay titled "Confessions of a Negative Campaigner," a reaction to nasty races he ran in 1988 and 1990 against then U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp, a Democrat.
In the latter campaign, Pence paid for an ad in which an actor posed as an Arab and thanked Sharp for the nation's dependence on foreign oil. And it was just one of the harsher moments of the race.
Since then, Pence has run only clearly positive campaigns – a though he's done so largely in an environment when attacks would not have made sense anyway. Four years ago – in a race that proved closer than expected – Pence stuck with a series of happy ads that featured him and his wife talking about Indiana.
Had that race gone on longer, Pence might have had some tough decisions to make about how he'd address Democrat John Gregg's record. Now, he seems to be acknowledging, even as the race begins, that he's already made the decision to do what it takes to be competitive.
"For those expecting a campaign like 2012, they will be disappointed," Pence said.
"I have long believed that negative personal attacks have no place in public life and I hope our opponents feel the same way," he said. "But elections are about choices and Hoosiers deserve to know the records of those who would lead our state."
Of course, Pence didn't actually say he'd go "negative" – a word with a meaning that depends on which side of a campaign you're on. But it's a different attitude than he brought to the 2012 battle.

"If our opponents choose to talk about our record, we will return the favor," Pence said. "And we will make sure that the choice in this election is clear."
Highlighting an opponent's record can certainly stop short of the Arab commercial that got Pence so much flack back in 1990. But there's a fine line between simply talking about an opponent and setting a negative tone that turns off voters.
Former Gov. Mitch Daniels toed that line incredibly in his 2004 campaign. With happy music and by speaking straight to the camera, Daniels maintained credibility as a straight talker with a positive message while simultaneously attacking his opponent's record. Most voters never seemed to perceive the Daniels campaign as negative.
But that's an unusual accomplishment.
Already, some voters perceive Pence has been picking on state Superintendent Glenda Ritz, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, and gay Hoosiers, who oppose the controversial Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
An overly negative campaign could only reinforce those perceptions. But given his lower approval ratings, staying all positive all the time probably won't be enough to win.

## May jobs report shows decreasing unemployment rate

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INDIANAPOLIS — The May 2015 Indiana Employment Report shows that Indiana's unemployment rate is continuing to decrease, landing at 5.1 percent.
In May 2014, Indiana's unemployment rate was .3 percent lower than the national average of 6.3 percent. A year later, the Hoosier state has decreased even further.
These lower percentages seem to be the result of an increasing Hoosier labor force. In May alone, nearly 1,400 individuals acquired jobs in the state, adding to the 19,000 new Hoosier workers in the past year.
Since January 2013, Indiana's labor force has increased by 64,000, the second largest growth in the Midwest.
In a statement, Steven J. Braun, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, said that the new additions to Indiana's workforce are "remarkable."
The majority of the new jobs are in the Leisure and Hospitality, Trade, Transportation, Utilities and Manufacturing sectors.
In addition, according to the DWD, Indiana is also nearing a "record-level" of private sector employment.
Since January 2013, Indiana has added more than 119,000 private sector jobs. More recently, private sector employment has grown by 9,700 jobs within the past month.
Indiana is now 300 private sector jobs below the all-time peak of employment, which occurred in March of 2000.
Gov. Mike Pence released a statement on Friday and said that it "is clear that Indiana continues to grow stronger everyday."
However, John Zody, chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, would beg to differ.
In a response to Pence's statement, Zody said that "these numbers are deceiving" and accused Pence and his economy of not being transparent to Hoosier families.

"Mike Pence will sell May's jobs report as a state that is 'booming' and 'on the horizon' of breaking employment records," Zody said in a statement. "Of the jobs created in Indiana, the wage gap is still evident and growing."

New law: Teachers to be trained on recognizing dyslexia

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INDIANAPOLIS — Teachers across the state are going back to school this summer, but this time they'll be the students as they receive specialized training to help them learn how to identify students who may be suffering from dyslexia.

The new law, which goes into effect on July 1, also establishes a definition for dyslexia.

House Bill 1108 defines dyslexia as a neurological learning disability that:

- Creates difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition.
- Creates poor spelling and decoding abilities.
- May create problems with reading comprehension.

The law provides that teacher-training programs must offer courses for teachers on detecting the warning signs of dyslexia. Teachers will learn to identify the symptoms, and then refer the student to their school psychologist early on, rather than later.

As the father of a dyslexic child, Jason Struble, said that his family has been following this issue for a very long time.

"It's a long time overdue but it's a great step in the right direction to solving the problem of identifying children with dyslexia," said Struble.

Jordyn Struble was in second grade when her parents realized she was unable to read and write at a kindergarten level.

Through private searches, Struble said that he found a special tutor to help his daughter. Yet, for years the family didn't know what was clinically wrong. Two years later Jordyn was diagnosed with dyslexia.

Jack Binion tutored Jordyn, using special multi-sensory instruction. This helps to control the use of both sides of the brain.

"Multi-sensory—they feel it, they run their fingers over it, over the letters, they sky write it, they say it and sound it out, they write down what all the different letters sound like," said Binion.

Within a year, Jordyn's reading and writing skills improved significantly as a result of her special tutoring. Her improvement was so significant her schoolwork was nearly unrecognizable. She's also an honor roll student.

"The problem was getting the law into place that helps recognize it, identify it and then implement the education process that's needed so that all these kids don't fall through the cracks," said Struble.

Author of the bill, Rep. Woody Burton, R-Whiteland, said in a statement that dyslexia was previously not considered as a special need, despite the fact that one in five children have the disorder today.

"This is a way to identify it and get them the help they need. They're not stupid. These kids are smart," Burton said. "It's not a disease, they just learn differently, they see things differently."

New law: $100 tax credit for teachers

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By Max Bomber

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INDIANAPOLIS– The two-year budget crafted by the General Assembly earlier this year makes room for a $100 tax credit for Hoosier teachers.

The tax credit is way to give a little back to teachers for the classroom supplies they often provide using their own money. President of the Indiana State Teacher's Association (ISTA), Teresa Merecith, calls the credit "a start."

Meredith said the credit is greatly appreciated by teachers in Indiana. Meredith was was a teacher for more than 20 years before taking on the role as president of ISTA. On average, Meredith said teachers spend about $1,000 per year out of their own pockets for classroom supplies. Many teachers are spending their salary to buy everyday supplies such as pencils, glue and markers. She said that it's not uncommon for year y supplies to exceed that amount either.

"As a teacher I spent a lot of my own money," said Meredith "I used to keep a change of clothes for my students."

Meredith said while the new tax credit is appreciated, teachers would like to see greater funding for education overall. She saic the challenge to keep up with technology and training really ramped up with various cuts over the past several years.

On behalf of teachers of Indiana, "we appreciate it, it signifies that the government is thinking of educators," Merecith said.

The tax credit was originally a bill that stood on its own. House Bill 1005 was authored by Rep. Ben Smaltz, R-Auburn, and in its first draft gave a tax credit of $200 to teachers. HB 1005 passed the House but the bill was cut in the Senate and instead included in the state's two-year budget at half the amount.

Smaltz, whose mother was a teacher for more than 30 years, realizes the effort that teachers make trying to create a "special" environment.

"I was trying to get as much as I coulc get, I will try for more next year and I think that there is more to do for teachers," said Smaltz. "It's an issue, we need a mechanism that reimourses teachers for their expenses."

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**Governor Pence,**

Its always great to hear from you. We can provide any information to your staff, which is useful. We also have an Academic Study on the Economic Impact of Excellence Schools on housing prices, growth and family income, to be released July 15th. Also note the Nevada article about parental enthusiasm for this new law.

- ESA's can take several forms. NC uses a check to the school, which must be validated by the Parent for the NC Educational Scholarships. Dual Control but remains a small program.
- The Nevada law is universal, which is real school reform. The Public Schools will try to keep students in the school, which is positive as it will force change.
- My thought is the State should save money (big incentive for the Legislature), so I propose 75 % of normal state allocation per student. You can decide whats best for Ind.

## Parents can't curb ESA enthusiasm

The response from parents to my previous two columns on Nevada's groundbreaking Education Savings Accounts was overwhelming: Tell me more!How hungry are parents for information on the country's strongest school choice law? Imagine a line of construction workers and lumberjacks at an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, and you're getting close.For those new to the discussion, Gov. Brian Sandoval...

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http://spectator.org/articles/62949/nevada-esa%E2%80%99s-affirm-ultimate-right-parents-educate-children

Articles about Nevada, Mississippi, basic ESA info, why Republican candidates should vote ESAs, and Danielsen's basic argument for how school choice improves the local economy and why universal ESAs are the best route.

Atlanta lawyer and education advocate Glenn Delk on Nevada's ESA program: http://spectator.org/blog/62897/nevada-shows-way-education-savings-accounts

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant recently announced that MS plans to move forward with Educational Savings Account (ESA) legislation for special needs students. The program will increase options for parents of special needs students, providing funding for therapy, tuition, and tutoring, and following in the footsteps of Arizona and Florida. Many different ESA programs have been considered by a number of states, but all provide a voucher-like payment that is more convenient for parents to use and may even encourage greater cost savings. See link for more information: http://www.cato.org/blog/win-educational-choice-mississippi

Let me know how I can help.

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**Educational Savings Account (ESA)**

**Overview**

- **Funding that would usually be allocated to recipient's school district is deposited into a scholarship account, or ESA**
  - **Amount: 75% of normal allocation, saving the state and county 25% per student**
  - Funding issued as a joint check to a qualified private school and the scholarship recipient
- Parents must renew ESA each year
- Funds may roll over to the next year, until high school graduation
- ESA closed upon student's high school graduation. **Any extra funds return to the state and county.**

**ESA Eligibility**

- Available to any student entering kindergarten OR any student entering grades 1 through 12 and transferring from a public school
- Use ESA for tuition/fees at qualified private school that is officially registered with the state

**WHY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT SHOULD SUPPORT EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

1. **ESA'S ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE AMERICAN DREAM**

ESA's represent the best policy vehicle to give all Americans, not just those who can afford to buy a home in a "good" school district, or pay private school tuition, equal opportunities to achieve the American Dream. In today's 21st Century global competition for jobs, American families should be given the financial resources and freedom to choose the best educational fit for every child. This principle is especially true for America's low-income citizens who are denied access to the best teachers, best schools and a route to a career by our use of zip codes to determine access to schools.

2. **ESA'S ARE SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND**

Americans fundamentally believe in the inherent right of parents to make the best choices for their children with as little interference from the government as possible. By passing S.B. 302, Nevada's version of ESAs, the Republican-controlled legislature has, one of its members said, "set a new standard for school choice in our nation". If Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, as expected, signs the bill, then families all over America will legitimately ask—If Nevada trusts its parents to make the right choice, why can't my children have the same freedom and opportunity? As Assemblyman Ira Hansen said, when one of the bill's opponents questioned whether parents are skilled in making the right choices for curriculum and instruction: "I think we need to have more confidence in our parents…" Added Brent Jones: 'This session is not just about public education. It's about better education. School choice has been proven over and over."

SB 302 is simple in its key provisions:

- Parents will enter into an agreement with the Nevada State Treasurer
- Money is deposited into an education savings account to be spent on tuition, class fees, textbooks, etc.
- Low-income students receive 100% of the state funding; all others-90%
- Because local and federal funding will remain unchanged, those students who choose to remain in traditional public or public charter, schools, will receive more funding per student.

3. **ESAS , ALONG WITH ALL FORMS OF SCHOOL CHOICE, ARE FAVORED BY LARGE MAJORITIES**

Nearly every poll shows that, regardless of political persuasion, economic class or race, 2 of every 3 Americans support school choice. As Deborah Beck, a Democratic pollster put it in announcing the results of her January 2015 poll showing 70% support for the concept, said:

**"The poll clearly shows widespread support, among both political parties, for school choice. Any public official-or potential candidate for President-who ignores these numbers does so at their own peril."**

## 4. STATES WITH REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS HAVE OVER 300 VOTES IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

No one will argue that school choice, by itself, will win the Presidency for Republicans. However, @ 30 million children currently attend k-12 public schools in states controlled by Republicans, in addition to Nevada. Total state spending in those 30 states on k-12 education is @$150 billion, which means that all 30 states could adopt their own version of Nevada S.B. 302, giving all 30 million kids annual ESA's of $5000 each ,without touching the roughly $200 billion in federal and local spending on public education in those states.

When you combine state-authorized ESAs with Steve Moore's concept of converting most of the budget for the federal Department of Education into millions of ESAs for the poorest children, Republicans would have compelling arguments to appeal, not only to their base voters, but also to attract a larger share of the minority vote.

## 5. AS COMMON CORE DEMONSTRATES, NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PARENTS

Many so-called education experts have denounced the grass-roots opposition to the Common Core Standards. They have mistaken the opposition for objections to rigorous standards; in reality, parents want their children to achieve at the highest level. They simply don't want the government, whether local, state or federal, imposing those standards and curriculum on them.

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**Dr. Bart Danielsen, Associate Professor of Finance & Real Estate, NCSU**

**Middle class families vote with their feet when choosing schools**

- Known as spatial segregation: Wealthy end up in better assigned schools, poor end up in poorer assigned schools
- **Economic growth is inhibited in areas with failing schools**
  - Jobs and businesses disappear as wealthier people leave
  - Crime rises and social services decline
  - **Assignment-based schools produce income segregation and income inequality**

E.g., Nashville-Davidson County School District has 16% fewer 8 year olds than 3 year olds

- Families move to the suburbs: Williamson County School District has 34% more 8 year olds than 3 year olds

**To fix these problems, must attack the root causes**

- In assignment-based system, wealthy move to better schools
- In choice-based system, wealthy can have schools they want without moving
  - This creates and sustains jobs and increases economic vitality

**Economic models show that school choice reduces income segregation**

- If people can have the schools they want in less expensive neighborhoods, they have no need to move

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  - In Vermont, in the 90 rural districts with school choice programs, home prices are higher than those without school choice
- This is true in the US as well as in other countries
- Also found that **good schools prompt families to move closer to the school at a rate that exceeds what has been found in any other study that looks at job location**
- **Good schools are likely more important than good jobs in building a community**
  - Good schools draw good jobs

**To build economic growth, you must build good schools and school choice**

- Good school choice programs are critical to revitalizing distressed areas
- **Providing options for middle class families will reduce poverty, crime, income inequality, urban sprawl, air pollution, and construction costs**
  - Will increase economic development, job creation, skilled workforce

**GIVE ALL CHILDREN A FAIR SHOT AT ACHIEVING THE AMERICAN DREAM THRU EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS**

**BACKGROUND**

Within the last two weeks, the Nevada legislature passed SB. 302, establishing education savings accounts ("ESAs") and Gov. Brian Sandoval signed the bill into law, thereby making Nevada the first state in the country to offer universal school choice to Nevada's families and up to 500,000 children. We hope to make Georgia and North Carolina the second and third states to do so, thereby freeing another 3.2 million students to pursue their version of the American Dream.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and his Republican colleagues in the legislature took control of the governor's office and both houses for the first time since 1929 as a result of their election in November 2014. Within six months of taking office, they passed SB 302, showing the rest of the country that:

- School choice is a winner politically
- ESAs, as well as all forms of school choice, are favored by 70% of all Americans
- ESAs are consistent with the American Dream
- ESAs are clear, simple and easy to understand
- States with Republican control like Nevada have over 300 votes in the Electoral College, educating over 30 million students
- Republican-controlled states such as Georgia and North Carolina should move quickly to pass universal school choice through what we call "Education Freedom Accounts"
- These states should also lobby the Republican candidates for President to sign a pledge, agreeing to pass legislation within six month of taking office, establishing federal ESAs for the poorest children by converting the current federal education budget into $10,000 ESAs

We believe that Nevada's actions are just the beginning of a groundswell of similar legislation throughout the country. Arizona and Florida already have limited ESAs; Mississippi and Tennessee just past special needs ESAs. A liberal Democrat, Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, is leading a diverse coalition of more than 100 organizations pushing for passage of New York's version. Our political leaders are finally hearing the message from families all over America—the current system of a top-down, one size fits all, governmental monopoly over public education does not give all children an equal opportunity to achieve the American Dream.

**THE CAMPAIGN**

Glenn Delk of Atlanta, and Bob Luddy of Raleigh, had discussed, before Nevada's actions, a possible campaign to pass ESAs in their respective states. This memo outlines the initial thoughts on a campaign aimed at:

- Convincing one or both state legislatures to follow Nevada's example and pass state-funded ESAs
- Convincing the Republican candidates for President to sign a pledge to establish federal ESAs if elected

The campaign will include as many individuals and organization who wish to join the coalition, provided they all agree to coalesce around supporting one bill, allowing universal school choice through state-funded ESAs. Set out below is an outline of how the Georgia plan would work; North Carolina's effort should be similar.

**ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF PLAN**

1. Nevada's plan calls for poor students to get 100% of the state per pupil funding, with everyone else getting 90%. Estimated average is $5000 per student for as many as 500,000 students.
2. Georgia could set funding at $8000 for low income, and $7000 for everyone else. Assume the funds only came from annual state budget of $7.5 billion, although request would be made to federal government to allow Georgia's $2.3 billion in Title 1 money to be converted to ESA's for the poorest.
3. If only state funds were used, and we assume that 50% of the low-income students choose the ESA route, cost at $8000 each, for those 450,000 students, is $3.6 billion annually.
4. With remaining $3.9 billion, could create up to 550,000 ESAs of $7000 each for remaining students.
5. If # 3 and # 4 occurred, would leave 700,000 students attending traditional district-run schools. Exclusive of federal funds, would have $8 billion in local property tax funds, or $11,428 per student.
6. If a Republican President and Congress, in early 2017, were to approve converting federal Title 1 money into ESAs, then Georgia could offer additional 287,500 low-income students an ESA of $8000 each.
7. If # 6 occurred, then, between the combination of federal funds and state funds, Georgia could offer 737,500 low income kids an ESA of $8000 each, while providing as many as 550,000 ESAs of $7000 each to middle and upper-income students.
8. In the event that # 7 occurred, local school districts would need to educate only 412,500 kids, based on the current enrollment of 1.7 million. If local property taxes were maintained at the current level of $8 billion, conceivably, local districts would have **$19,417 to spend on each pupil.**
9. Assuming per pupil spending in local districts was reduced to **S12,000 each, or 50% higher than the most generous ESA**, the total amount of property taxes needed to sustain local districts would be @ $5 billion**, resulting in the largest property tax cut in the history of Georgia, $3 billion.**
10. The net result of all of these items would be:

- Georgia becomes the national leader in parental choice, while offering all families more equal opportunities and choices in education for each child
- Potentially, Georgia becomes the world leader in terms of an educational model for education providers—nearly $10 billion annually in revenue available to operators of private or charter schools, thus attracting the best and brightest.
- Gov. Deal would be known as the Georgia governor who completed Gov. Zell Miller's vision of giving "Hope" to all students, while also delivering the largest property tax cut in Georgia's history.
- All parents would have the ability and responsibility, for the first time, of owning their child's education, motivated to choose the highest quality education for each child at the lowest possible cost, since any savings roll-over to pay for college.

**STRATEGY**

**Build a broad coalition led by core group of**

- Georgia Public Policy Foundation
- Friedman Foundation
- Americans for Prosperity
- American Federation for Children
- Foundation for Excellence in Education
- Center for Opportunity
- Georgia Charter Schools Association
- Catholic Archdiocese
- Other religious leaders
- BAEO
- Students First
- Stand for Children
- Families for Excellent Schools
- Southern Association of Independent Schools
- Walton Family Foundation
- Georgia Chamber of Commerce
- Georgia Municipal Association
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Business Roundtable
- Atlanta Regional Commission
- Urban League
- 100 Black Men
- Atlanta Rotary
- Atlanta Committee for Progress
- Gates Foundation
- Broad Foundation

- Arnold Foundation
- Technology Association of Georgia
- Alt School funders
- Faith and Freedom Coalition

**Agree on one bill**

- Use Nevada S.B. 302 as model
- Combine Ga. H.B. 243 and S.B. 92

**Fund-raise**

We believe that each state campaign should contain two major elements, working side-by-side. First, an inside politics lobbying campaign would attempt to convince 8-10 key political leaders to support the legislation. Simultaneously, a targeted marketing campaign would aim to convince parents, especially low-income minority parents, of the need for them to become politically active on this issue.

- Individuals
- AFP
- Local Foundations
- Local Business
- National Foundations and Business

A very rough estimate of the costs of a campaign in each state, from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016, is $500,000.

**Execute**

- Goldwater study by August 15
- Attempt to secure support of Gov. Deal, Lt. Gov. Cagle, Speaker Ralston, Brooks Coleman, Jan Jones and Lindsey Tippins
- Raise issue's profile with Republican Presidential candidates with goal of getting questions asked at first Fox News debate
- Develop written pledge for candidates
- Build website and social messaging campaign
- Post-card size mailings to selected districts
- Lobby
- Speakers Bureau
- Free Media
- Official endorsement by Gov. and include in budget
- General Assembly
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# Nevada's Revolution

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Some elite and pricey private schools may be out of reach for ESA-funded kids. But most private schools will find ways to supplement financial aid for ESA kids.

This will force public schools to perform and be held accountable. That's what competition does: It drives

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Matt
I see where we didn't tweet our gay marraige statement

Understood

But shouldn't we post it on official Facebook?

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(40 ILCS 5/1-110.16 new)

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**Subject:** Fwd: June 2015 Employment Report
**Attachments:** June 2015 Employment Report.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Matt
I thought the unemployment numbers are coming out next Tuesday?

Let's be sure and tweet and celebrate the drop in unemployment below 5%.

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> Thank you.
>
> Cindy George
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> Indiana Department of Workforce Development
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**Indiana Department of Workforce Development**
**June 2015 Employment Report**

## Key Points

- Indiana's **June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by 0.2 to 4.9%.** Indiana's rate is down (-1.0%) from June 2014. The national rate was 5.3% in June. *(LAUS, a survey of approximately 1,000 Indiana households).*

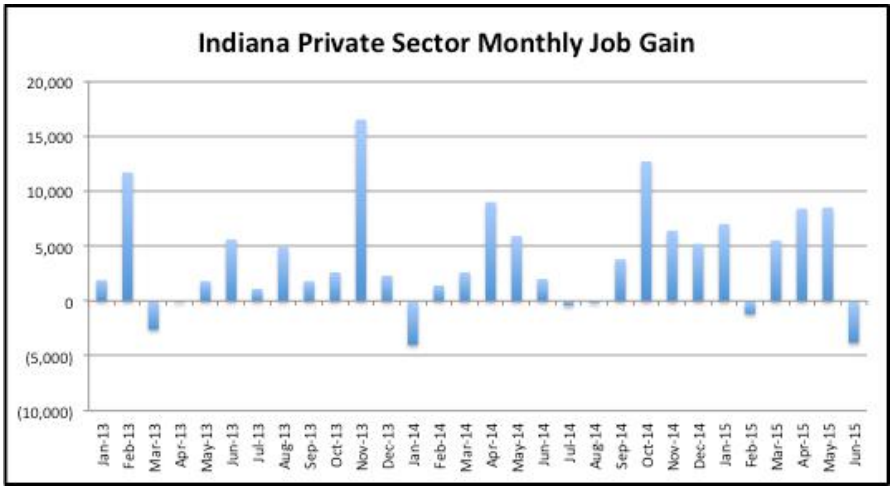
- The decline in the unemployment rate in June was similar to May's trend - driven by employment gains of 11,378 and unemployment declines of -9,152. This was an overall gain in the labor force of 2,226 over the month. Indiana's labor force participation rate remained unchanged at 63.3%, which remains above the US labor force participation rate of 62.6% in June (a decline of 0.3% over the month nationally). *(LAUS)*

- Indiana's labor force is up 16,726 over the year, and has gained 65,973 since January 2013. Indiana's labor force stands at 3,248,274. Indiana's unemployment is down by 107,904 since January 2013, which is a decline of (41%). *(LAUS)*

- Indiana's **private sector employment declined by 3,800 in June, (-0.1%)**. US private employment grew by 223,000 over the month, a rate of (0.2%). *(CES)*

- **Indiana private sector employment is up 51,900 from a year ago**, June 2014. This is annual growth of (2.0%). Nationally, private sector employment is up by 2.5% over the year. *(CES, a survey of approximately 5,000 Indiana employers)*

- Since January 2013 Indiana private employment has grown by 114,400 (4.6%). **Private sector monthly job growth has averaged about 3,900** over the last two years with 23 of 30 months showing positive job growth. *(CES)*




## Private Sector Jobs

- Key sectors showing **job increases** in June:
  - Manufacturing gained 1,600 and Leisure and Hospitality gained 1,300 in June.
  - Construction grew by 200 over the month.
- Key sectors showing **job decreases** in June:
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities drove the over the month losses, down by 3,600. There were also losses of 1,900 in other services, and other health and educational services sectors showed small declines and softness over the month.

| IN Employment Change Over the Month, Year-to-Date and Over the Year (seasonally adjusted) | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Industry | June 2014 | December 2014 | May 2015 | June 2015 | Month Change | Y-to-D Change | Y-to-Y Change |
| Private Educational & Health Services | 439.5 | 441.5 | 446.8 | 445.9 | -0.9 | 4.4 | 6.4 |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | 65.2 | 65.5 | 65.9 | 62.4 | -3.5 | -3.1 | -2.8 |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 374.3 | 376.0 | 380.9 | 383.5 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 9.2 |
| Manufacturing | 506.8 | 514.6 | 519.7 | 521.3 | 1.6 | 6.7 | 14.5 |
| Professional & Business Services | 320.1 | 328.2 | 323.8 | 323.9 | 0.1 | -4.3 | 3.8 |
| Financial Activities | 127.8 | 130.9 | 128.0 | 127.4 | -0.6 | -3.5 | -0.4 |
| Construction | 123.5 | 122.9 | 122.7 | 122.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 294.5 | 295.0 | 299.8 | 301.1 | 1.3 | 6.1 | 6.6 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 574.4 | 581.5 | 599.1 | 595.5 | -3.6 | 14.0 | 21.1 |
| *.....Trade* | 436.7 | 440.1 | 451.0 | 447.2 | -3.8 | 7.1 | 10.5 |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 137.7 | 141.4 | 148.1 | 148.3 | 0.2 | 6.9 | 10.6 |
| All Other | 168.8 | 168.3 | 171.2 | 169.3 | -1.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 2,555.4 | 2,582.9 | 2,611.1 | 2,607.3 | -3.8 | 24.4 | 51.9 |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 428.6 | 429.2 | 429.2 | 436.9 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.3 |
| Total Nonfarm | 2,984.0 | 3,012.1 | 3,040.3 | 3,044.2 | 3.9 | 32.1 | 60.2 |
| | | | | | | | |
| United States Total Private | 117,052.0 | 118,690.0 | 119,709.0 | 119,932.0 | 223.0 | 1,242.0 | 2,880.0 |

**Indiana and National Net Job Creation Comparison (000s)**

| IN Employment Change Compared to the U.S. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Industry | Indiana Month to Month | U.S. Month to Month | Indiana vs U.S. Change | Indiana Year-to-Date | U.S. Year-to-Date | Indiana vs U.S. Change | Indiana Year-to-Year | U.S. Year-to-Year | Indiana vs U.S. Change |
| Private Educational & Health Services | -0.2% | 0.2% | UNDER | 1.0% | 1.4% | UNDER | 1.5% | 2.7% | UNDER |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | -5.3% | -0.1% | UNDER | -4.7% | 0.4% | UNDER | -4.3% | 1.0% | UNDER |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 0.7% | 0.3% | OVER | 2.0% | 1.6% | OVER | 2.5% | 3.0% | UNDER |
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| Financial Activities | -0.5% | 0.2% | UNDER | -2.7% | 1.0% | UNDER | -0.3% | 2.0% | UNDER |
| Construction | 0.2% | 0.0% | OVER | 0.0% | 1.7% | UNDER | -0.5% | 4.2% | UNDER |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 0.4% | 0.1% | OVER | 2.1% | 1.2% | OVER | 2.2% | 2.9% | UNDER |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -0.6% | 0.2% | UNDER | 2.4% | 0.9% | OVER | 3.7% | 2.0% | OVER |
| *.....Trade* | -0.8% | 0.2% | UNDER | 1.6% | 0.9% | OVER | 2.4% | 1.8% | OVER |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utils* | 0.1% | 0.3% | UNDER | 4.9% | 0.8% | OVER | 7.7% | 3.1% | OVER |
| All Other | -1.1% | 0.2% | UNDER | 0.6% | 0.0% | OVER | 0.3% | 1.0% | UNDER |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | -0.1% | 0.2% | UNDER | 0.9% | 1.0% | UNDER | 2.0% | 2.5% | UNDER |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 1.8% | 0.0% | OVER | 1.8% | 0.0% | OVER | 1.9% | 0.3% | OVER |
| Total Nonfarm | 0.1% | 0.2% | UNDER | 1.1% | 0.9% | OVER | 2.0% | 2.1% | UNDER |

Indiana gains in Manufacturing are outpacing the national average for all three time frames, over the month, over the year and year to date. Gains in many other sectors are softer than the national trend over the year and over the month. Trade remains strong over the year, yet showed softness for Indiana in June. Construction shows the most significant lag over the year, compared to the national trends.

## Indiana Job Creation (Number Change in 000's) since Peak and Trough

IN Statewide Estimates (seasonally adjusted) -- June 2015

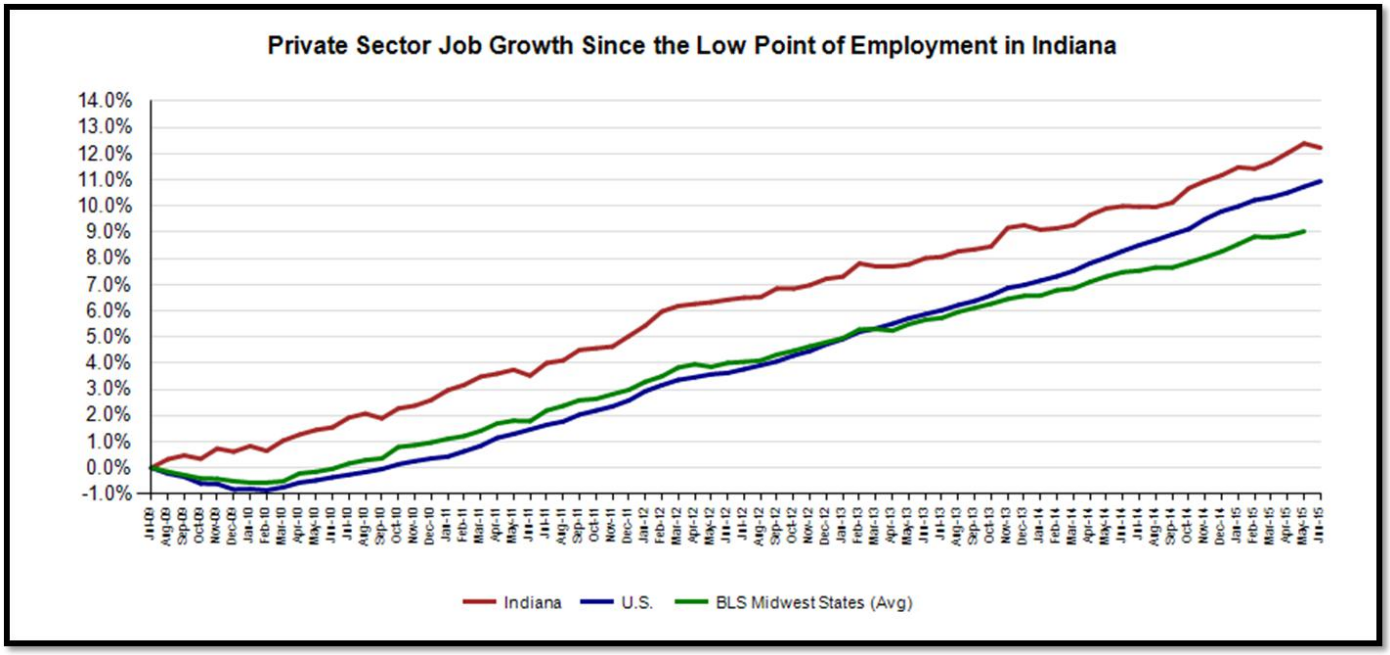
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| *.....Private Educational Services* | 52.2 | 63.3 | 65.9 | 62.4 | 10.2 | -0.9 | -3.5 |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 277.9 | 347.8 | 380.9 | 383.5 | 105.6 | 35.7 | 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 671.1 | 427.9 | 519.7 | 521.3 | -149.8 | 93.4 | 1.6 |
| Professional & Business Services | 260.5 | 255.9 | 323.8 | 323.9 | 63.4 | 68.0 | 0.1 |
| Financial Activities | 145.7 | 130.7 | 128.0 | 127.4 | -18.3 | -3.3 | -0.6 |
| Construction | 154.1 | 116.5 | 122.7 | 122.9 | -31.2 | 6.4 | 0.2 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 267.2 | 276.8 | 299.8 | 301.1 | 33.9 | 24.3 | 1.3 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 617.5 | 545.7 | 599.1 | 595.5 | -22.0 | 49.8 | -3.6 |
| *.....Trade* | 485.1 | 421.6 | 451.0 | 447.2 | -37.9 | 25.6 | -3.8 |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 132.4 | 124.1 | 148.1 | 148.3 | 15.9 | 24.2 | 0.2 |
| All Other | 166.4 | 158.6 | 171.2 | 169.3 | 2.9 | 10.7 | -1.9 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 2,612.6 | 2,323.2 | 2,611.1 | 2,607.3 | -5.3 | 284.1 | -3.8 |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 404.6 | 434.5 | 429.2 | 436.9 | 32.3 | 2.4 | 7.7 |
| Total Nonfarm | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,040.3 | 3,044.2 | 27.0 | 286.5 | 3.9 |
| | | | | | | | |
| United States Total Private | 110,873.0 | 108,098.0 | 119,709.0 | 119,932.0 | 9,059.0 | 11,834.0 | 223.0 |

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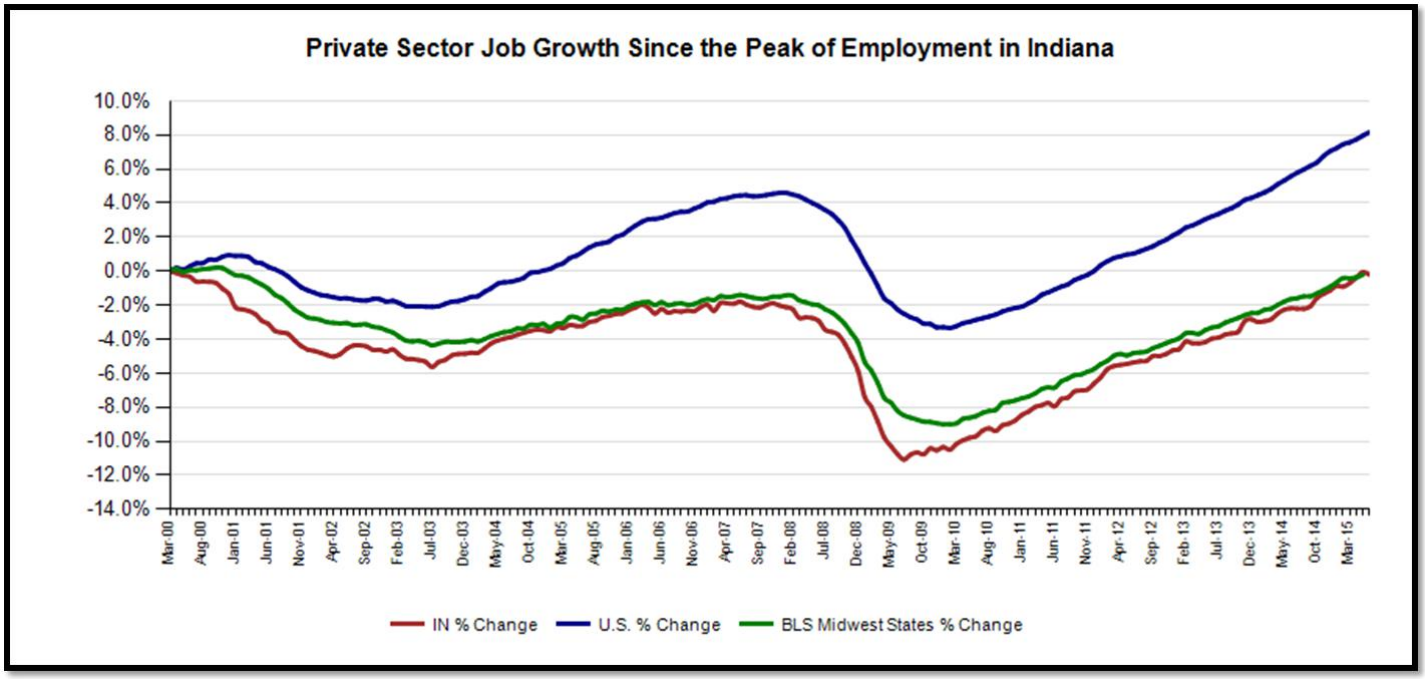
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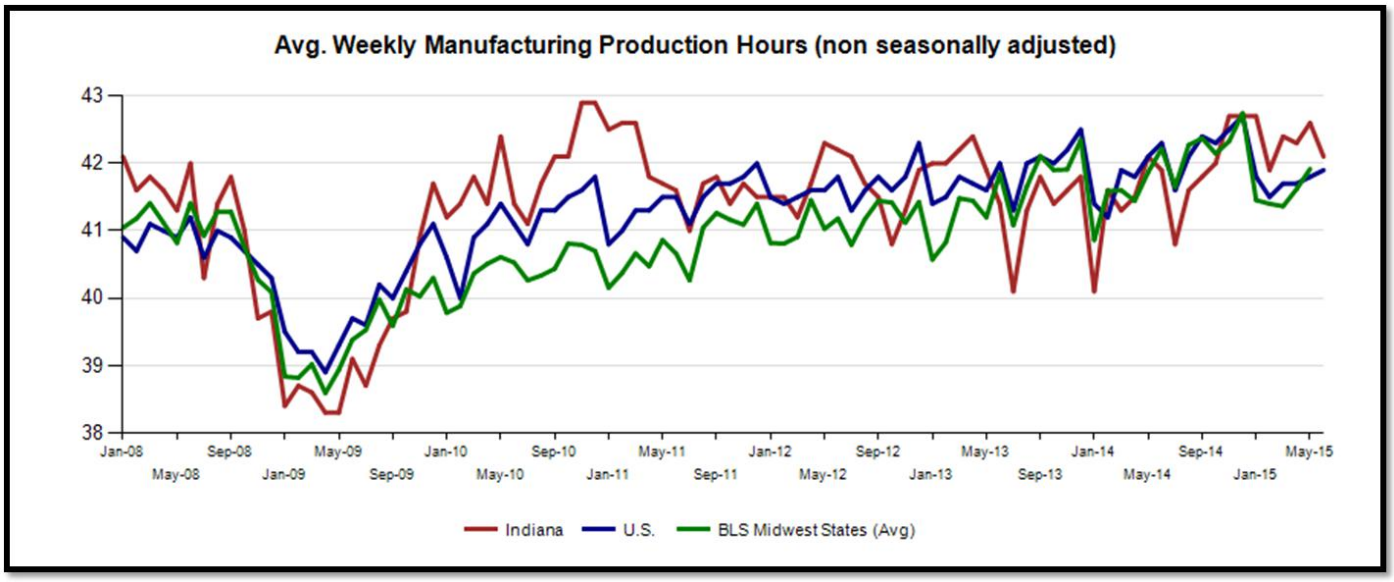



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Since Indiana's high point of employment (March 2000), private sector employment growth in Indiana has lagged the U.S. (-0.2% vs. 8.2%).

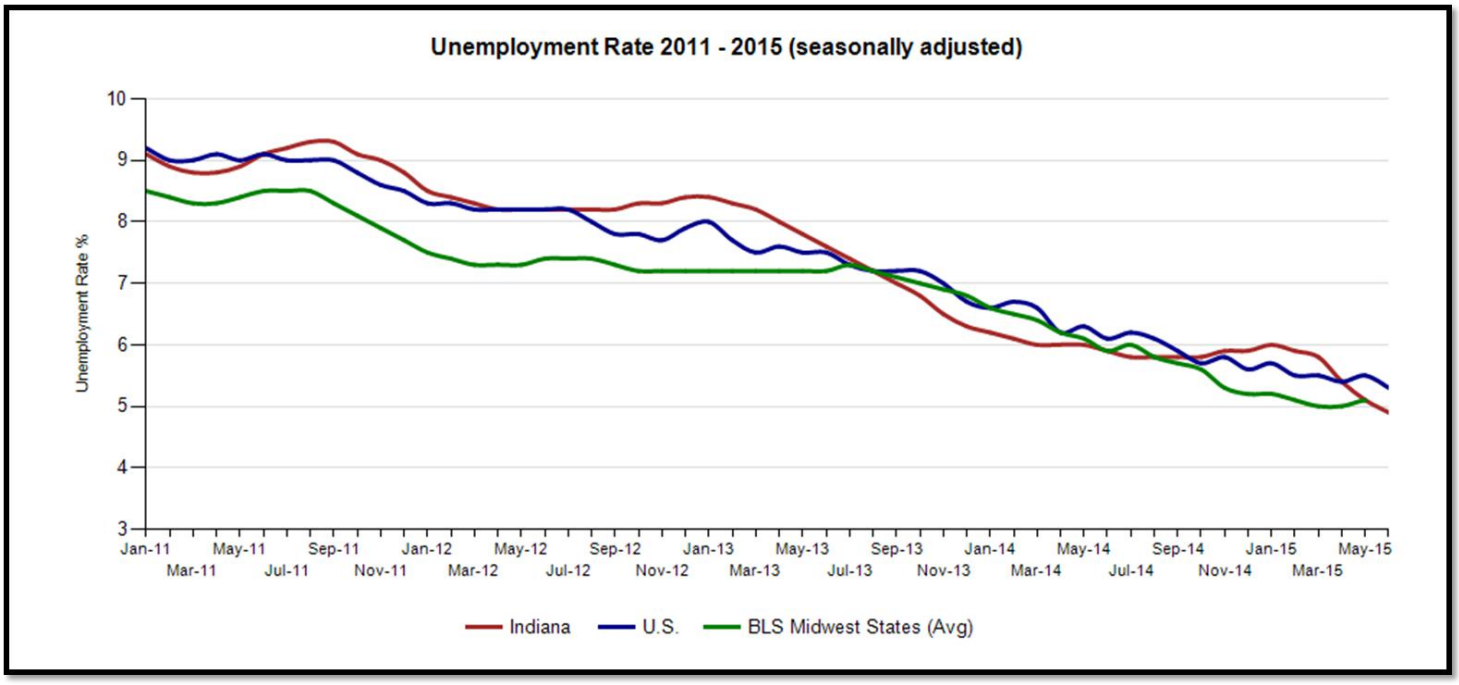
## Production Worker Hours




- Average weekly hours for Indiana manufacturing workers declined by 0.5 to 42.1 in June. Nationally, average weekly hours were 41.9 (increase of 0.1). Hours above 42.0 weekly are considered a positive economic indicator as employers typically cut hours before jobs. *(CES)*

## Unemployment Rate

- Indiana's rate declined to 4.9% in June. Lower than that national rate, yet slightly higher than the broader Midwest state average, when considering the low unemployment rates in the Dakotas and Nebraska.



## Neighboring Midwestern Unemployment Rates – Seasonally Adjusted

| | June 2014 | May 2015 | June 2015 | Monthly change | Yearly change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 5.9% | 5.1% | 4.9% | -0.2% | -1.0% |
| U.S. | 6.1% | 5.5% | 5.3% | -0.2% | -0.8% |
| Illinois | 6.9% | 6.0% | | | |
| Kentucky | 6.5% | 5.2% | 5.1% | -0.1% | -1.4% |
| Michigan | 7.1% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 0.0% | -1.6% |
| Ohio | 5.6% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 0.0% | -0.4% |

Indiana's unemployment rate declined to 4.9% in June. Michigan stands unchanged at 5.5%. Ohio's rate was also unchanged at 5.2%. Kentucky's rate is 5.1%. The rate in Illinois is unreported prior to official release. Indiana's rate is below the rates of the US and our neighboring states. Most of the monthly movement in LAUS rates were not significant this month.

## CES/LAUS Point in Time Comparison – Seasonally Adjusted

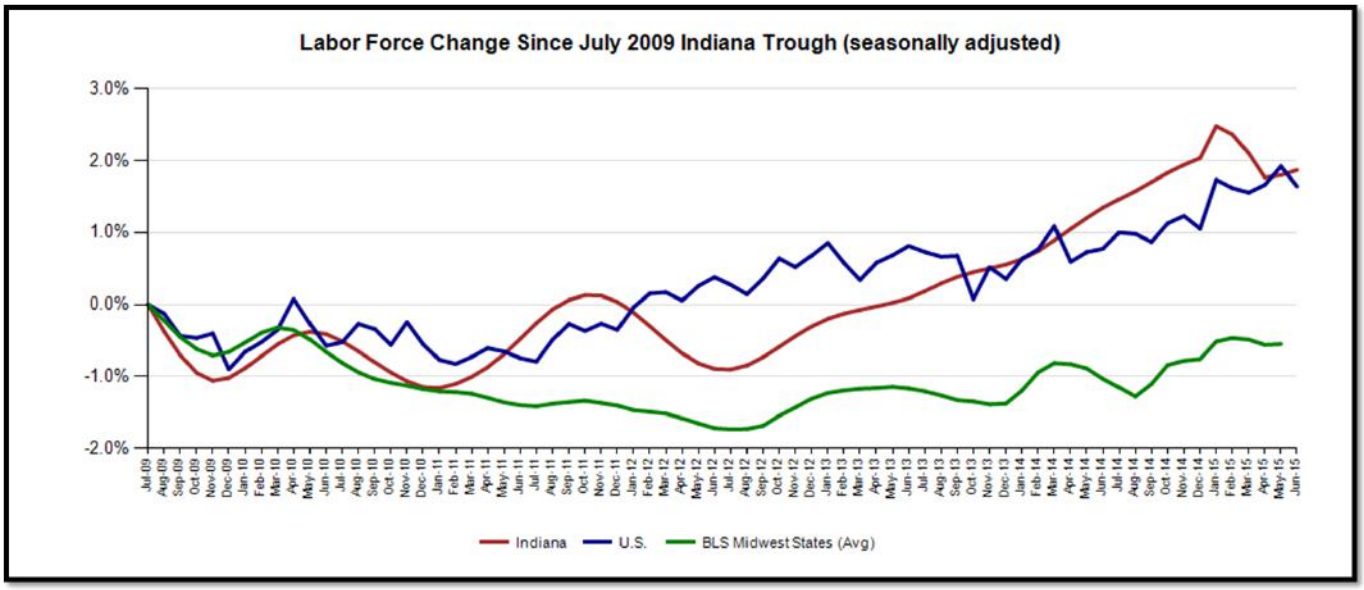
Current Employment Statistics (CES) and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Point in Time Comparison

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| CES Employed | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,040.3 | 3,044.2 | 27.0 | 286.5 | 3.9 |
| LAUS Employed | 3,039.1 | 2,847.9 | 3,079.0 | 3,090.4 | 51.3 | 242.5 | 11.4 |
| LAUS Unemployed | 102.9 | 340.8 | 167.0 | 157.9 | 55.0 | -182.9 | -9.2 |
| Labor Force | 3,142.1 | 3,188.7 | 3,246.0 | 3,248.3 | 106.2 | 59.6 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 10.7 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 1.6 | -5.8 | -0.2 |

LAUS unemployed estimates declined by 9,152 over the month. With employment gains of 11,378, this led to a slight increase of 2,226 in the labor force overall. Both series are moving in the same direction with employment gains in June when including Total Nonfarm. CES total nonfarm payroll employment showed gains of 3,900 over the month.

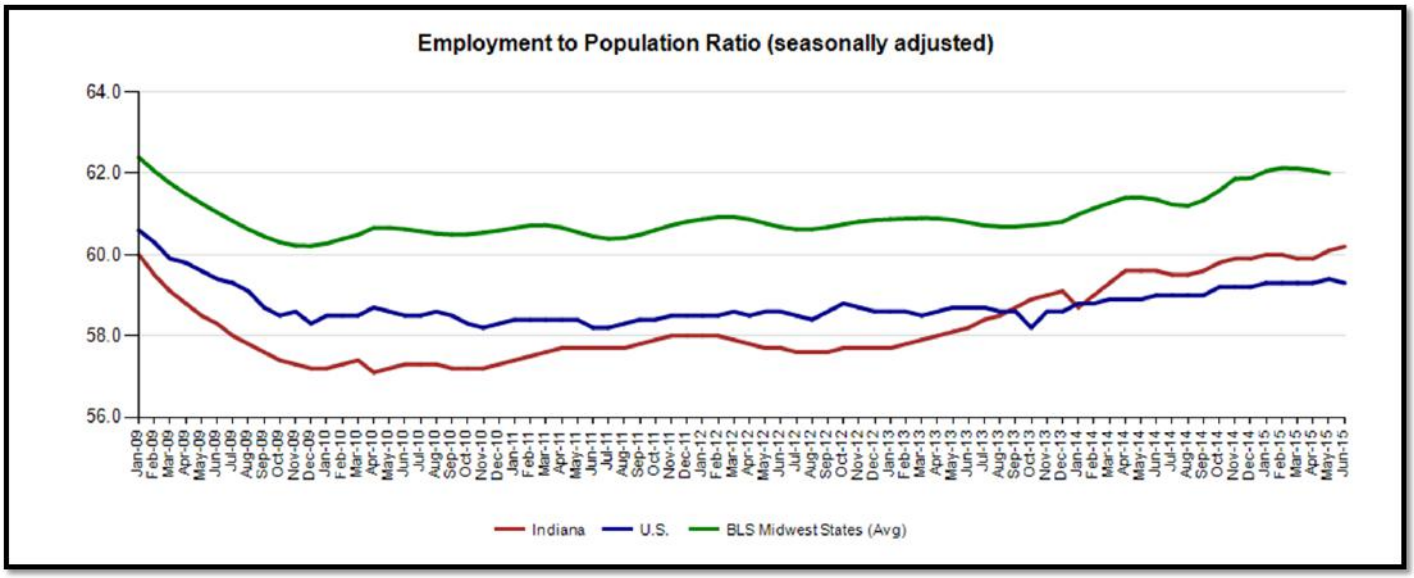
## Labor Force




Indiana's labor force has grown 1.9% since the trough, with the US Labor Force growing 1.6% over this time frame. Indiana's labor force has increased by 65,973 since January 2013 (2.1%).

## Employment to Population Ratio

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**June 2015 Employment Report**

## Key Points

- Indiana's **June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by 0.2 to 4.9%.** Indiana's rate is down (-1.0%) from June 2014. The national rate was 5.3% in June. *(LAUS, a survey of approximately 1,000 Indiana households).*

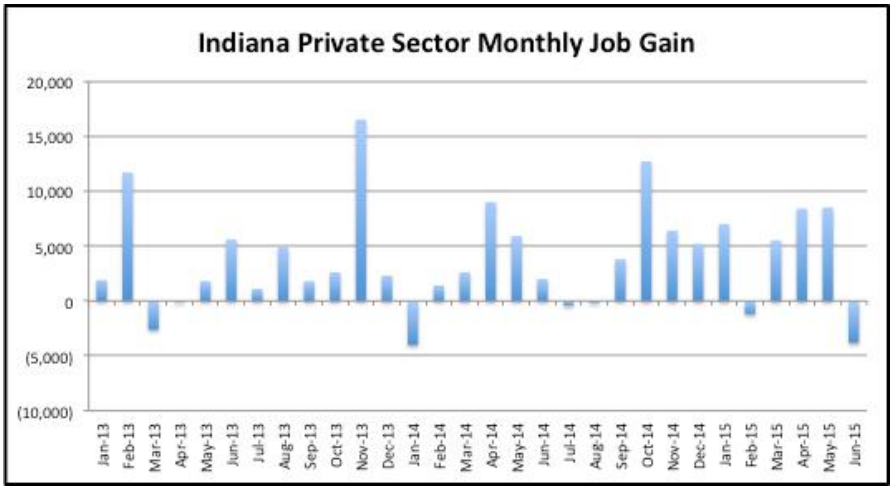
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- **Indiana private sector employment is up 51,900 from a year ago**, June 2014. This is annual growth of (2.0%). Nationally, private sector employment is up by 2.5% over the year. *(CES, a survey of approximately 5,000 Indiana employers)*

- Since January 2013 Indiana private employment has grown by 114,400 (4.6%). **Private sector monthly job growth has averaged about 3,900** over the last two years with 23 of 30 months showing positive job growth. *(CES)*




## Private Sector Jobs

- Key sectors showing **job increases** in June:
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  - Construction grew by 200 over the month.
- Key sectors showing **job decreases** in June:
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities drove the over the month losses, down by 3,600. There were also losses of 1,900 in other services, and other health and educational services sectors showed small declines and softness over the month.

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| Total Nonfarm | 2,984.0 | 3,012.1 | 3,040.3 | 3,044.2 | 3.9 | 32.1 | 60.2 |
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| United States Total Private | 117,052.0 | 118,690.0 | 119,709.0 | 119,932.0 | 223.0 | 1,242.0 | 2,880.0 |

**Indiana and National Net Job Creation Comparison (000s)**

| IN Employment Change Compared to the U.S. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Industry | Indiana Month to Month | U.S. Month to Month | Indiana vs U.S. Change | Indiana Year-to-Date | U.S. Year-to-Date | Indiana vs U.S. Change | Indiana Year-to-Year | U.S. Year-to-Year | Indiana vs U.S. Change |
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| *.....Private Educational Services* | -5.3% | -0.1% | UNDER | -4.7% | 0.4% | UNDER | -4.3% | 1.0% | UNDER |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 0.7% | 0.3% | OVER | 2.0% | 1.6% | OVER | 2.5% | 3.0% | UNDER |
| Manufacturing | 0.3% | 0.0% | OVER | 1.3% | 0.3% | OVER | 2.9% | 1.3% | OVER |
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| Leisure and Hospitality | 0.4% | 0.1% | OVER | 2.1% | 1.2% | OVER | 2.2% | 2.9% | UNDER |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | -0.6% | 0.2% | UNDER | 2.4% | 0.9% | OVER | 3.7% | 2.0% | OVER |
| *.....Trade* | -0.8% | 0.2% | UNDER | 1.6% | 0.9% | OVER | 2.4% | 1.8% | OVER |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utils* | 0.1% | 0.3% | UNDER | 4.9% | 0.8% | OVER | 7.7% | 3.1% | OVER |
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| Total Private | -0.1% | 0.2% | UNDER | 0.9% | 1.0% | UNDER | 2.0% | 2.5% | UNDER |
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Indiana gains in Manufacturing are outpacing the national average for all three time frames, over the month, over the year and year to date. Gains in many other sectors are softer than the national trend over the year and over the month. Trade remains strong over the year, yet showed softness for Indiana in June. Construction shows the most significant lag over the year, compared to the national trends.

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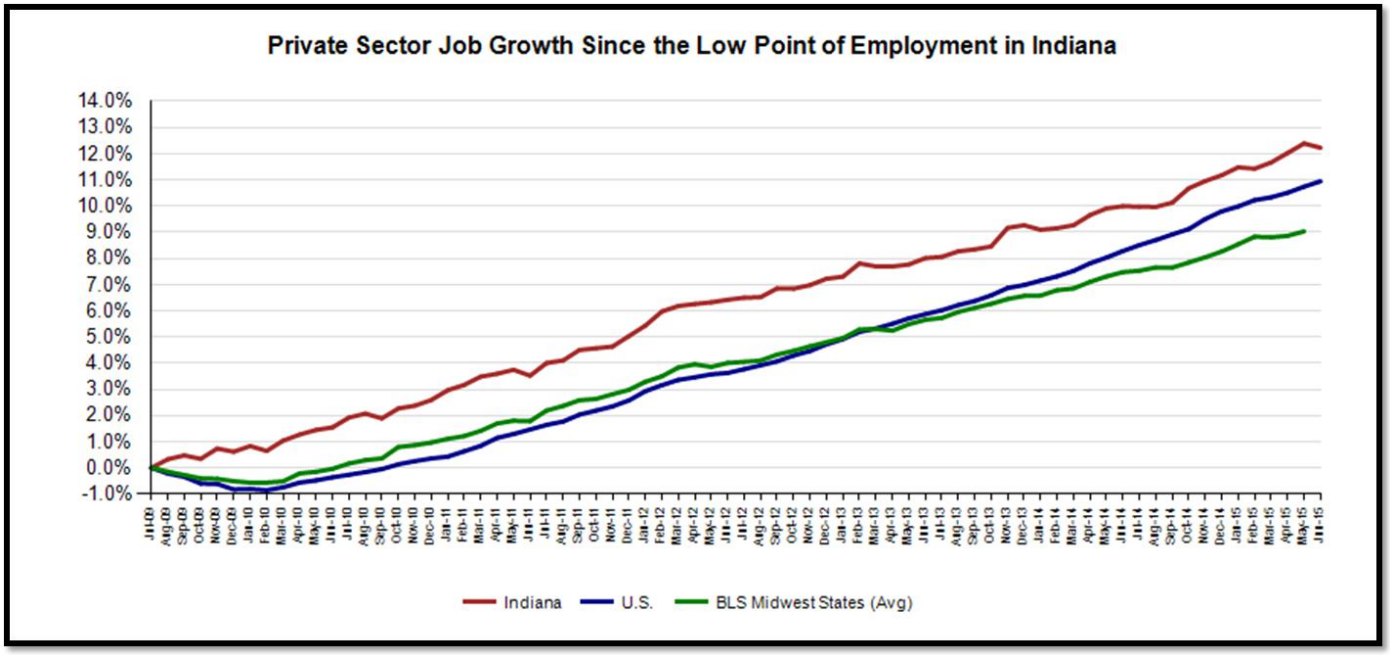
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| Professional & Business Services | 260.5 | 255.9 | 323.8 | 323.9 | 63.4 | 68.0 | 0.1 |
| Financial Activities | 145.7 | 130.7 | 128.0 | 127.4 | -18.3 | -3.3 | -0.6 |
| Construction | 154.1 | 116.5 | 122.7 | 122.9 | -31.2 | 6.4 | 0.2 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 267.2 | 276.8 | 299.8 | 301.1 | 33.9 | 24.3 | 1.3 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 617.5 | 545.7 | 599.1 | 595.5 | -22.0 | 49.8 | -3.6 |
| *.....Trade* | 485.1 | 421.6 | 451.0 | 447.2 | -37.9 | 25.6 | -3.8 |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 132.4 | 124.1 | 148.1 | 148.3 | 15.9 | 24.2 | 0.2 |
| All Other | 166.4 | 158.6 | 171.2 | 169.3 | 2.9 | 10.7 | -1.9 |
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| Total Private | 2,612.6 | 2,323.2 | 2,611.1 | 2,607.3 | -5.3 | 284.1 | -3.8 |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 404.6 | 434.5 | 429.2 | 436.9 | 32.3 | 2.4 | 7.7 |
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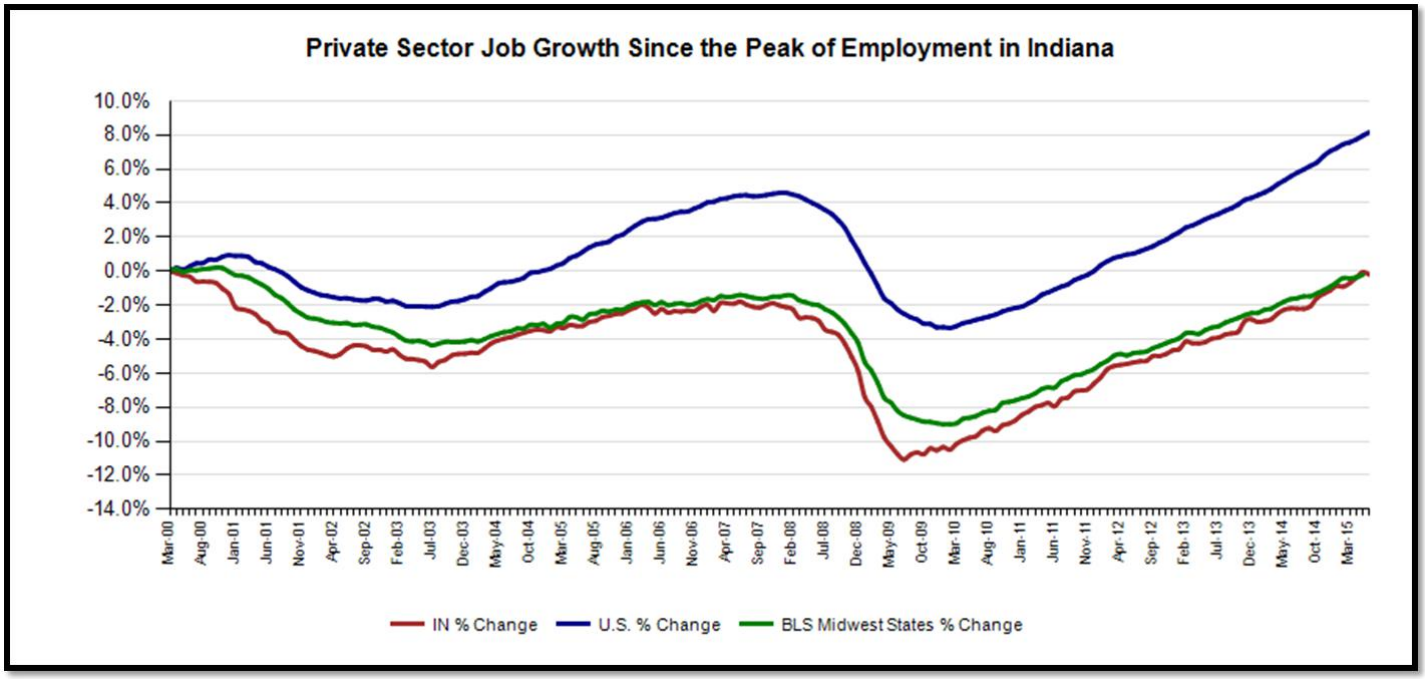
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**Private Sector Growth – IN %**

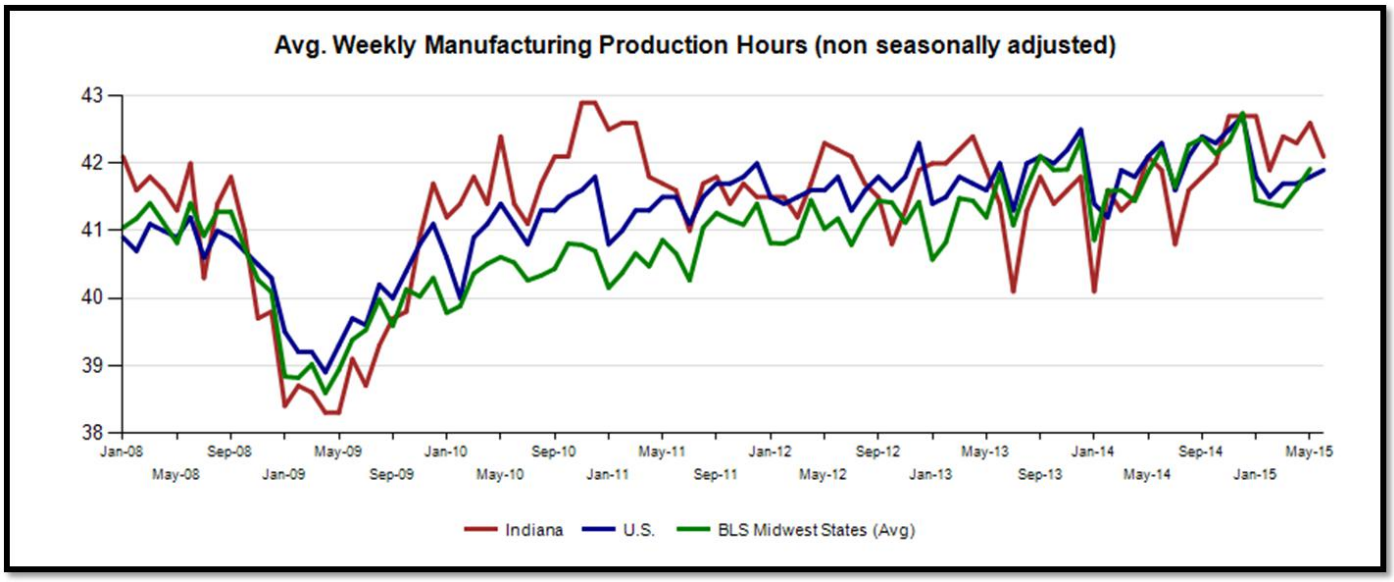



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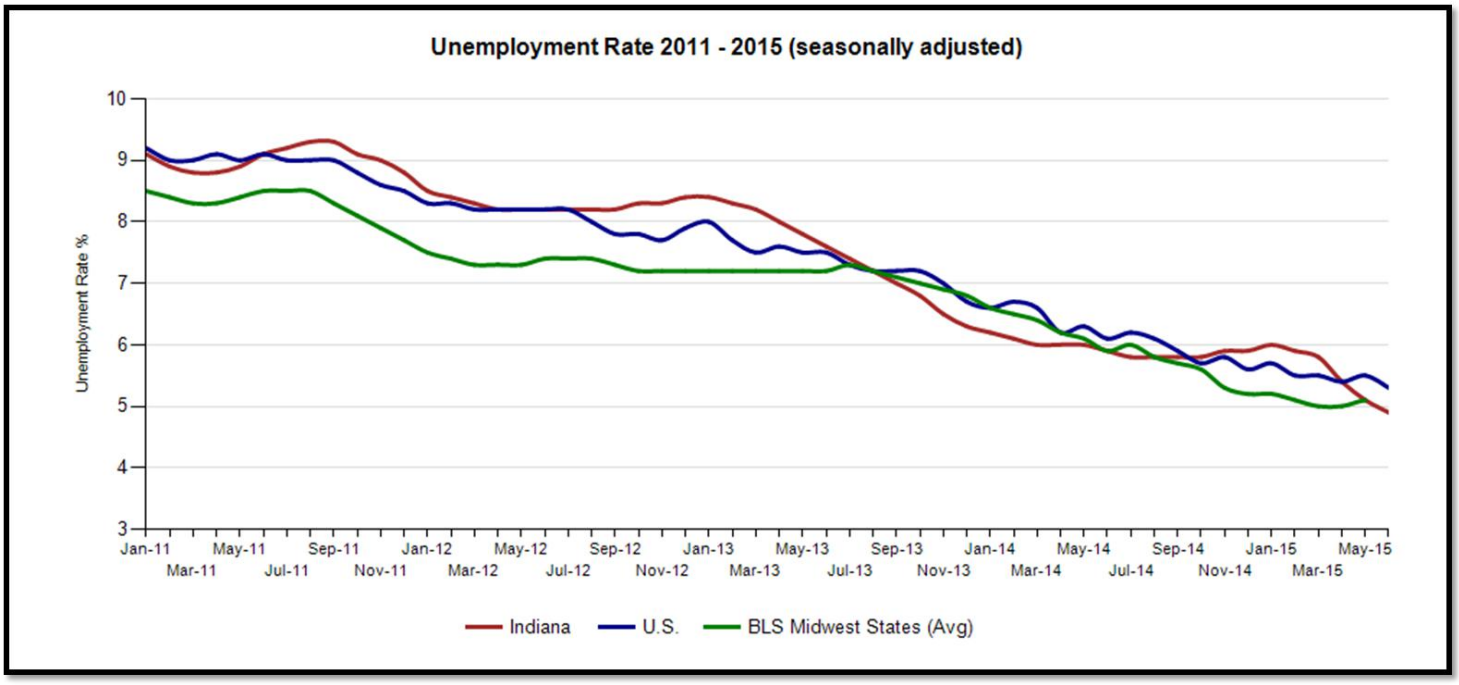
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## Unemployment Rate

- Indiana's rate declined to 4.9% in June. Lower than that national rate, yet slightly higher than the broader Midwest state average, when considering the low unemployment rates in the Dakotas and Nebraska.



## Neighboring Midwestern Unemployment Rates – Seasonally Adjusted

| | June 2014 | May 2015 | June 2015 | Monthly change | Yearly change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 5.9% | 5.1% | 4.9% | -0.2% | -1.0% |
| U.S. | 6.1% | 5.5% | 5.3% | -0.2% | -0.8% |
| Illinois | 6.9% | 6.0% | | | |
| Kentucky | 6.5% | 5.2% | 5.1% | -0.1% | -1.4% |
| Michigan | 7.1% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 0.0% | -1.6% |
| Ohio | 5.6% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 0.0% | -0.4% |

Indiana's unemployment rate declined to 4.9% in June. Michigan stands unchanged at 5.5%. Ohio's rate was also unchanged at 5.2%. Kentucky's rate is 5.1%. The rate in Illinois is unreported prior to official release. Indiana's rate is below the rates of the US and our neighboring states. Most of the monthly movement in LAUS rates were not significant this month.

## CES/LAUS Point in Time Comparison – Seasonally Adjusted

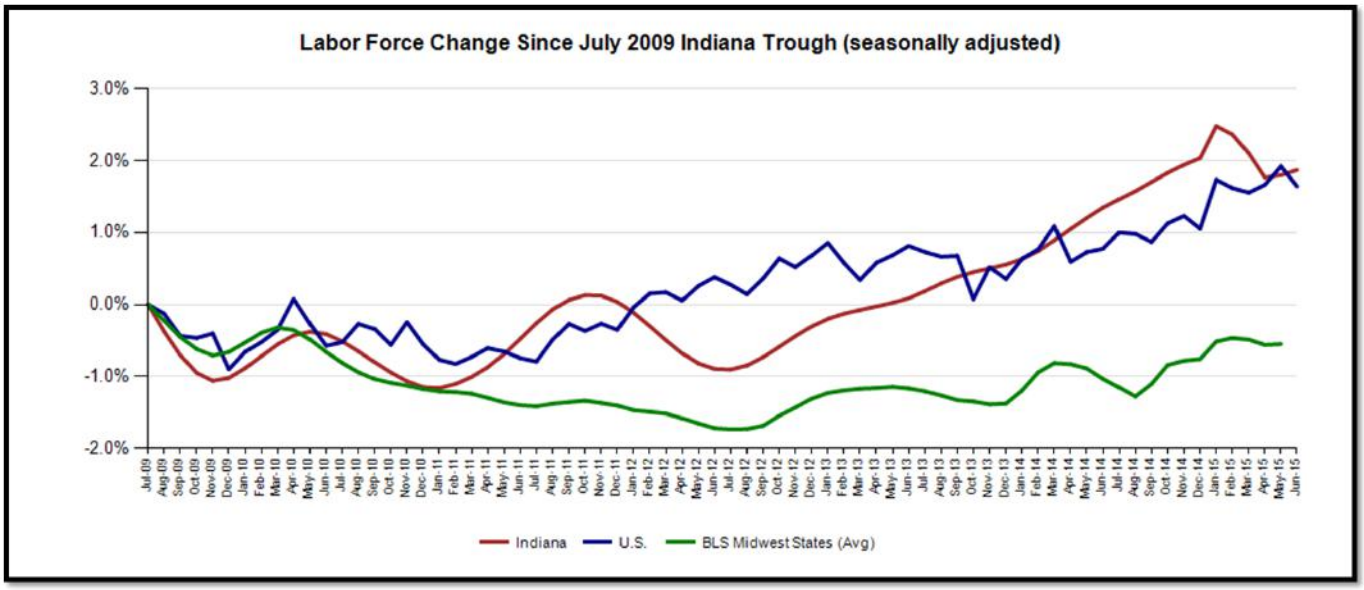
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| LAUS Unemployed | 102.9 | 340.8 | 167.0 | 157.9 | 55.0 | -182.9 | -9.2 |
| Labor Force | 3,142.1 | 3,188.7 | 3,246.0 | 3,248.3 | 106.2 | 59.6 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 10.7 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 1.6 | -5.8 | -0.2 |

LAUS unemployed estimates declined by 9,152 over the month. With employment gains of 11,378, this led to a slight increase of 2,226 in the labor force overall. Both series are moving in the same direction with employment gains in June when including Total Nonfarm. CES total nonfarm payroll employment showed gains of 3,900 over the month.

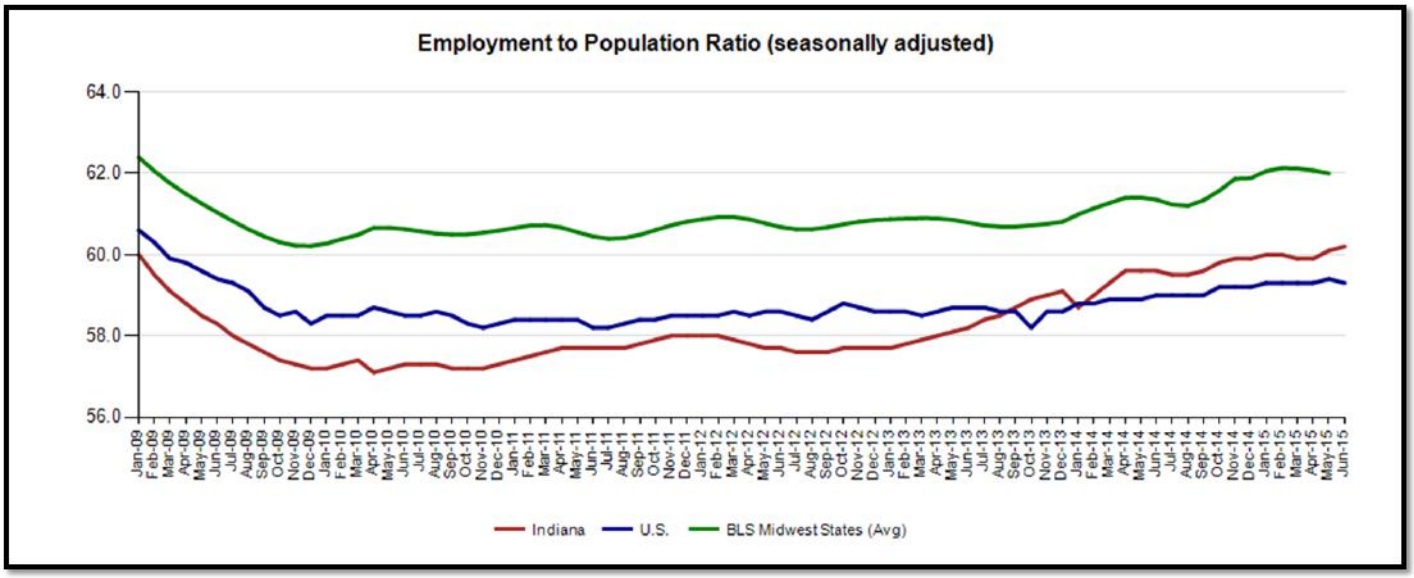
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**May 2015 Employment Report**

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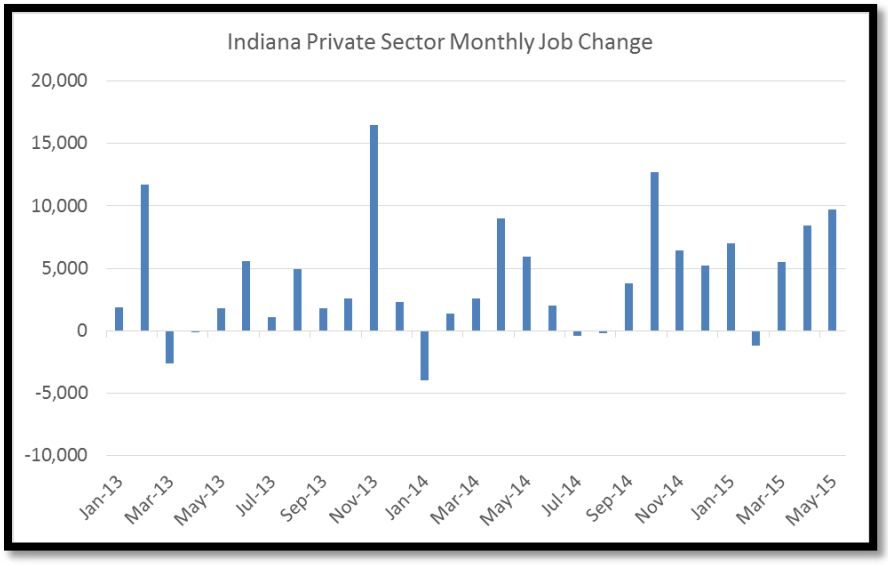
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## Private Sector Jobs

- Key sectors showing **job increases** in May:
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| Construction | 0.0% | 0.3% | UNDER | -0.4% | 1.8% | UNDER | -0.1% | 4.5% | UNDER |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 1.0% | 0.4% | OVER | 1.9% | 1.1% | OVER | 2.5% | 3.0% | UNDER |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 0.4% | 0.2% | OVER | 3.0% | 0.7% | OVER | 4.4% | 2.1% | OVER |
| *.....Trade* | 0.4% | 0.2% | OVER | 2.5% | 0.8% | OVER | 3.4% | 1.9% | OVER |
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| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 0.3% | 0.1% | OVER | 0.3% | 0.2% | OVER | 0.9% | 0.5% | OVER |
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Indiana gains in Manufacturing, and in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (TTU) are outpacing the national average for all three time frames, over the month, over the year and year to date. Gains in many other sectors are softer than the national trend over the year. Construction employment levels are still flat over the year in Indiana, the only sector not showing increases over this time frame.

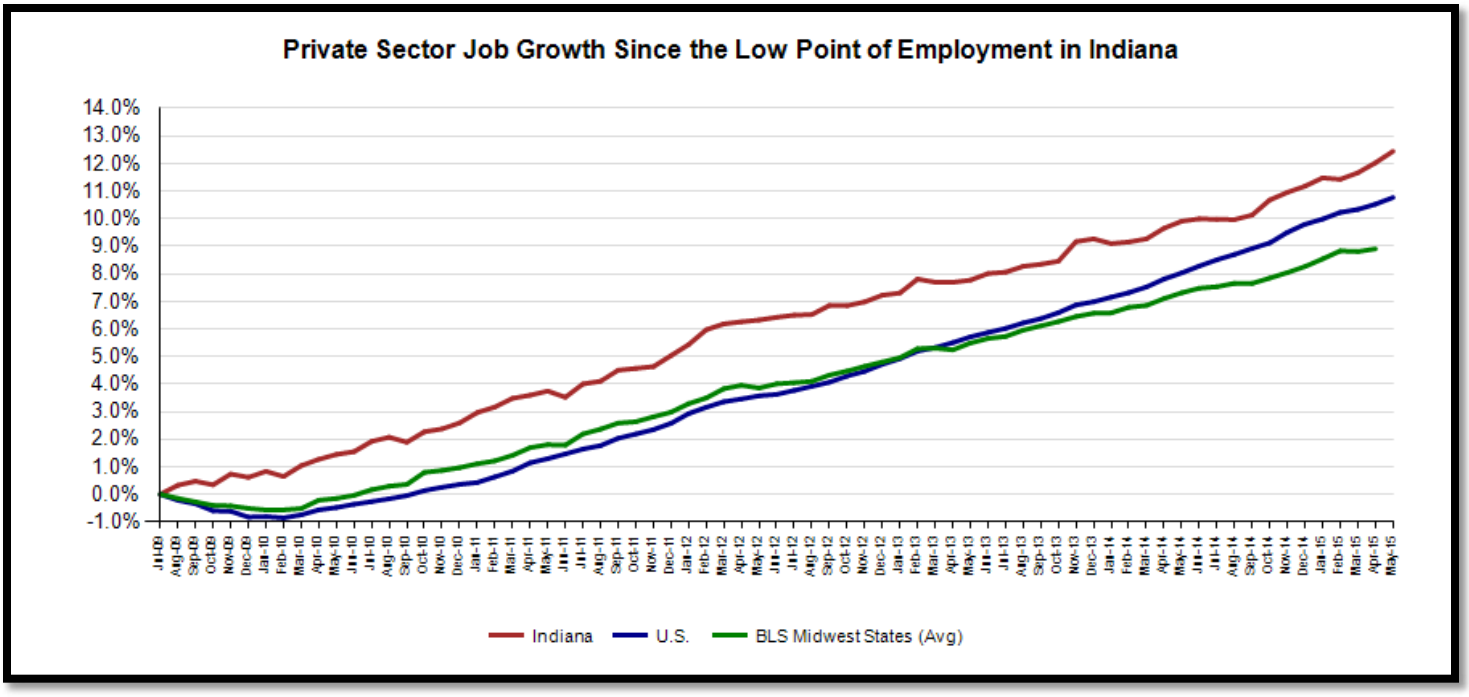
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| IN Statewide Estimates (seasonally adjusted) -- May 2015 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Private Educational & Health Services | 330.1 | 411.1 | 446.2 | 447.1 | 117.0 | 36.0 | 0.9 |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | 52.2 | 63.3 | 66.4 | 66.1 | 13.9 | 2.8 | -0.3 |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 277.9 | 347.8 | 379.8 | 381.0 | 103.1 | 33.2 | 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 671.1 | 427.9 | 517.6 | 519.6 | -151.5 | 91.7 | 2.0 |
| Professional & Business Services | 260.5 | 255.9 | 322.7 | 323.8 | 63.3 | 67.9 | 1.1 |
| Financial Activities | 145.7 | 130.7 | 129.5 | 129.0 | -16.7 | -1.7 | -0.5 |
| Construction | 154.1 | 116.5 | 122.4 | 122.4 | -31.7 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 267.2 | 276.8 | 297.6 | 300.7 | 33.5 | 23.9 | 3.1 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 617.5 | 545.7 | 596.4 | 598.9 | -18.6 | 53.2 | 2.5 |
| *.....Trade* | 485.1 | 421.6 | 449.2 | 450.9 | -34.2 | 29.3 | 1.7 |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 132.4 | 124.1 | 147.2 | 148.0 | 15.6 | 23.9 | 0.8 |
| All Other | 166.4 | 158.6 | 170.2 | 170.8 | 4.4 | 12.2 | 0.6 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 2,612.6 | 2,323.2 | 2,602.6 | 2,612.3 | -0.3 | 289.1 | 9.7 |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 404.6 | 434.5 | 429.4 | 430.5 | 25.9 | -4.0 | 1.1 |
| Total Nonfarm | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,032.0 | 3,042.8 | 25.6 | 285.1 | 10.8 |
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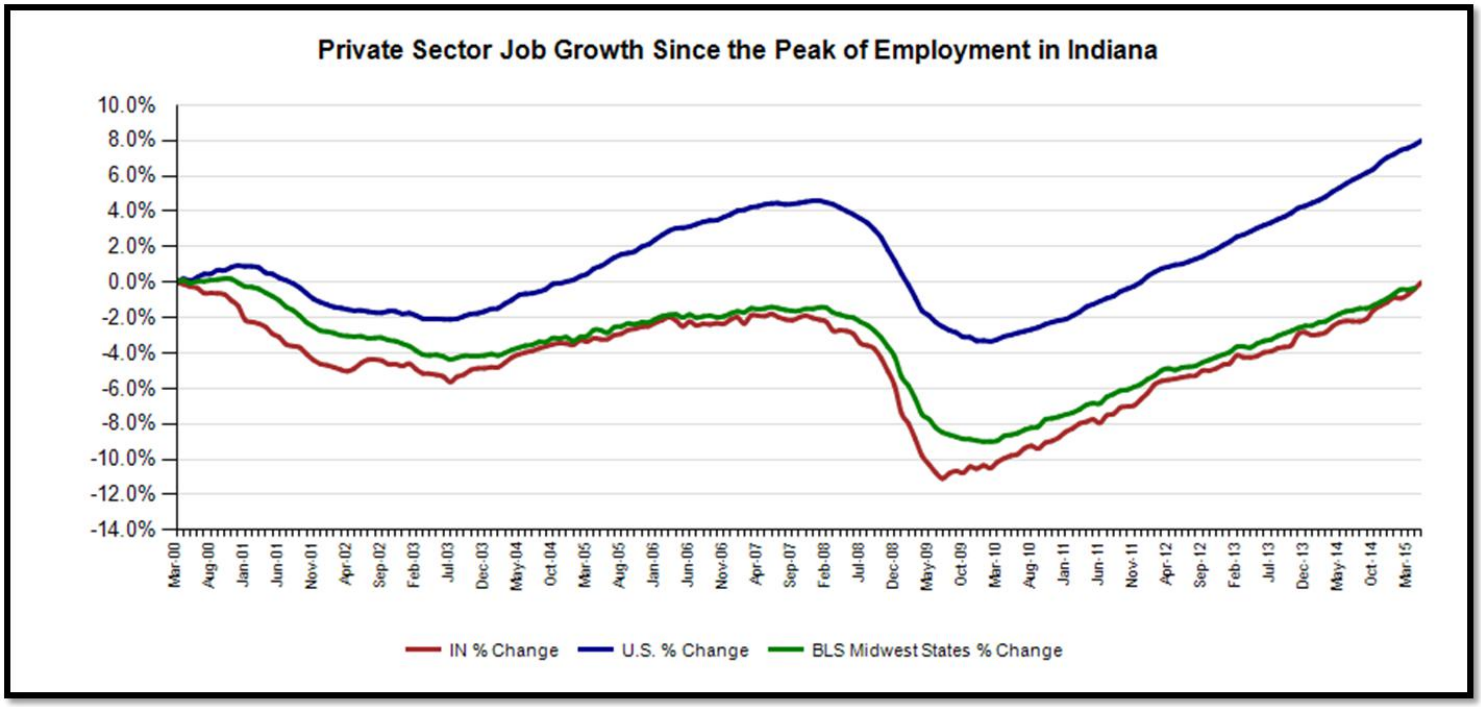
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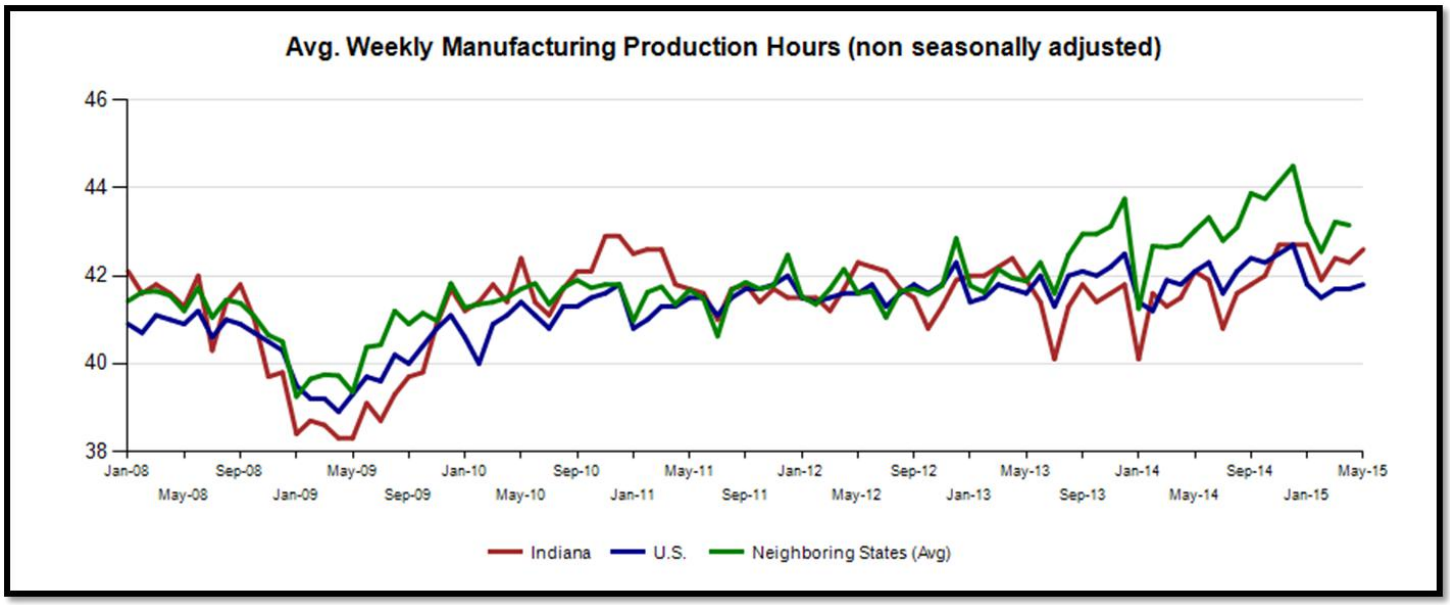



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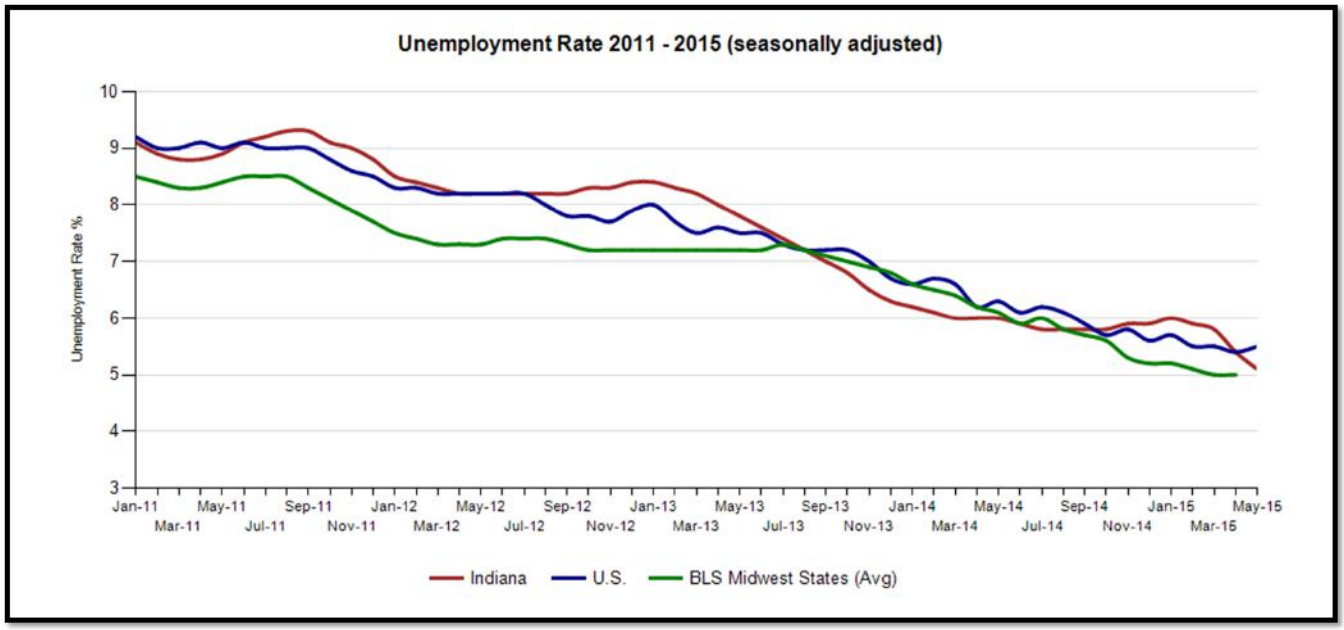
## Production Worker Hours




- Average weekly hours for Indiana manufacturing workers increased by 0.3 to 42.6. Nationally, average weekly hours were 41.8 (increase of 0.1). Hours above 42.0 weekly are considered a positive economic indicator as employers typically cut hours before jobs. This is the eighth straight month hours have been above or nearly 42 per week. *(CES)*

## Unemployment Rate

- Indiana's rate declined to 5.1% in May. Remains slightly higher than the broader Midwest state average, when considering the low unemployment rates in the Dakotas and Nebraska.



**Neighboring Midwestern Unemployment Rates – Seasonally Adjusted**

| | May 2014 | April 2015 | May 2015 | Monthly change | Yearly change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 6.0% | 5.4% | 5.1% | -0.3% | -0.9% |
| U.S. | 6.3% | 5.4% | 5.5% | 0.1% | -0.8% |
| Illinois | 7.1% | 6.0% | | | |
| Kentucky | 6.7% | 5.1% | 5.1% | 0.0% | -1.6% |
| Michigan | 7.3% | 5.4% | 5.5% | 0.1% | -1.8% |
| Ohio | 5.7% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 0.0% | -0.5% |

Indiana's unemployment rate declined to 5.1% in May. Michigan and the US rate stand at 5.5%. Michigan saw a slight increase, other neighbor states experienced no significant change this month in their rates. Ohio's rate stands at 5.2%. Kentucky's rate is 5.1%. The rate in Illinois is unreported prior to official release.

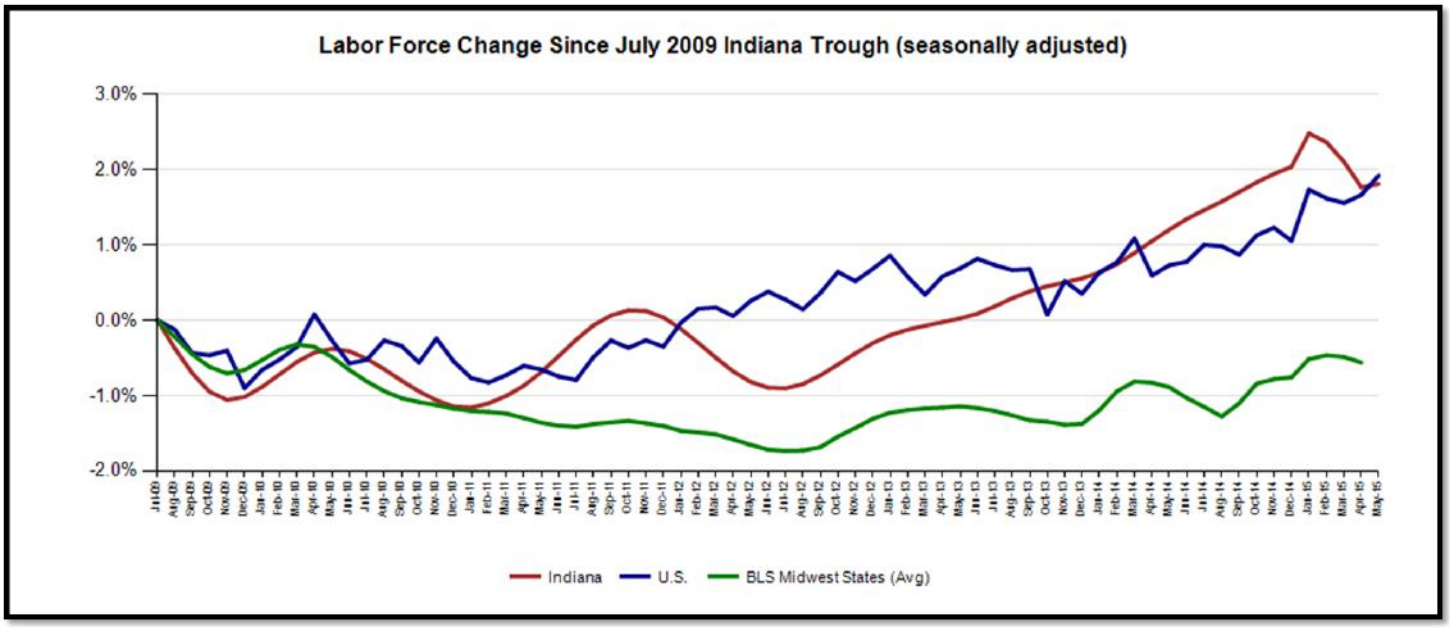
**CES/LAUS Point in Time Comparison – Seasonally Adjusted**

Current Employment Statistics (CES) and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Point-in-Time Comparison

| | March 2000 (Peak) | July 2009 (Trough) | April 2015 | May 2015 | Change Peak | Change Trough | Change Prev. Month |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CES Employed | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,032.0 | 3,042.8 | 25.6 | 285.1 | 10.8 |
| LAUS Employed | 3,039.1 | 2,847.9 | 3,068.6 | 3,079.3 | 40.2 | 231.4 | 10.7 |
| LAUS Unemployed | 102.9 | 340.8 | 176.3 | 167.0 | 64.1 | -173.7 | -9.3 |
| Labor Force | 3,142.1 | 3,188.7 | 3,245.0 | 3,246.3 | 104.3 | 57.7 | 1.4 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 10.7 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 1.8 | -5.6 | -0.3 |

LAUS unemployed estimates declined by 9,275 over the month. With employment gains of 10,666, this led to a slight increase of 1,391 in the labor force overall. Both series are moving in the same direction with employment gains in May. CES total nonfarm payroll employment showed gains of 10,800 over the month (Total Nonfarm).

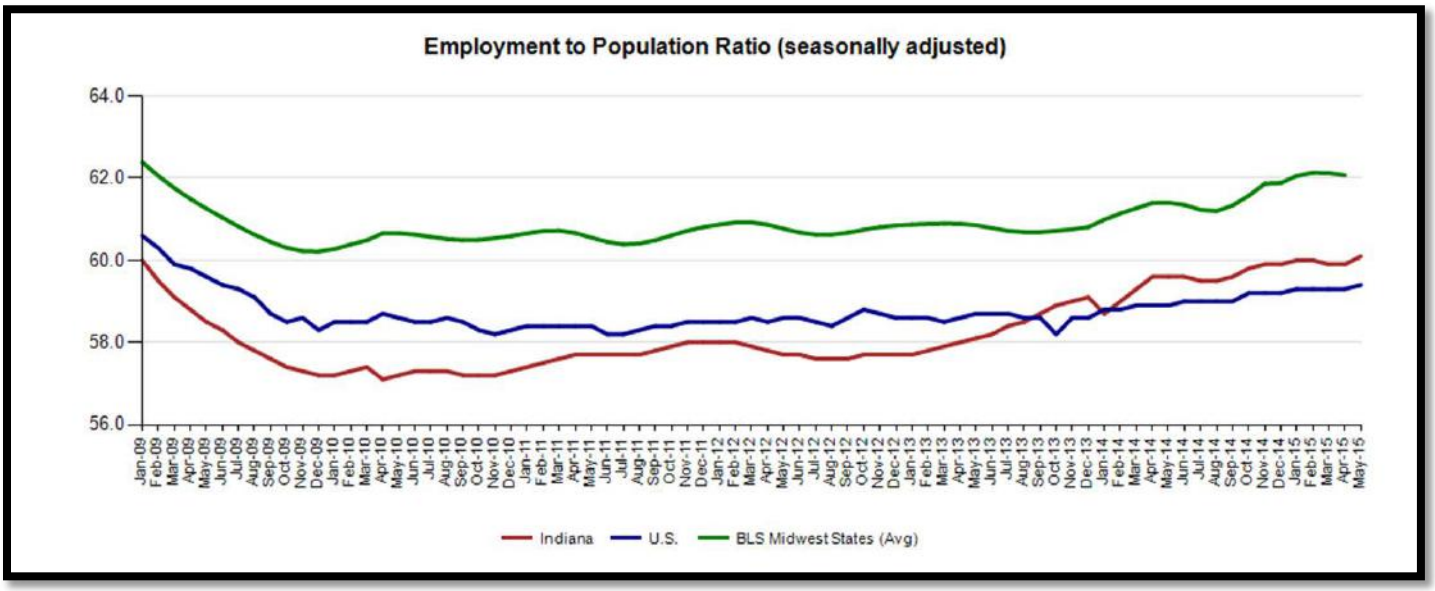
## Labor Force




Indiana's labor force has grown 1.8% since the trough, with the US Labor Force growing 1.9% over this time frame. Indiana's labor force has increased by 64,043 since January 2013 (2.0%).

## Employment to Population Ratio

Indiana's employment to population ratio increased by 0.2 from 59.9% to 60.1% in May. This is an increase of 0.5 over the year, similar to the growth rate for the US. The US employment to population rate stands at 59.4%. The broader list of Midwest BLS States shows a different trend with stronger employment to population, given strong employment growth in oil and manufacturing related industries for some of these states.



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# Study: Indiana has a light bite in business taxes

***Only six states have lighter business tax burden than Indiana***

Jeff Swiatek, **jeff.swiatek@indystar.com***6:51 a.m. EDT June 12, 2015*

Its economic growth might be lagging much of the nation, but at least Indiana can boast of low business taxes.

A day after new data showed Indiana's economy grew at a feeble 0.4 percent rate last year, a new study spotlights the Hoosier state for having the seventh lowest tax burden for businesses.

The report by Anderson Economic Group shows businesses in Indiana paid just 7.5 percent of their pre-tax gross operating surplus in state and local taxes in 2013. Only six other states (none in the Midwest) levy a lighter tax burden on business.

Indiana's relatively favorable business tax climate has long been a selling point for Indiana governors when they shop the state to companies.

In fact, this week, Gov. Mike Pence's business development team ran an ad in the Wall Street Journal trying to lure Connecticut businesses to Indiana.

Indiana pledged in the full-page ad to "offer our support in the wake of Connecticut's looming tax increase, because friends don't let friends pay higher taxes."

The ad specifically mentions two big companies, General Electric and Aetna, that publicly said they'd consider leaving Connecticut if the tax increases included in a two-year, $40.3 billion Democratic budget become law.

The only states with a lighter business tax burden than Indiana were Oregon, Louisiana, North Carolina, Utah, Delaware and South Dakota. The business tax burden is heaviest in Alaska and North Dakota (because of large tax revenues paid by oil and gas industries) and West Virginia and Maine.

Connecticut ranked 26th, with a business tax burden of 9.1 percent.

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Victor Smith said Thursday's news that a Louisville wine and spirits company will spend $12 million to buy and expand a wood mill in Spencer to make bourbon barrel staves is a sign that Indiana's low taxes are a real incentive for business expansion.

"Indiana's recognition as the best state in the Midwest for business is more significant than a title," Smith said in a statement. "Brown-Forman's expansion across state lines is evidence that our efforts to lower taxes and reduce regulations are producing tangible results, attracting new investments and new companies to the Hoosier State."

Pence spokeswoman Bridget Cleveland said the favorable business tax ranking is partly behind Indiana's recovering economy since the recession of 2007-09.

"With employers committing to Indiana in record numbers in 2014, a growing labor force, and historic levels of employment on the horizon, it is clear that our economic policies are working for Hoosier businesses and families alike."

Indiana Democratic Party spokesman Drew Anderson said the state's low business taxes haven't managed to revive what he termed Indiana's "sluggish" economy.

"Indiana's economy still hasn't grown at an accelerated rate nor has it provided high wage jobs for the struggling middle class. Simply put, the state's economy is not reaching the 'historic' levels Governor Pence touts to the public. Instead ... Hoosier families are falling behind the rest of the nation."

*Call Star reporter Jeff Swiatek at (317)444-6483. Follow him on Twitter: @JeffSwiatek.*

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When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: *but*.....

God bless all your efforts for Indiana, Micah!

I'm still in shock about Governor Pence ***insisting*** the Indiana legislature (that 'We the Hoosiers' ***voted*** for last November!) capitulate to the brownshirt tactics of a largely out-of-state 'tyranny of a minority' and to the economic blackmail of a few Indiana-**based** corporations and other monied special interests. 'Twas not a "fix" but a FLIP - a disenfranchisement of Hoosier voters!

Randy Brown, Mooresville

On Wed, Jun 3, 2015 at 3:08 PM, Micah Clark <micah@[redacted]> wrote:

**Call to Action**

Friends,

I have always shot straight with you. This is the hardest email I have ever sent as the director of AFA of Indiana. I cannot even begin to convey the heartbreak that comes with what I am about to share. Yet, faith goes before friendship. The calling before the crying.

*The Indianapolis Star* just reported that they have a copy of a letter, confirmed by event organizers that came from Governor Mike Pence's office, welcoming the ***Indy Pride*** homosexual festival and parade to Indianapolis.

Some folks thought otherwise, but I liked and respected Governor Mitch Daniels, yet when I disagreed on a fundamental core issue, I said so. When he sent a welcome letter endorsing this hedonistic festival I spoke up and quickly burned my bridge with their staff. You know that my admiration for Governor Pence and his staff runs even deeper and for years prior. I may burn a bridge here again, yet out of respect for Gov. Daniels, for you my supporters at AFA-IN, and for the family for religious freedom and all that AFA-IN stands for . . . *I must do this again.*

Romans 6:13 says, "*Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of*

*wickedness . . .*" Ephesians 5:11 says, "*Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them*." I don't know how one can describe what goes on at the Indy Pride event and parades as anything but controversial, but why Governor Pence would welcome this *at all*, when not all events in Indianapolis receive a welcome letter from the Governor just boggles my mind, and it breaks my heart. This is happening right when social conservatives and people of faith are already disgusted with the Republican party, politics, and many politicians. This is like a stick in their eye, and for many, this will be a bridge they can no longer cross again on Election Day.

Governor Pence did not express support for the agenda of Indy Pride, in fact it was a rather benign letter, but the fact that it was sent ***at all***, is a move that he, or his advisors, should not have even considered. It wasn't politically necessary, or wise. Everyone knows that Indiana is a good state and that people are free to do as they choose, but that does not mean such "freedoms" or all actions should be validated by government leaders. (*Already, homosexual activists are saying Gov. Pence's letter didn't go far enough. There's a political lesson in and of itself - weakness is provocative. What did you gain from an all or nothing liberal group that doesn't like you to start with because of your Christian faith? How much did you lose with your base?* )

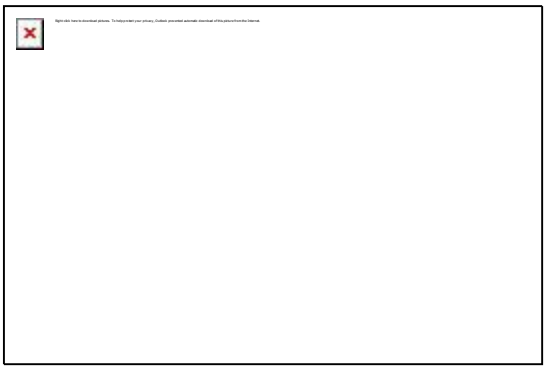
Below is a picture of a recent Indy Pride parade, one of dozens from recent years that I have which would shock most Hoosiers. These are not merely a few exceptions. Yet even if they were, . . . well, all I can say is that this is NOT what I believe our state should be linked with in any way beyond basic public accommodations. It is certainly not worthy of a letter from the Governor's office or worse, the Mayor of Indianapolis as its Grand Marshall, which is going to happen, but that is no big surprise.

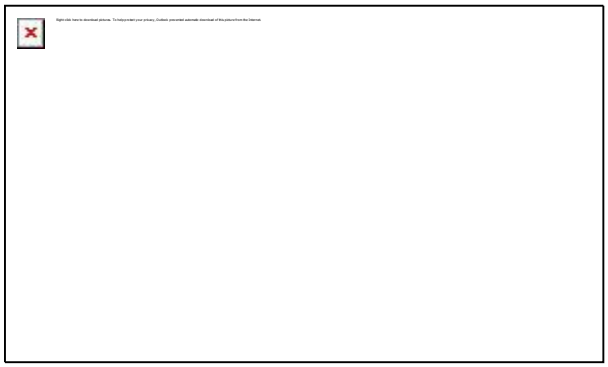
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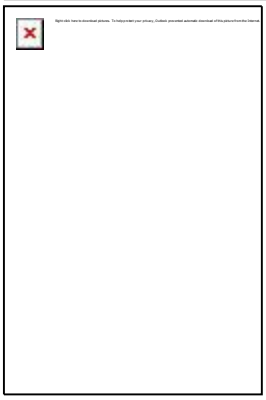
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Best regards,
*Micah Clark*
Executive Director

Indy Pride Parade Floats







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**From:** George, Cindy on behalf of Braun, Steven J
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2015 10:59 AM
**To:** Atkins, Chris;Atterholt, Jim;Bailey, Brian (OMB);Brothersbridge, Tonya J;Denault, Christina;Keefer, Sean (GOV);Mantravadi, Adarsh V;mrp;Prentice, Katelyn;Schpok, Jacob;Shields, Eric;sje;Smith, Victor P;Zarazee, Megan
**Cc:** Baker, Lou Ann (DWD);Frank, Joseph;Leeuw, Allison A;Ensley, Al;Gill, Jeffrey M
**Subject:** April 2015 Employment Report
**Attachments:** April 2015 Employment Report.pdf

Please find attached the April 2015 Employment Report. This information is embargoed until the Press Release on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 10:00 am, please keep data confidential until then.

Thank you.

*Cindy George*
*Executive Assistant to Commissioner*
*Indiana Department of Workforce Development*
*10 N. Senate Avenue*
*Indianapolis, IN 46204*
*317-232-7676*

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Schlene, Eric J <eschlene@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2015 9:26 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence;senator.alting@iga.in.gov;s22@iga.in.gov
**Cc:** Schlene, Eric J;Cleveland, Bridget;Brooks, Kara D;mlloyd@gov.in.gov;r26@iga.in.gov;r27@iga.in.gov;s16@iga.in.gov;Bangert, Dave;ctc-tribletter@chicagotribune.com;David.Rutter@[redacted];letters@nwi.com;mlwillis@[redacted]t;Ruth.Mitchell@nwi.com
**Subject:** Don' t allow bar at Dunes State Park - from Indianapolis Star, FOLLOWUP

Gov. Pence and Senator Alting,

Don't say I didn't warn you. Now the Sierra Club is on board… and rightfully so. This has all the wonderful corruption and environmental elements the media love to exploit.

Again, this is another fight we never had to have. Conservatism is more than building business base. It has to include proper stewardship of the resources we are entrusted with. It's about doing the right thing, even when it means keeping our own in check.

Governor, you have the power to bring this to an immediate halt and turn this into a defining moment for your administration. Stop this banquet hall sweetheart deal now.

Respectfully,

Eric Schlene
West Lafayette, IN

cc. fyi

**From:** Marianne Holland <mholland@[redacted]>
**Reply-To:** "Hoosier Discussion, Alerts and Announcements" <HOOSIER-TOPICS@LISTS.SIERRACLUB.ORG>
**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2015 at 5:32 AM
**To:** <HOOSIER-TOPICS@LISTS.SIERRACLUB.ORG>
**Subject:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Statewide Groups Opposing New Banquet Hall on the Indiana Dunes State Park Beach

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# More Statewide Organizations Object to Dunes Pavilion Plans and Process

*Statewide Groups Opposing New Banquet Hall on the Indiana Dunes State Park Beach*

**(INDIANAPOLIS)-** Three more statewide organizations --the Hoosier Environmental Council, Hoosier Chapter Sierra Club and Citizens Action Coalition – announced today that they have taken a position against an Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal to build a new banquet and conference facility on the beach at the Indiana Dunes State Park. Instead, the groups support a prior compromise – renovating the existing park pavilion-- which would have limited adverse impacts to the park, its visitors, and the natural resources it protects.

The DNR signed a contract with Pavilion Partners LLC in February 2015 to rehabilitate the iconic old park pavilion building built in 1930, to build a family "comfort center" on the west side of the pavilion, and a new banquet hall on the east side. The expanded pavilion/banquet center will harm the park's beach environment by contributing more light pollution at night, creating an attractive --even deadly -- nuisance for birds given the banquet hall's huge glass windows, and setting the stage for more beach-front development in the form of a hotel and marina (described in the developer's original proposal as possible future projects at the site). The groups say the DNR and the Partners have been touting the project as a pavilion re-use project but omitted telling the public that the selected proposal included a new building being built next to the old one. "This was intentionally misleading on their part to keep the public out of the process after their experience in 2006," said Bowden Quinn, chapter director of the Sierra Club's Hoosier Chapter, referring to a battle between the locals and the DNR to build a hotel in the same general area. That proposal was withdrawn, and a compromise resulted which would have allowed only renovation of the existing pavilion.

"Here is yet another conversion of public land to benefit private development interests," said Tim Maloney, senior policy director for the Hoosier Environmental Council. "Dunes State Park and its beach are public lands and held in trust for the people of Indiana. With this project the developers will retain the majority of profits

from the project, while paying a very cheap lease payment –no more than a family would pay for a 4 bedroom home -- for as long as 65 years."

Citizens Action Coalition executive director Kerwin Olson was critical of the lack of transparency on the plan. "The DNR and the developers have been negotiating this deal since 2012," he said. "The public should have been advised then about the new building." Olson said the plans were just made public in February.

"The fact that the DNR would even consider building a new banquet hall with huge windows on the beach there shows how poorly thought out this was," said Maloney. "The DNR just built a beautiful bird observation platform at the park, and now they are adding a new structure that may become a major bird hazard." The Lake Michigan shoreline is critically important to millions of migratory birds, which use the shoreline as an important resting area.

"The paltry amount of money the DNR will get from putting a private banquet hall on the most desirable real estate on Lake Michigan in Indiana amounts to a give-away of public land," added Quinn. "We strongly object to DNR's secrecy, lack of transparency and failure to get adequate public participation, which are vital to any proposal to increase human impacts on our state's precious natural areas."

The organizations are encouraging letters, emails, and phone calls to Governor Pence to cancel this project. Contact information can be found at http://in.gov/gov/2333.htm

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About Hoosier Environmental Council:

Founded more than thirty years ago, the Hoosier Environmental Council (HEC) is the largest statewide environmental policy organization in Indiana. HEC works to advance solutions that are good for the environment and good for the economy. Visit hecweb.org for more information. You can follow HEC's activities on Twitter: @hec_ed, and on Facebook at facebook.com/hecweb.

About Sierra Club:

Founded in 1892, the Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 2.4 million members and supporters nationwide and more than 8,000 members in Indiana. In addition to helping people from all backgrounds explore nature and our outdoor heritage, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action.

About Citizens Action Coalition:

Founded in 1974, Citizens Action Coalition is a grassroots organization representing more than 40,000 members across Indiana. CAC's mission is to initiate, facilitate and coordinate citizen action directed to improving the quality of life of all inhabitants of the State of Indiana through principled advocacy of public policies to preserve democracy, conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and provide affordable access to essential human services. CAC has saved rate payers more than $4 billion in excess utility charges si
From: @K.ST Action: REJECT

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**From:** Schlene, Eric J
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 4:30 PM
**To:** 'senator.alting@iga.in.gov'
**Subject:** RE: Eric Schlene has sent you - Don' t allow bar at Dunes State Park - from Indianapolis Star

I'm not sure you do understand my concerns.

Did you take the time to review the violation statistics on IDSP I was able to derive from raw data provided by Major Portteus at the DNR? It showed a 47% increase in drug and alcohol charges over four years at the IDSP. The Dunes is nothing like the other state parks. From May to August, it draws weekend revelers from all over greater Chicago. It can get very dangerous very quickly. More alcohol will mean more trouble for law enforcement that is over worked as it is.

While any alcohol at IDSP is a bad idea because of the specific situation of this park, it's the political nuances of the deal that are so troubling.

Tantamount is this outrageous insider relationship between Pavilion Partners and key members of the state government. Tacking the IDSP permit onto 515 smacks of improper process to help precinct chair Chuck Williams and his personal agenda. This isn't the Toll Road. That made sense. And Mitch wasn't going to personally gain from it. There's no way to sugar coat it, Williams will benefit from Pavilion Partners. And to any progressive in the media, it appears he is using his state contacts to line his pockets on this deal.

I'm not some wild-eyed union liberal. I'm a conservative. I'm a life time Republican like you. But I'm from the region and know what rubs people north of Ridge Road. This Pavilion Partners deal is too far. The radicals are going to latch onto this and we'll have another media mess to contend with. The opposition was busy petitioning and gathering followers at the Chesterton's farmer's market on Saturday. And signers are coming from all walks, from environmentalists to shop owners. There are already articles coming out of the Chicago Tribune making us look like country shysters.

This legislative session is being portrayed as a national embarrassment. RFRL set the cause of conservatism back in Indiana. And now, when our state GOP could garner real credibility by showing it can police its own by throwing water on this crony deal, you're going to turn a blind eye to this?

I get it that the vote on 515 is on record. But it's never too late to fix a mistake when you have more information. And it certainly is not too late to intervene to stop the Pavilion Partners' banquet hall expansion for additional public input and review. Please sir, I beg you, find a way to put a moratorium on this DNR deal, at least until there's more local buy in. The IDSP banquet expansion building is another battle we don't need to fight.

I welcome your questions,

Eric

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**From:** senator.alting@iga.in.gov [mailto:senator.alting@iga.in.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 2:51 PM

**To:** Schlene, Eric J
**Subject:** RE: Eric Schlene has sent you - Don' t allow bar at Dunes State Park - from Indianapolis Star

Dear Eric,

Thank you very much for your comments regarding Senate Bill 515 which partly deals with alcoholic beverages at the Indiana Dunes State Park. Your thoughts are very important to me as they help me to continually be informed of the issues affecting our district.

While I understand your concerns, I voted yes for this bill. The final version of the bill only allows alcohol within 100 feet of the pavilion. It has wide bi-partisan support, passing the Senate 40-5 and the House 95-2.

Again, thank you for your comments. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any further questions or concerns regarding this or any other matter in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Alting
State Senator

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**From:** Schlene, Eric J
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 3:45 PM
**To:** mpence@gov.in.gov
**Subject:** Please, no dunes park alcohol! No dunes park private banquet hall

*Governor,*

*As a concerned Hoosier and fellow Republican, I urge you to bring an immediate halt to the plans of the Pavilion Partners to build a conference center adjacent to the historic pavilion at the Indiana Dunes State Park.*

*Without sufficient feedback from local advocacy organizations or the public at large, the proposed concessions contract appears to be rushed through as a sweetheart deal to the former GOP county chairman.*

*There is already a groundswell of push back in the Duneland area. There are sufficient news articles about FBI probes into the Porter county planning commission and elected officials to cast a pall of impropriety on this deal.*

*Stepping in now would send a clear message that the Governor's office hears the people of Indiana and will shine the light of day on this deal. If it goes forward as the will of the people after REAL discussion, so be it.*

*In addition, as a former neighbor to the state park, I am well aware of the numerous calls the ISP must make to the beach each summer. As out of state visitors increase, so do the problems they bring with them. Adding alcohol to the state park will only make the park less friendly to Hoosier families.*

*Please sir, with respect and for the sake of my state and our party, I ask you to stop the DSP expansion. And, as a matter of recourse, veto the ill-advised Senate Bill 515 which would allow alcohol sales.*

*Eric Schlene*

*West Lafayette*
*(Porter county land owner and former resident.)*

**From:** Schlene, Eric J
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 1:55 PM
**To:** Chicago Tribune
**Subject:** SB515: The bill Indiana Republicans want you to ignore

I'm an Indiana Republican. And today I'm ashamed.

The DNR is awarding a 35-year deal to GOP-connected investors, Pavilion Partners, at the Dunes State Park with little public input. What started as a concessions franchise in exchange for renovating the classic 1929 beach pavilion, turned into a public land grab. Using falsehoods, the privateer's architect deemed the landmark bathhouse as unadaptable, ignored the DNR mandate for 'minimal additional construction,' and chose the cheaper path to dwarf the iconic structure with a modern, multi-story banquet hall and covered plaza.

Now, the legislature is passing SB515 allowing outdoor liquor on site. This clears the way for these cronies to run a taxpayer-supported beach bar.

Today, state police often speed to the pavilion when weather and tempers get hot. Add alcohol and our beach may soon be unfit for Hoosier families.

There is furor in Duneland. Local ecology organizations are now unified against this. This is the same community that rallied to stop NIPSCO's nuclear plant. How did this sneak past them? Cronyism is my only answer. Did you think they would sit by while you built a Senior Frog's in the heart of their beach?

Bad laws get vetoed. And this is bad law. Pavilion Partners' agenda burdens local authorities to maintain peace. It disregards the park's ecological and civic purpose. And it degrades a historical landmark to the golden era of progress in Northwest Indiana.

Governor Pence should stop this nonsense before we get another national black eye.

Eric Schlene
West Lafayette
(Porter County land owner and former resident)

Sent from my Virgin Mobile phone.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:41 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious freedom?

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**From:** Erna Vanhelfteren [mailto:evhelft@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:14 PM
**To:** robertvane@mikepence.com
**Subject:** Religious freedom?

Mr. Pence,

You claim that your bill will protect the freedoms of religious people, but which religion do you have in mind? Nowhere in the bible does it tell us to ward off or refuse service to anyone who is not heterosexual.

I am really disappointed and wonder what is next? You are allowing people, under the cover of being religious, to discriminate against others who are not like them. I understand that business owners have the right to refuse service to people, but would they also be allowed to refuse service to women or blacks, Muslims, Jews, Mexicans, Russians or smokers? Why not? My friends in other states and abroad have all commented on this news in shock, and asked what kind of back-ward thinking part of The States this is. I thought you were a well-educated and responsible, caring man, but obviously not.

Those "religious" people, whose rights you pretend to protect, are bigots. They are mean and evil, narrow-minded souls, if indeed a soul they have. Are they not aware of the fact that being a homosexual or lesbian is not a choice; that many have fought a terrible fight within themselves before they could accept what and who they are? Many have lost people who once loved them dearly, but then gave them their back, supposedly because their religion cannot accept this other way of love.

The Christian bible says to love thy neighbor and thy enemy, so why not a couple of people who love each other and mean no harm?
Please reconsider this bill as it is harmful to innocent people and to the state you said you would serve. This bill only serves the few outspoken voices of people who hate. Do not listen to them, instead serve the ones who kept silent for too long. I was one of them and regret it, as are many others like me.

This bill is an embarrassment. Save the two million dollars and invest it in teachers who work hard to make this a better state, in roads, in birth control for couples who are not able or willing to take care of a child they create. If you are going to spend two million dollars, spend them in Indiana, on flowers along the high way or other beautification projects. Please contact me if you need more ideas.

Sincerely,
Erna Vanhelfteren
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evhelft@[redacted]
(260) [redacted]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015 5:25 PM
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**Subject:** FW: Letter to the Editor, Evansville Courier & Press - Indiana's RFRA "Rework"

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**From:** CKBentley [mailto:pcnot@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 4:08 PM
**Subject:** FW: Letter to the Editor, Evansville Courier & Press - Indiana's RFRA "Rework"

Dear Indiana Legislature,

Please read Jim Bratton's letter to the Evansville Courier and Press. I am most grateful there were a *few* legislators with principle and moral conviction who stood up for God and Hoosier Christians.

One of thousands of Hoosier Christians that got shafted by the Indiana Legislature,
Kay Bentley

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To the Editor:

"Courage has just left the building at the Indiana State Capitol."

Effectively, the "fix" rework of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) Governor Mike Pence signed into law on March 26 will turn a bill designed as a shield against government force into a weapon of intimidation to people of faith.

The RFRA in its first version was unremarkable; it followed the example of a 22 year-old federal law, and similar laws in 19 states, merely giving private citizens a chance to have their "day in court." It did not create a "discrimination" problem – the leftist press invented that.

Afraid of bad publicity and name calling, squeamish Indiana politicians surrendered their citizens' religious liberty and freedom of conscience, under intimidation from hypocritical corporations, militant activists, and a dishonest press.

Governor Pence's inability to argue against a manufactured narrative pushed by the media apparently caused him to abandon the liberties of Hoosiers to Big Business interests in Indiana. He signed the "fix" bill, slipped out the back door, and left the country, avoiding any responsibility to defend the principles he was elected to uphold.

Indiana State Representative Wendy McNamara's (R-H76) comment in the *Courier & Press* made it sound as if she believed Indiana's "hospitality" was more important than Hoosiers' religious liberty.

It is apparent that many of our legislators and our governor may need reminding that the Framers placed religious liberty first in the Bill of Rights. Hospitality isn't mentioned once.

Jim Bratten
Evansville, IN

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:45 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious freedom

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**From:** c cm [mailto:cmmaria1@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 9:53 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious freedom

Clearly Mr. Pence has no knowledge of our Constitution.
"The fix that they came up with at the last minute was rushed to passage, and it actually creates more problems than it solves. It now says that sexual liberty should always trump religious liberty, and that's not right."

I wonder whether he would continue governing, showing a rush, panic in judgment, he does not fit to be a leader.

He had an opportunity to "shine" but he panicked. Along with the other republicans... they are showing to be with no spine or brains to fight for our country.

Disappointed,
Mari

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 1:29 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence has posted a new update...

**From:** Donald Wilson [mailto:bigkabuda@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 11:17 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Re: Lawrence has posted a new update...

PS do you have a more General e-mail for the Governors office ...I pulled yours off a press release and I do not want to tie up your e-mail.
Thanks Don

On Mon, Apr 6, 2015 at 10:11 AM, Donald Wilson <bigkabuda@[redacted]> wrote:

> I do not know if you have seen this but they stopped the site after only 2 days. I believe this shows that people are upset over the bullying and non-tolerance over a opinion that differs from the LGBT agenda. Including a threat to Burn Down the business from a High School coach. I am sure that this is not the opinion of the majority of the LGBT community but this.. "Saul Alinsky" tactic should not be tolerated. It is an attack on First Amendment. This is why the law was needed in the first place without the add on language. Please forward to Gov Pence
> Thanks
> Don Wilson
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **GoFundMe** <messages@gofundme.com>
> Date: Fri, Apr 3, 2015 at 8:19 PM
> Subject: Lawrence has posted a new update...
> To: bigkabuda@[redacted]
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> Stay involved and help Lawrence reach their goal by sharing the campaign.
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**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 1:27 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: the freedom act

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**From:** David Landsbergen [mailto:dlandsbergen920@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 11:12 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** the freedom act

if the Governor makes changes in the bill he already signed, he is turning his back to all the Christian business owners
and they will face enormous fines for not complying with the homosexual crowd and thereby lose their business??????

Please do all you can to not allow him to renege and remain strong. ! A blessed Easter to all of you

David Landsbergen dlandsbergen920@[redacted] Columbus,Ohio

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 9:05 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

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**From:** micol26 [mailto:micol26@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 8:34 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

Hi

Permit me to use this opportunity to congratulate and commend the state of Louisiana for their courage and stand on the above and I wish all American states would adopt this motion. We need freedom to make self decisions like this in the world and the central government is wrong to think they can impose laws that is contrary to laws of conscience.
Let us all stand together as one to echo this to the rest of the world. In Arab States omly one religion determines social and political life of both citizens and foreigners in their land but only in the west things are dome differently and some of these things against those with good conscience. Where has rationalism gone or is it now all about winning political mandates and approval. Let's us not let evil to surpress good. Let every state in America practice what they believe in. Same way punitive measures vary from state to state so must liberty be practiced. America has a symbol and statute of liberty. Let us not allow those who love to play to the gallery presenting themselves as leaders of our nation intimidate us. They are there because of your votes and they are there to serve your interests and not theirs.

Once again congratulations Indiana.

Michael Chinyere
London
United Kingdom

Sent from Samsung Mobile

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2015 8:37 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: STOP the RFRA "FIX" - Tell Gov. Pence to VETO

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Keith 7521 <keith7521@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 3, 2015 at 8:10:51 AM EDT
**To:** "mpence@gov.in.gov" <mpence@gov.in.gov>, "brateike@gov.in.gov" <brateike@gov.in.gov>, "jjankowski@gov.in.gov" <jjankowski@gov.in.gov>, "kaevans@gov.in.gov" <kaevans@gov.in.gov>, "lmills@gov.in.gov" <lmills@gov.in.gov>, "mabecker@gov.in.gov" <mabecker@gov.in.gov>, "scjenkins@gov.in.gov" <scjenkins@gov.in.gov>, "kbrooks@gov.in.gov" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>, "jmyers@gov.in.gov" <jmyers@gov.in.gov>, "bcleveland@gov.in.gov" <bcleveland@gov.in.gov>, "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>, "jmartin@gov.in.gov" <jmartin@gov.in.gov>, "gov@gov.in.gov" <gov@gov.in.gov>, "jdowd@gov.in.gov" <jdowd@gov.in.gov>, "cfgreen@gov.in.gov" <cfgreen@gov.in.gov>, "rstreeter@gov.in.gov" <rstreeter@gov.in.gov>, "jburleson@gov.in.gov" <jburleson@gov.in.gov>, "dschmidt@gov.in.gov" <dschmidt@gov.in.gov>, "cigreen@gov.in.gov" <cigreen@gov.in.gov>, "ccrabtree@gov.in.gov" <ccrabtree@gov.in.gov>
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This law does not need to be Fixed. Why does government now bow down to the <1% of the population that causes knee-jerk reactions and Media Frenzies? Don't be bullied by the hype!

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Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2015 17:19:00 -0500
Subject: STOP the RFRA "FIX" - Tell Gov. Pence to VETO
From: jim.bratten@[redacted]
To:

Patriots:

The "FIX" is in and it's ugly... and dangerous to our religious liberty:

http://www.wnd.com/2015/04/indiana-doing-180-now-leaving-religious-defenseless/

IF this abomination reaches the governor's desk, it MUST be VETOED!
Talk about diabolical... you are witness to the advance of tyranny through intimidation by the minority, as an elected body (the IGA) crumbles in fear. A lie has been sold by hard-left activists, promoted by state-run media and hypocritical corporations who

care nothing for liberty, and purchased by weak elected officials who would rather live on their knees that stand boldly against the crush of
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yranny. The liberty of Hoosiers has been sold!

CALL Governor Pence and URGE that he VETO this "fix" - he MUST. Or Hoosiers will have to move to the nearest state that still has a governor with courage... Wisconsin.
CALL **317-232-4567 - or e-mail the governor <u>and</u> his staff:**

mpence@gov.in.gov; brateike@gov.in.gov; jjankowski@gov.in.gov; kaevans@gov.in.gov; lmills@gov.in.gov; mabecker@gov.in.gov; scjenkins@gov.in.gov; kbrooks@gov.in.gov; jmyers@gov.in.gov; bcleveland@gov.in.gov; cdenault@gov.in.gov; jmartin@gov.in.gov; gov@gov.in.gov; jdowd@gov.in.gov; cfgreen@gov.in.gov; rstreeter@gov.in.gov; jburleson@gov.in.gov; dschmidt@gov.in.gov; cigreen@gov.in.gov; ccrabtree@gov.in.gov

Take a stand for Religious Freedom and Freedom of Conscience in Indiana!

Tell everyone to call and object to this sell-out of the First Amendment! And thank the mere handful of courageous souls in the State House who stood against this abandonment of Liberty this week. Then pray.

God help our state...

In Liberty,

***Jim Bratten***
*Director, Hoosier Patriots*
*Indiana State Co-Coordinator, Tea Party Patriots*
*Co-Founder, Vanderburgh County Tea Party Patriots*

**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
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**To:** 'Michael Allen' <mealaw@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2015 12:50 PM
**Subject:** RE: RFRA

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**From:** Charlie Goodman <chfgoodman@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 5:57 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence;Senate District 16;Bosma, Brian;Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** RFRA

**To each of you.....**

**Thank you.**.....IT was obvious to millions that this was perhaps the toughest week in legislative History.....yet you collectively passed through Hell with much praise.....I am sure all realize now just how important perceptions can play a role in shaping public opinion .....

**And how a small minority can use misconceptions to alter the perception of your work.**

Happy Easter to each of you.....Charlie Goodman

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:04 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act Amendment

**Christy Denault**
Communications Director
Office of Governor Mike Pence
Phone: 317/233-9997
Cell: 317/[redacted]

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**From:** Gaines Grace [mailto:grace_g_60409[redacted]]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:19 AM
**To:** Denault, Christina
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**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom

**From:** ttvlr@yahoo.com [mailto:ttvlr[redacted]]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:52 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom

Dear Governor Pence,
Freedom of religion pertains "only" to the laws, customs, and moral beliefs that belong to a particular religion. Recently, in particular those religions that believe in G/d and live respecting His will according to Holy Scriptures and tradition are those religions that indicate that marriage in between one woman and one man. That would make it an abomination for them to marry or participate in a gay or lesbian marriage. This does not mean that they can deny other services and goods to gay and lesbian people because the Holy Scriptures teach to love your brothers and sisters and even your enemies. It teaches tolerance of others' sins as well as your own. However, it is different to choose under your own will as a human individual to disobey G/d than to be obligated to commit acts that are immoral according to G/d's will. Therefore, a balance should be guaranteed that no person or individual should refuse products or services to a gay/or lesbian individual with the exception of "specifically the act of marriage or participating in marriage that is not between one man and one woman". That is the only situation according to the Holy Scriptures that would apply to "freedom of religion" where a person can "choose" to participate in a gay marriage or not. Religious people do not hate or discriminate against gays/ or lesbians.
However, it should also be carefully noted that gay/or lesbian individuals do not persecute or discriminate against any individual because of their religion. There is no excuse for a gay/ or lesbian to turn away services or products from a religious individual or group because there is no religious reason for turn away this person or individual. Therefore, any individual or business that turns away services or products because of a person's religion is not only violating that person's "freedom of religion" but, is also discriminating against that person. Therefore, the companies that are threatening the religious people from excluding them from services or products "really are discriminating against them " as well as breaking the first amendment of "freedom of religion".
Note: In the USA, (according to 2010 census) approx. 82% of people are Christian and approx. believe in G/d (includes Jews and Islamic faith). Therefore, the interest to stay true to G/d's law prevails within the majority of the people within the USA and it is the court's maintain civil peace within its' society. To enforce laws against these religious people might result in civil unrest across the USA. The actions that are taken today must really be thought out carefully upon your individual judgments regardless of what others may believe (even within your family) because it is you the lawmaker/s that understand how law can take effect upon others and how to maintain unisonous harmony within the land.
Thanks you for your attention,
Liana Cano
PS: I am not from your state but am a US citizen who believes that is justice is to be done the truth must be revealed from both sides of the coin. From this, we can base our judgments as "fair".

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:32 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:30 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Suggested Solution for the State's Religious Freedom Act

**From:** Ennis Sullivan [mailto:ennissullivan[redacted]]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:23 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Suggested Solution for the State's Religious Freedom Act

Gov. Mike Pence,

My thoughts referencing the Religious Freedom Act and its interaction with **"The F – Factor of Today's Politics"**

**F – Factor Definitions**

- **Democrats Defined:** Democrats believe in a government of "**Feelings**, **Fantasy and Fairness**". Remember Bill Clinton saying, "I feel your pain," with a tear in his eye (Feelings). And Obama saying "this or that" about a subject because "it's the right thing to do" or "its fair" (again, based on **Feelings, Fantasy, Fairness**). We can also reference Hollywood liberals. This group is about performing **feelings** while working in a **fantasy** world which, in many cases, then flows into their "performing" off-camera life**. Democrats, as a group, make emotional judgments and not ones controlled by the brain**, (but by **feelings**). Democrats can accurately be described as being dominated by "**Feelings**, **Fantasy and Fairness**", their **pathway that leads to socialism and sameness**.

- **Republicans Defined: Republicans, on the other hand, use their brains over feelings**; they believe government should aspire for "the **Facts,** accurate **Figures,** being **First** (the best)**"**. **Facts, Figures and First** are absolute, true, conclusive, unquestionable, firm, fixed, right, unadulterated, pure and **can be PROVEN historically true and quantifiably correct**. Republicans think and govern by an entirely different set of sensory inputs than Democrats. The **Republicans' pathway leads to liberty and exceptionalism**.

You and the Governor of Arkansas have fallen into the "**Feelings, Fantasy, Fairness political-pit**". Republicans get so tied-up in the **"feelings and fairness"** issues…and your not going to win.

The answer – I suggest countering liberal **"feelings"** with conservative **"Facts"** and using Democrat reasoning for a **"fair"** solution **(as stated, Democrats like "fair" solutions)**:

1. Acknowledge the compliant, *"I hear you saying that you want a wedding cake for you and your partner's wedding."*

2. State a **"Fact"**, the Law, *"I am sorry, but referring Federal and Arkansas law on Religious Freedom, I cannot provide that service."*
3. Lastly, provide an alternative solution, *"But, let me give you the name and contact information for a local company who does provide those services."*

Suggestion, "**Adjust the state law" to provide an alternative solution.**

Don't back down when you have the **"Facts"**; fight liberal **'feelings"** (with conservative **"facts"**).

The best to you Governor,

Ennis Sullivan
Tel. 214-[redacted]
Email, esullivan@[redacted]
Website, www[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:14 AM
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**Subject:** FW: Article VI from the First Amendment "Religious Freedom"

**From:** ttvlr@[redacted] [mailto:ttvlr@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 9:56 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Article VI from the First Amendment "Religious Freedom"

Dear Governor Pence,
Article VI clearly states that religious tests as a condition for the exercise of public functions are prohibited. For example, in the case of a public servant (as a teacher) is obliged to teach something you find offensive against their religion is a double-edged sword. You can interpret that compels a person to pass a test of how religious he is and just keep in office those who are willing to take the actions or desires of a particular group within the government. This does not respect the person's religious philosophical foundation or, his/her religious mission in daily and civil life. We all know that a way to test a person is to test academic knowledge in written or spoken form. Another way to test a person is for the appraisal of their work and their actions also known as their "performance". It is not insubordination to the government or an employer if an employee refuses to perform acts related to homosexuality / lesbianism but, is forcing him to take a test of their religious faith by "act or by performance". For many public servants within the US, they are met with a religious dilemma that could threaten or force him/her to renounce from office (or be sued) by not carrying out an act that is against the laws established by their religion. Religions have laws already established although some may not know this or recognize this fact. Religious laws are those that govern human will are met by conviction and love of God but, not by imposition. For thousands of years (even before the existence our constitution) these laws have existed but only apply to those of that religious faith. Indeed, there is ample evidence that there (such as in canon law, and the sacred Torah) are laws respected and obeyed within religious groups that our Constitution recognizes as religious freedom. When a person is forced to break these laws, such is being forced to take a religious test to exercise their public functions.
In other words, you are violating the right to freedom of religion when that person is required to take a test of their religion by the "act or performance". For the religious believing in Gd, when issues related are given about lesbianism or homosexuality, and issues related to the raising and caring for family are involved there is exists the possibility that a "religious test by the form of performance" is being evaluated. However, it is not always offensive to the religious groups when it comes to dealing with equality to men and women in their professional, salary, social life. Clearly, the issue of "sexuality themes" about lesbianism and homosexuality are issues that were established in scriptures and traditions - Christian, Jewish, Islamic etc., long before the US Constitution was written. You also have to recognize the right of parents to raise their families religiously under their religious laws is freedom of religion. Just historically think about the Mayflower and why the pilgrims came to America and you can remember what the very foundation of our nation was based upon.
Thanks you for your attention,
Liana Cano
PS: I am not from your state but am a US citizen who believes that is justice is to be done the truth must be revealed from both sides of the coin. From this, we can base our judgments as "fair".

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:31 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: information about the indiana freedom bill.

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**From:** Linda Burd [mailto:jsburd@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:17 PM
**To:** jaime.smith@gov.wa.gov
**Subject:** information about the indiana freedom bill.

I can hardly believe Governor Inslee would actually suggest not having people travel to Indiana because our state wants to stand up for the rights of freedom of religion. Look, it is not only none of his business what we do in Indiana, but it is really very manipulative to pull such ridiculous things on another governor who is standing for his principles. He knows the freedom of religion act has nothing to do with Gay rights. It is in fact a protection of the state imposing its views on religion unless he has forgotten about the separation of church and state. What we actually see is that Gay people are now not as peaceful in the state and are actually targeting firms they know are Christian and forcing them to do things that are against their beliefs. They are in fact not doing this to Buddhist or Muslim firms but only those that are known to be **conservatively** Christian. Hundreds of my fellow business owners in this state are seeing that we are now being targeted and now more than ever need this bill for protection.
Thank God we have a Governor out here that actually stands for something solid and does not bow to the pressures of a few here or there that throw their money and weight around.
Hey, maybe the CEO of Angies list will move out to your state. I hear he is looking for a state that has very liberal laws allowing whatever anyone wants to adhere to.
Sincerely,

Jim Burd
Northern Indiana 4 decade Hoosier

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
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**Subject:** FW: Help

-----Original Message-----
From: Ann Godfrey [mailto:paulann@[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:49 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Help

Kara, please give Governor Pence a message for me.

Please stand for Christians. Please stand for gays.

Christians should not be abused and forced to do things against their faith.
Gays should not be abused and denied to live a lifestyle that they choose.

Our country is in chaos. Division is the worst I have ever seen.
I have a gay son, a black nephew, so I guess you could say that the last 6 years has been hard on our family.

Please tell the Governor to stand firm and fair.
God gave us freedom to choose. We read His word and work out our own "Salvation with fear and trembling". We do not have to believe alike, but we must Respect each other.

Thank you

Celia Godfrey

Sent from my iPad

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**Subject:** FW: Religious freedom bill Indiana resident for 35 yrs

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**From:** Buzz Kramenator [mailto:kramenator@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:08 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious freedom bill Indiana resident for 35 yrs

I am frankly disappointed that governor pence is not scrapping the bill bc if he continues this path he will send Hoosiers back to 1960.....now we lose events and I have to suffer bc he is not fit for governor and companies are leaving....thx Brian k

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Michael Allen <mealaw@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:24 AM
**To:** Atterholt, Jim
**Cc:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Re: RFRA

Jim,

I read with interest the latest Star article that states new language has been worked out. According to the Star, the new language will clarify that the RFRA "cannot be used as a legal defense to discriminate against patrons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity." That implies the State has the power to force an individual or small business to actively participate in a same-sex marriage ceremony, which is exactly the concern I and many other fair-minded Christians are concerned about. In fact, I believe Chapter 581 of the City of Indianapolis's ordinances already would allow a person to file a complaint against a Christian who based on his religious beliefs and conscience declines to actively participate in a same sex wedding ceremony by declining to make a wedding cake or flower arrangement for the ceremony, photograph it or provide other types of goods or services that are part of the ceremony. If the body authorized by the ordinance finds the person complained against has engaged in discrimination based on the example above (which I believe they would), it then has the power to order a remedy, including "[t]he restoration of complainant's losses incurred as a result of discriminatory treatment, as the adjudication committee or hearing officer may deem necessary to assure justice" and possibly the revocation of business licenses issued by the City. This is a stunning power of the State to force someone to violate their religious beliefs in order to comply. I appeal to you one last time to ensure the RFRA will continue to be available as a defense in a situation like this. It may not appease all of the people attacking the State of Indiana (but I don't think what I've seen proposed will either), but it is certainly the right thing to do.

Finally, I want to make clear the situation I am concerned about is narrow and confined to the situation above--that is allowing the LGBT agenda through the power of the State to force Christians to participate in weddings and other ceremonies that we believe would blaspheme traditional and well established religious ceremonies that are recognized by our religion. I am not advocating the RFRA should be available as a defense to other forms of discrimination against gays and lesbians, including general denial of service at a restaurant or other public accommodations. I believe that type of discrimination is directed at an individual and should not be allowed. In fact, I do not believe a person who declines to participate in a same sex wedding or similar ceremony based on his or her religious beliefs is discriminating against an individual at all, they are simply exercise their religious freedom to refuse to participate in a ceremony that they honestly believe violates their religious beliefs and conscience. That is a choice all Hoosiers and Americans of reasonable mind should understand and respect.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Mike

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**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
jatterholt@gov.in.gov
Executive Assistant: Bridget Davis
Office: 317-232-1800

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**From:** Michael Allen [mailto:mealaw@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:57 AM
**To:** Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** RFRA

Jim:

I write to thank Governor Pence, you and everyone on the Governor's team for your efforts in working to protect Hoosiers' rights to freely exercise their religious beliefs without government interference. I really enjoyed hearing the Governor speak at this year's prayer breakfast and know his motives are pure and his heart is in the right place. I was particularly struck to hear him say the most comforting words he hears are when people tell him they are praying for him. Please know I am praying for Governor Pence and his family. The attacks on him and the State of Indiana are some of the most unfair I've ever seen. I am also praying for you and the Governor's others closest advisors as well as members of the General Assembly.

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.

Sincerely,

Michael Allen

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:54 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: recent political action

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Darsha Doran <dzrtrat45@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 1, 2015 at 8:18:00 PM EDT
**To:** cdenault@gov.in.gov
**Subject: recent political action**

Sir,

Arizona, presently my home state, attempted to pass a very similar bill but wiser heads prevailed and our Governor vetoed the bill. Apparently, your "employer" did not bother to look into the exceeding;y negative press that Arizona received before the bill was passed. The implications of Indiana's bill go far beyond refusing to serve "gay" individuals; heinous on its own merit. It has the potential to impact members of other races and religions. In Arizona we have Evangelicals who claim that Catholics and Mormons are not Christian because they worship idols. If businesses carry their "religious rights" to an extreme many individuals and groups can and will be negatively impacted. Litigation will abound. Governor Pence has made a major error in judgement by not vetoing this bill especially since he apparently has political aspirations beyond the state level. The bill spits in the face of everything America is supposed to stand for. Hopefully the loss of revenue from corporations refusing to do businesses in Indiana, individual, group and conference tourism will be a wake up call to rescind this anti-American bill.

Darsha Stockton Doran

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:53 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Please stand firm

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ann Godfrey <paulann@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 1, 2015 at 8:25:56 PM EDT
**To:** "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
**Subject: Please stand firm**

Christy after watching the news all day I have to write.
I need you to tell Gov. Pence something.
I need you to please get word to Gov. Pence.
Please, please stand firm on protecting Christians. In schools, in the military, in the
Work place we are being abused.

Why should a Christian be forced to go against their faith? They should not.
Why should a gay not marry another gay? He should if he wants to.
Both deserve to have the freedom to live as their heart tells them.
People do not have to believe the same thing, but we must respect each
Other and not abuse anyone.

Again I beg you please protect God's children. Protect our freedoms.
Stand firm, please don't cave.

Celia Godfrey

Sent from my iPad

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:00 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Indianapolis Marriott East FW: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

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From: Chris Rutledge [mailto:crutledge@i[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:15 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Indianapolis Marriott East FW: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA
Importance: High

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-----Original Message-----
From: Chris Rutledge [mailto:crutledge@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 1:58 PM
To: 'Sarah Winner'

Cc: Kris Clark
Subject: RE: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sarah Winner [mailto:sarah@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Chris Rutledge
Cc: Kris Clark
Subject: Re: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

Hi Chris,

Unfortunately the stigma around Indiana has greatly impacted my conference and the damage has been done. With just over a month until the conference dates, I cannot do enough damage control to change the minds of my sponsors, exhibitors or attendees. They have already pulled out. Many states are banning state-funded travel to Indiana and this greatly affects my attendance, which is another reason my sponsors have pulled funding. The majority of my attendees are municipal workers.

If you have another property outside of Indiana then I can consider moving the conference to another location. I am sorry that this is the situation we are in but it is totally out of my control.

Please advise on next steps.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mathew Noggle [mailto:matnoggle@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Chris Rutledge; Michael Rodden; Christine Noggle
Cc: Kris Clark
Subject: RE: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

I would not willingly call this a "force Majure situation." We would probably want to litigate this through. The RFRA does not impact having garbage trucks in our parking lot and we are not going to discriminate based on sexual orientation or preference.

-----Original Message-----
From: Chris Rutledge [mailto:crutledge@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Michael Rodden; Christine Noggle; Mathew Noggle
Cc: Kris Clark
Subject: RE: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

The city passed non-discrimination legislation. She would be the first group at our hotel. Overall, the city has lost only a couple of groups.

From: Kris Clark [mailto:kclark@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Christine Noggle
Subject: Fwd: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

I just got this from Sarah!!! Should I be passing this on toChris and have him handle this?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Winner <sarah@[redacted]>
Date: April 1, 2015 at 11:06:53 AM EDT
To: Kris Clark <kclark@[redacted]>
Subject: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

Hi Kris,

I have some extremely bad news. The Fleet Management Expo is suffering horribly from Indiana's passage of the Religious Freedom Rights Act. All my sponsors have pulled out and the attendees are canceling registrations. I have lost over 75% of my participants and at this rate I need to cancel the event. I cannot put on an event if I have no participants.

I realize that not only is this impacting my business but yours as well.

I would like to invoke my Force Majeure clause that due to "governmental regulations" negatively impacting the event through no fault of my own, I would like to cancel the event.

Please let me know how we may proceed.

Again I am sickened by the entire situation and I hope the Marriott will assist me in this time of crisis.

Thank you,

Sarah Winner

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:48 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Rfra bill

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Heather Keith <blondie71673@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 1, 2015 at 4:16:51 PM EDT
**To:** cdenault@gov.in.gov
**Subject: Rfra bill**

Gov. Pence,
Please please please do not amend the Rfra bill that was just passed. Do not take away my freedom of religion. It seems as though the freedom to practice religion, which our country was founded on, is starting to apply to everyone nowadays except for us Christians. I have just as much right to practice and follow Christ according to our constitution but changing this bill puts my freedom in jeopardy. Do Not Take That From Me Please! Do the right thing and DO NOT CHANGE THE BILL!!
Thank you,
Heather J. Keith

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Jim Tubbs <the2tubbs@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 1, 2015 at 3:26:30 PM EDT
**To:** "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
**Subject: Freedom of Religeon**
**Reply-To:** Jim Tubbs <the2tubbs@[redacted]>

In my opinion your governor did the correct thing (decision) in signing the Freedom of Religion bill. Just because you have a few Gays that are going crazy for NO reason-don't change the bill-it's good for all Americans gay and straight!! Thank You Jim Tubbs Fairview, Texas

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:05 PM
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**From:** jsalovesJC@[redacted]mailto:jsalovesJC@[redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:07 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Governor Pence

The governor has been a total disappointment from more and more school funding, preschool funding, allowing illegals to stay in IN to his recent caving to pressure concerning RFRA. He has checked his conservative principles at the door. Next thing I will be made to perform abortions. Please let him know of our supreme displeasure.
Jeri Ashley,RNC-OB

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Chris Rutledge; Michael Rodden; Christine Noggle
Cc: Kris Clark
Subject: RE: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

I would not willingly call this a "force Majure situation." We would probably want to litigate this through. The RFRA does not impact having garbage trucks in our parking lot and we are not going to discriminate based on sexual orientation or preference.

-----Original Message-----
From: Chris Rutledge [mailto:crutledge@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Michael Rodden; Christine Noggle; Mathew Noggle
Cc: Kris Clark
Subject: RE: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

The city passed non-discrimination legislation. She would be the first group at our hotel. Overall, the city has lost only a couple of groups.

From: Kris Clark [mailto:kclark@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Christine Noggle
Subject: Fwd: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

I just got this from Sarah!!! Should I be passing this on toChris and have him handle this?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Winner <sarah@[redacted]>

Date: April 1, 2015 at 11:06:53 AM EDT
To: Kris Clark <kclark@[redacted]>
Subject: FME's Negatively Impacted by RFRA

Hi Kris,

I have some extremely bad news. The Fleet Management Expo is suffering horribly from Indiana's passage of the Religious Freedom Rights Act. All my sponsors have pulled out and the attendees are canceling registrations. I have lost over 75% of my participants and at this rate I need to cancel the event. I cannot put on an event if I have no participants.

I realize that not only is this impacting my business but yours as well.

I would like to invoke my Force Majeure clause that due to "governmental regulations" negatively impacting the event through no fault of my own, I would like to cancel the event.

Please let me know how we may proceed.

Again I am sickened by the entire situation and I hope the Marriott will assist me in this time of crisis.

Thank you,

Sarah Winner

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 1:25 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Freedom of Religion

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ruthnharv <rmfruhwirth@[redacted]>
**Date:** April 1, 2015 at 10:26:36 AM EDT
**To:** <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
**Subject: Freedom of Religion**

Gov. Pence, please stand firm, don't cave in! Don't injure our Religious Freedom. Since Obama became President, our world has gone to pot!! Don't you go down with him!

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:51 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom

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-----Original Message-----
From: Rick Kennedy [mailto:kennedy8clan@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Religious Freedom

I was very proud of our State for passing this law. Please do not water it down.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:58 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: "Religious Freedom" law

-----Original Message-----
From: pgat@[redacted] [mailto:pgat@[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: "Religious Freedom" law

Govenor Mike Pence- As a 3rd generation Hoosier I am aghast at your so -called "Religious Freedom" laws. First off, don't use religion to say that us Hoosiers want to discriminate. That is not how Hoosiers see their religion. Secondly, you are creating a black eye on the face of all Hoosiers by creating a discriminatory law such as this. You need to immediately have this law stricken from the books. What were you thinking?
Now no one wants to come to Indiana. Us Hoosiers believe in freedom but not the freedom to discriminate. I don't know who you have been listening to but you haven't been listening to the voters of Indiana. You need to listen now!
Paul Gates

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:39 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Florist's to lose here first amendment rights?

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**From:** jeff harter [mailto:jeffbharter@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:32 AM
**To:** Hodgin, Stephanie; Denault, Christina; Cleveland, Bridget; Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Florist's to lose here first amendment rights?

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
[redacted]

330 [redacted]

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.

**LGTB Perspective:** You can have your opinion on this, but I can authoritatively state it falls on the wrong side of history. Should this reach the Supreme Court (and I hope it does), the florist will lose again. Fact is: religious duty is not a defense for criminal indictment including discrimination. Read up on court case Reynolds v. US if you don't believe me. In that example, the court considered that if polygamy was allowed, someone might eventually argue that human sacrifice was a necessary part of their religion, and "to permit this would be to make the professed doctrines of religious belief superior to the law of the land, and in effect to permit every citizen to become a law unto himself." To now allow a business to hold religious belief is not only a stretch of definition, but it will invite many other companies to use such a defense including large companies like Walmart, Disney, Boeing, etc. No supreme court would dare

reverse centuries of precedent to give respect to one religion. Bottom line: The florist's beliefs do not supersede the common good of society.

**LGTB Perspective:** So those that follow the Jewish faith can refuse service to Christians if they so choose? Muslims can refuse Jewish and Christian customers becuase they do not believe in the same doctrine? I am confused of where does it end? . . . In the end it seems you are suggesting that members of the LGBT community are God less or have no faith/church to belong. ( "This woman chose to not serve a gay couple out of her religious conviction to live by the rules of God.") I am a Catholic and a gay man. I believe in God and I believe that he loves all his children and created us all in his image. You then follow up with "If people could respect alternative points of view of others, the world would be better off." So if you do not agree with my lifestyle, no one is asking you to do so. I am merely asking you provide the goods and services you say you will just like everyone else. And it is a hot button topic, but why should it be? Becuase you serve or assist someone that goes against what you believe is not harming your business in any way with the excpetion of the loss of a customer and money in your wallet, its called... oh what is that phrase... oh yea.. "A good Christian" ....you can have your opinion on this, but I can authoritatively state it falls on the wrong side of history. Should this reach the Supreme Court (and I hope it does), the florist will lose again. Fact is: religious duty is not a defense for criminal indictment including discrimination. Read up on court case Reynolds v. US if you don't believe me. In that example, the court considered that if polygamy was allowed, someone might eventually argue that human sacrifice was a necessary part of their religion, and "to permit this would be to make the professed doctrines of religious belief superior to the law of the land, and in effect to permit every citizen to become a law unto himself." To now allow a business to hold religious belief is not only a stretch of definition, but it will invite many other companies to use such a defense including large companies like Walmart, Disney, Boeing, etc. No supreme court would dare reverse centuries of precedent to give respect to one religion. Bottom line: The florist's beliefs do not supersede the common good of society.

**Christian Perspective: W**e'll see what happens if it goes to the Supreme Court. In my opinion, I don't think it should be about giving respect to any one religion. It should be about allowing, in rare cases, an individual to live according to their beliefs and convictions while respecting the beliefs and convictions of another. That's my opinion. Robert, I never suggested that LGBT are Godless or faithless. Yes, the Christian God does love everyone. But he also has rules, sins etc. that he requires his followers to follow. I can't speak to other religions. But Robert I agree with you... Christians aren't asking everyone's to agree with the bible. The LGBT community isn't asking everyone to agree with their lifestyle choices either. Yet are essentially saying that Christians can no longer uphold scripture of the bible. They can no longer uphold their their beliefs. Americans should no longer have that primary right. You are essentially advocating the banning of the Christian religion from society altogether, but just incrementally. Not to mention other religions. Practice your religion in your own closet, but that's it. Don't act out or live your faith in all areas of your life because it offends others. Christians should be punished. Muslims who own a t- shirt shop should be forced to print t-shirts that mock their allah. An artist should be forced to draw a picture advocating divorce or abortion or Jesus Christ, even if they respectfully decline because they don't want to promote any of those ideas because of their deeply held convictions. I would be fine with that across the board and respect and be tolerant of their convictions, and simply take my business elsewhere. I wouldn't sue them or threaten to bankrupt them and force them to conform to how I think. That's my opinion, and I think it's pretty respectful and reasonable and tolerant. Let's call this what it is, or is becoming. This is about removing religion, and Christianity in this case currently, from our country completely

**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.

**Christian Perspective:** You can refuse to sell me meatballs because I have big feet, or because I'm being obnoxious. There is no law that prevents that. I'm saying that she doesn't have to accept Adam and Steve, or sell those cupcakes. Adam and Steve need to get over it and patronise a different bakery. In fact there are 100 bakeries that would be happy to serve them. There are alternatives for Adam and Steve. She can pick and choose based on the first amendment and she should be able to practice her deeply held convictions according to Bill Clinton. Gregg, if someone calls me to do an illustration for a magazine for which goes against my personal beliefs, you are saying I can't say no? I am forced to provide my service and do the assignment? I will respectfully disagree with you and say no. You can take away my job, my house, boycott me, humiliate and destroy me as a person in the court of public opinion (actions based on your beliefs) but I won't do the assignment. That should be my right, in my opinion.

**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.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:30 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Gov Pence stance on Religious Freedom

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**From:** ruthnharv [mailto:rmfruhwirth@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:25 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Gov Pence stance on Religious Freedom

Gov. Pence, please stand firm, don't cave in! Don't injure our Religious Freedom. Since Obama became President, our world has gone to pot!! Don't you go down with him!

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:26 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
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**From:** John Gustin [mailto:jgustin68@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 11:22 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:**

My family and I do not see anything wrong with Indiana's RFRA. I do not know why so many people always look for the negative in everything; rather than the good that it can be used for. Extremist's will use any law to fit their agenda, so that is what law abiding citizen's have to fight for to make it not happen. From Colorado wishing you all the best of luck in doing what is right for everyone rather than minority groups forcing every one to bend to their beliefs.

Sincerely,
John and Lori Gustin

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:09 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

**From:** rachwal@[redacted] [mailto:rachwal@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:21 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom Restoration Act

This e-mail is to THANK Gov. Mike Pence for restoring the Religious Freedom Restoration Act for Indiana. I only wish EVERY Governor in every state would do the same.

We know that Hollywood and the media are against it, which is why they make it look like the majority of people are against it too. When someone owns a bakery or floral store and cannot in good conscience make their floral or cakes for same/sex marriages, but gave them names of business that will, they were sued and forced into doing it or face huge fines or punishment. Is this America or a Communist country? WHO are these Judges to make these decisions? It isn't as though no one would make it, but they demand retribution or revenge if they don't?

When media states hundreds of people against it, that is just a drop in a bucket because the majority of people favor what the Governor is doing. They just want to play it up big to make it look like everyone is up in arms against it. Compare it to the thousands of people who support Gov. Pence. Don't let this minority dictate our laws. Hold fast and stand your ground, otherwise their demands will get bolder and bolder..

Esther Rachwal
[redacted]
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:09 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: HELP!

**From:** Garry Clark [mailto:1gaclark1@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:37 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** HELP!

Governor Pence was for Religious Freedom last week. Today, he was against Religious Freedom. Tonight on Shawn Hannity, he is said to announce that he is again for Religious Freedom.
Would you please ask Governor Pence to make-up his mind and be a man who stands for something above himself instead of being politically correct and wishy washy?
Would you please take the governor's balls out of your lock box and allow him to be a man? Please!

Garry A. Clark
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:09 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom

-----Original Message-----
From: Frank Coffey Flammini [mailto:frankly@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:55 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Religious Freedom

Thank you for being courageous and right in passing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. I live in Illinois. I am impressed with Indiana.

Thank you,

Frank Coffey
[redacted]
[redacted]
(708) [redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:08 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious freedom

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From: Michael Vespa [mailto:mvespa2@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 6:29 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Religious freedom

Dear Governor Pence, if you are a Christian please don't be a coward, protect religion !

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:08 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Stand firm Gov. Pence

-----Original Message-----
From: Yahoo [mailto:hammvirginia@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 6:19 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Stand firm Gov. Pence

I would like to voice my support for Gov. Pence's unpopular stand on Religious Freedom.

It takes courage to stand for what is right and I pray he does not succumb to the noisy, obnoxious people who are threatening him. I am sure he has received death threats and threats to harm his family too. These are the actions of people who only want their group protected. They have no concern for the rights or thoughts of others.

Gov. Pence, be a David and put your trust in the Living God! You can stand against this Goliath of public opinion. Let the will of the people be heard, not the will of organizers from Hollywood and the SPLC and ACLU whose salaries are paid by our government and special interest groups. Let the people of Indiana count!

Dr. Virginia Hamm
Troy, AL

Sent from my

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:08 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Governor Pence

**From:** Karen [mailto:nypd14@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:53 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Letter to Governor Pence

March 31, 2015

Governor Michael Pence
200 W. Washington St., Rm. 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Governor Pence,

As a US Citizen, I find it deplorable that you would sign a bill that allows for discrimination against "select" people…human beings. "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" is a well-known phrase in the United States Declaration of Independence. The phrase gives three examples of the "unalienable rights" which the Declaration says has been given to all human beings by their Creator, and for which governments are created to protect. Tell me, how can LGBT citizens obtain these rights, when there are people like you signing such inconceivable laws into place? As Governor, you took an oath to "defend the constitution" and the bill you have signed into law goes directly against the principles of the Constitution of the United States. Unfortunately, ignorance seems to fuel so many religious leaders as well as elected officials, and legacies are made not only through substantial differences people make in the lives of others, but
through considerable ignorance.

I am fortunate that I do not live in your state of Indiana, but I feel for those residents who have been completely humiliated, and may feel the inevitable brunt of the economic backlash that has only just begun.
Perhaps in the future, you may consider the consequences; the harm in which you have brought to human beings that do not choose to live as LGBT's – who would in such a society where they need to fight for every single right that is freely given to others? I am proud to say that in 2004 Massachusetts became the sixth jurisdiction in the world (after the Netherlands, Belgium, Ontario, British Columbia, and Quebec) to legalize same-sex marriage. It was the first U.S. state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, and guess what? The world did not come to an end. Our state has continued to thrive and has been looked upon as a first class model. As a country we passed laws to allow blacks to vote, to hold jobs, to sit in restaurants freely and openly…to be the President of the United States! We have been a country progressing, albeit slowly at times, but progressing and yet, with actions like the one you took, we find ourselves scratching

our heads. How on earth could the United States of America be a country that is regressing? No doubt, other countries look at us and laugh that we fight against our own people. I may not be a resident of Indiana, but I am a citizen of the United States, and your actions have insulted not only your residents, but citizens throughout the country. I am confident, the millions of service members who fight and lose their lives for freedom – the freedom for ALL shake their heads and ask why. Let us not forget the LGBT service members who are willing to lay down their lives for EVERY single individual – even a heterosexual person; even a bigot.

Disappointed,

Karen Villani

Karen L. Villani

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:06 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Encouragement for Mike

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From: John P Guarino [mailto:johnpguarino@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:12 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Encouragement for Mike

I am just sick for Mike Pence. He has been so attacked even from the President of Hanover College. Sue Dewine was just short calling Mike a gay/lesbian hater. She had the opportunity to call Mike and share her feelings About the law, but she put the article in the Madison Courier 3/31/15 Editorial page and in her page on the Hanover College website The article is so belittleing that Mike should never return to Hanover.
As a teacher of 38 years, I know the hate that is being directed toward my governor. It is unfair and malicious.
I hope our state people can fix the law or just cancel it. today's protesters Are so full of vengeance and hate there is no balance.
Tell Mike I will be praying for him. Good will prevail.
John Guarino

Sent from my iPad

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
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**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** phyllis bussmann [mailto:pbussmann1942@[redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:27 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:**

Tell Gov. Pence to hang in there and fight, fight for our religious freedom s. You rock Gov. Pence. PLEASE dont back down.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:05 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: The Bill

**From:** Anthony Curran [mailto:anthonycurran2@[redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:23 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** The Bill

Karen,

Please tell the governor for me that he is an ass among asses, an imbecile and a hypocrite. What a sideshow, to dupe and bring on all those dear little nuns and priests. Did he ask them how many gays there are in their own communities? May I suggest 50%!

How dare they stand there in full uniform to prostitute their vocations and religious garb for the governor's hate bill. Oh, I know, it has nothing to do with hate. It's all about freedom of religion and he, such a Christian Evangelical is certainly going to do his part! Well did he and those brilliant Republicans in the state congress think this bill through?

Now I agree, Obamacare overreached in this matter, but this is your response?

A curse on the governor and on all their heads. What goes around, comes around and I pray fervently that this bill will freeze Indiana into the ice age and the governor into political oblivion! It troubles me to think that the electorate of Indiana could put such a person in office, but I guess in politics anything is possible I write as one who has a master's from the little school in South Bend!

My sorrow is for the good, fair thinking people of Indiana suffering under this kind of strage and misguided "leadership." One answer is, well you elected him, now take what you get. But what about the thinking people would have no part of such a governor/

Have you done even a casual total of the Billions that have already left the state and the blood letting will not stop any time soon.

Thanks you Gov. pence for one of the singular dumb ass boondoggles of the 21 st century!

By all means, tell the governor to run for president; it would be more fun than watching Abbot and Costello. I always look forward to the Republican primaries. They are more fun than Comedy Central. Can you just see Pence and Cruz and Paul on stage together; that is an award winning comedy video! I certainly would buy ten copies.

If he runs, I will give him three months on the trail before he is dead in the water, even more un-electable than a moron like Ted Cruz, the preacher's son! Bring'em on. I will sit down with a towel to wipe away the tears of laughter!

With disgust and contempt,

Anthony T. Curran

Rev.Anthony Curran
[redacted]
c.570-[redacted]

[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:05 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: RFRA

-----Original Message-----
From: rick reinhardt [mailto:rpr20071@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:09 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D; Cleveland, Bridget; Denault, Christina
Subject: RFRA

To the Unesteemed Governor Pence:

I am a former resident of Indiana (born and raised) and graduate of Indiana University. I also have many relatives and friends still residing in the State, mostly in North Indianapolis and Hamilton and Hendricks Counties -- and, I frequently return to the State.

I am deeply disturbed with the current controversy that you and the legislature have created by enacting this flawed law; it is designed to address what are largely manufactured issues. Your wisdom, as Governor, in signing the bill into law is truly lacking. It demonstrates your inability to listen to volumes of advice that attempted to warn you of the consequences for the State. And, it shows how you blindly follow your fundamentalist religious beliefs/community -- to the detriment of the better interests of the State and all of its citizens.

I do hope that you promptly correct this miscarriage as quickly as possible, and that you use your position as Governor to work for the betterment of all IN citizens -- not just the ones that you agree with politically and religiously.

The only positive to come out of this controversy is that more of your State's citizens, and those from around the country, will get a better picture of your lack of wisdom and judgment. Hopefully, this will destroy any further political aspirations you might have.

Oh -- and I suggest you stay off of national TV shows. Totally Inept and Embarrassing! You're not making your case -- you're digging your hole deeper; it is not a "perception" problem. Frankly, you are clearly a liar; you indicate that the law was not directed to create selected opportunities for discrimination, yet if you even bothered to review the website and other material put out by Senator Schneider (one of the authors RFRA) and others, the intent in creating and sponsoring RFRA is clear. And, now, you come up with an excuse that your citizens need to be protected against Obamacare? More accurately, many of your citizens need to be protected against extremist and over-reaching legislative and executive branches.

Your "Judgment Day", when it comes, might not end up as you are expecting.

(copy to Indpls Star)

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:03 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom From Act!

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**From:** WK Gainer [mailto:wkgainer@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:31 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom From Act!

Sexual Sin is NOT A CIVIL RIGHT!
Gaymonizum is a State sanctioned religion/cult who's core beliefs are that they are born this way and its not just another sin on the list and if you don't tend their church you MUST BE PUNISHED!
The American U S Constitution and KJV Bible corrects both errors.
The First Amendment (Amendment I) to the United States Constitution prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion!
Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;)

The Church of the Later-day Gayminites are now recognized by law. The State is now respecting this establishment of religion and is prohibiting the free exercise against this sinful life stile thereof; abridging our freedom of speech and the press against said State established beliefs. The right of the people to peaceably assemble, to pursue happiness and to petition the government for a redress of grievances is coming to an impasse fast.

Ben Carson CPAC Speech: Gay People 'Don't Get Extra Rights'

Conservative Ben Carson let loose on gay marriage during his Saturday CPAC speech, reinforcing his belief in traditional practices.

"As you know, I am not a fan of political correctness," Carson told onlookers, drawing cheers. "I still believe that marriage is between a man and a woman."

Carson went on to add that the political world is full of "ideologues" and the only people that can stop them are the American people. While he believes gay people are entitled to their rights, Carson drew the line at "extra rights" that alter the institution of marriage.

"Of course gay people should have the same rights as everyone else, but they don't get extra rights," Carson said. "They don't get to redefine marriage."
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/08/ben-carson-cpac-speech_n_4899410.html?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000592

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:00 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: RFRA

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Strouse Jr. [mailto:strouseplumbing@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:15 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: RFRA

I support your law , you are being scapegoated. Fight on & strong

Jim Strouse Jr.
Burlington , VT

Sent from my iPhone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:00 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Law

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**From:** stephendefilippo [mailto:stephendefilippo[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 6:46 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom Law

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU PASS A LAW PRESERVING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM? TELL MIKE PENCE NOT TO CAVE TO THESE ASSHOLES. STAND UP FOR SOMETHING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.
ACT LIKE A MAN AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY DESPITE ECONOMICS.
GOD BLESS!

STEVE DEFILIPPO
TAMPA, FLORIDA
Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:00 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Simplify Governor Pence's difficulties.

**From:** Garry Clark [mailto:1gaclark1@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 7:52 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Simplify Governor Pence's difficulties.

Might I suggest you order Governor Pence to support Religious Freedom every other hour while opposing Religious Freedom in the remaining time.

To simplify and make matters fair, Governor Pence can support Religious Freedom during the even hours of today and oppose Religious Freedom during the odd hours of today while reversing this performance tomorrow.

Since you have more balls than Governor Pense, I am certain that he will obey your orders. However, when he has a press conference he will blame you for his obeying your order.

Will Governor Mike "Spineless" Pence announce his resignation today and end this calamity?

Garry A. Clark
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:59 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** sbwarren56 [mailto:sbwarren56[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:04 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:**

My daughter is a Republican, Christian and respect the laws. She prays everyday to forgive her sins but she is Gay...She said that this particular law opens more hate crimes and she pray that the Gov. Pence have it reword so it does protect all who will be subject to Christian's persecution. ..This reminds me of the witch hunt back in the days ...

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:53 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: RFRA

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**From:** Aaron Boyle [mailto:aboyle@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:48 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RFRA

Ms. Brooks,

I have been in business in Indiana for almost 20 years and in my 53 years of life have never written to a government official. In reference to the RFRA and Governor Pence's response, I cannot remain silent any longer. I am embarrassed and appalled by the Governor's position on the entire issue and how he has represented himself and our State. Even if he is right (and I do not think he is), it is beyond me why it is so difficult to admit that the rest of the Country might have a point. Mr. Pence is making our State look like a bunch of goofs that has been pushed around by special interest and after hearing him talk this week he sounds like he is in favor of the legislation because it IS anti-gay….I am Catholic and do not believe in same sex relationships but when I heard Governor Pence being interviewed I was sick to my stomach and again embarrassed that he was representing the State of Indiana. Please, Please, Please make him stop fighting this battle.

[redacted]

**Aaron Boyle**
[redacted]
Phone: 317-[redacted]
Mobile 317-[redacted]
Fax: 317-580-1169
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 8:37 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s v ogle <svogle55@[redacted]>
**Date:** March 31, 2015 at 2:09:21 PM EDT
**To:** cdenault@gov.in.gov
**Subject: Religious Freedom Restoration Act**

Dear Governor:

Please do not cave on this issue because of left wing media bias and pressure and the gay mafia lobby. Stand firm and believe in your convictions.

The legislators were elected by their constituents and they speak as their representatives. In this case the majority of citizen Hoosiers support the law. Otherwise, why would reps craft a bill that wasn't important to their constituents?

To modify the law or force the legislators to do so is a betrayal of the voters. Many will not forget those betrayals because a governor was pressured by the dollar bill and the gay lobby. What does that say about the governor's character? The LGBT crowd and academic elitists didn't put him into office.

Examine Scott Walker's situation. The media, the unions and academia were all over him for months. Yet, he didn't cave and found tremendous support even among moderate democrats in a liberal state and across the nation.

And if Governor Pence has any future presidential aspirations he'd better remember the choices he makes now follow him tomorrow.

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:11 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Congradulate Gov

-----Original Message-----
From: Starr Carpenter [mailto:scdl@[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Cc: Voy, Le
Subject: Congradulate Gov

kbrooks@gov.in.gov was contact info at end of Indiana Gov. Pence's "Statement Regarding Religious Freedom Restoration Act."

Thank God for Gov. Pence. Please pass this on to your Gov. He did the correct think with this law. I am from WI and wish Gov. Walker would have half as much resolve to stand for his state, people, and correct law. WI Gov. is walking the easy fence because he wants to further his political career. I will not vote again for him because he has back peddled and did not stand and use his Gov. position (like state of Alabama to do all they can to defend their state laws and freedom) for all the people and not just an agenda being pushed by minority groups.

Please tell Gov. Pence to "Stand Your Ground". Just listened to Matt Staver of Liberty Council and he is asking for the Gov. to do nothing further. Let your Religious Freedom Restoration stand as it is - do not try and clarify; do not pass any additional laws. Do not allow the hate groups who are threatening to boycott your fine State to influence your law and religion faithfulness to God and truth. Do not allow the corrosive and intolerant groups to rule in your State. Do not compromise your values and the values of the people of your State who you represent. Stand the clash and onslaught. Stand for God and just laws and to no placate with unjust laws. Obey laws that stand for the biblical rule of our United States Constitution and the Republic of the USA one Nation Under God.

Please pass this on to your Indiana Speaker of House. Your legislative body need to know they passed the correct law that protects everyone and allows everyone in your fine State to thrive.

Sincerely,

Starr Le Voy
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[redacted]
(715)[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 4:58 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: BRAVO!

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**From:** Harry Moomey [mailto:hmoomey@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:53 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** BRAVO!

I live out in Washington State and… I salute the Governor and your state legislators who have chosen to boldly step forth with your religious freedom law. Huraah to you for providing relief and protection for your citizens to follow their own religions convictions.

I've never visited Indiana – but it appears that I should put your state on my list of places to visit. The example of your leaders should be emulated and rewarded - not criticized.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 4:03 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: You all are right on target-keep the Religious Freedom law as you have it

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**From:** Suetta Bartley [mailto:sbartley@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:22 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** You all are right on target-keep the Religious Freedom law as you have it

Thanks for all you do for the citizens of IN. Sincerely, Suetta Bartley, Indianapolis, IN

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 4:02 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

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**From:** Garry Clark [mailto:1gaclark1[redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:25 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom Restoration Act

I am totally confused. With the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a Sodomite cannot sue a business that refuses to cater and Sanctify Sodomite marriage while Governor seeks legislation denying business right to practice Religious Freedom by not Sanctifying Sodomite marriage.
I am confused.
Do we have religious freedom or are we to sacrifice our faith out of fear of civil litigation?
Is Governor Pence saying that he surrenders to the Sodomite lobby and Democrats?
Will a business that refuses to Sanctify Sodomite marriage by baking a wedding cake be sued for honoring God's Law, or will the business have right to refuse Sanctification of Sodomite marriage by baking a cake?
Is Governor Pence in effect seeking repeal of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act?
If Governor Pence does not have the backbone to make one decision and stick with that decision as part of principle, maybe he should resign his office.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:57 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for standing strong!

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**From:** Justice, Kimberly P [mailto:KJustice@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:29 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Thank you for standing strong!

Dear Gov. Pence,

I am a supporter!

Thank you for standing strong and not backing down
on the religious freedom bill……..

We as the people need more politicians such as yourself.

God Bless

Sincerely,

Kim Justice

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:47 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

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**From:** Diane Crecelius [mailto:Diane.Crecelius@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:39 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom Restoration Act

I would like to thank the Governor for passing this. All we hear is the negative. People need to know about all of us who agree with the law and appreciate our Governor for standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

Diane Crecelius
812[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:45 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: PLEASE STAND FIRM FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

-----Original Message-----
From: Elizabeth Browning [mailto:emaib@[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:19 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: PLEASE STAND FIRM FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Dear Governor Pence,

Please keep the law in place, as signed. You are protecting the rights of businesses that do not want to be complicit in "approving" of behaviors and choices inconsistent with their religious beliefs. 1% of the population, those with same-sex attraction issues, are discriminating against people with firmly held religious beliefs. DON'T ENABLE THEM.

Thank you for protecting the First Amendment rights of ALL your citizens, and for being an example for other states to follow.

Elizabeth Browning
Natural Bridge, Virginia

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:17 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Tell Gov to be STRONG!!! Don't cower! Protect religious freedom!

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**From:** SpeakrsForum@[redacted] [mailto:SpeakrsForum[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:29 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Tell Gov to be STRONG!!! Don't cower! Protect religious freedom!

Hello, Ms. Brooks. CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSION. DO NOT SHARE, BROADCAST MY EMAIL ADDRESS.

I must say that Gov. Pence needs to be stronger in WHY people of faith don't have to bow to other people's actions. He needs to say (in short):

**No one should be forced to aid, service or provide goods to a conduct that doesn't comport with the vendor's faith! Period!**

This is NOT about ""Civil Rights" as with Blacks. No. Blacks could NOT vote. Homosexuals can get cakes, flowers, etc. they CAN get them. But ***if someone's actions conflict with a person's faith, WHY should they be forced to aid that conduct?***

I'm am Ob-Gyn. Abortions are the law of the land. I even feel women have the right to get an abortion; it's their body. But I, as a physician and a woman of faith, don't want to be the one to be sucking out all that embryonic tissue. Can the woman still get an abortion? YES. Just get it somewhere else. Her desire for an abortion doesn't supercede MY conduct and what I wish to participate in!

This is ridiculous. **I cannot believe how homosexuality is the rule of the day.** It is the homosexual community that is intolerant of others. They can sleep with whomever they choose, but that doesn't mean the rest of us have to endorse, support or service those activities. Get your cake, flowers elsewhere!!!!!!!!

And I am NOT a white male republican. Quite the contrary. I'm a Black female Democrat.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:08 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Support the Fairness for All Hoosiers Act

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "lindaponterio ." <lindaponterio@[redacted]>
**Date:** March 31, 2015 at 1:50:44 PM EDT
**To:** undisclosed-recipients:;
**Subject: Support the Fairness for All Hoosiers Act**

Dear Governor Pence,

Please act on the courage of your religious convictions and support the Fairness for All Hoosiers Act.

The Fairness for All Hoosiers Act is exactly what Indiana needs to begin rebuilding our reputation and undo the harm RFRA has inflicted on our state. N

This common sense legislation would do two important things:

- Update Indiana's state civil rights law to prohibit discrimination against LGBT Hoosiers in employment, housing and public accommodations.
- Clarify that the recently enacted RFRA cannot be used to undermine local or statewide civil rights protections.

People are speaking, and it's clearly more than the Left and the media. Please be a leader for all Hoosiers.

Linda Ponterio
[redacted]

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **lindaponterio .** <lindaponterio@[redacted]>

Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 8:24 PM
Subject: VETO RFRA
To:

**Please veto the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.**

How can one argue that religious freedom is the factor preventing job growth in Indiana when:

- 22% of Indiana's children live in poverty
- Indiana is 43rd in the nation for infant mortality.
- 12.5% of our children have been abused or neglected prior to turning 18.
- Suicide is a leading cause of death for Hoosiers aged 15-54 and is the 11th leading cause of death overall in Indiana.
- Indiana females in grades nine through 12 have the nation's second-highest rate of forced sex. Nearly one in six Hoosier girls has been sexually assaulted or raped prior to leaving high school.
- Indiana is ranked second in the nation for sexual assault crimes.
- Indiana is a leader in the nation in rates of smoking, obesity, and diabetes.

**Stop using religion as a scapegoat and do the work of the people. Create a safe, strong Indiana. VETO RFRA.**

Linda Ponterio
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:45 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Fairness in Indiana

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Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** beattie_daniel@[redacted]
**Date:** March 31, 2015 at 1:32:45 PM EDT
**To:** "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
**Subject: Fairness in Indiana**

Dear Ms Denault:

I am writing to express my hope that you will encourage the Governor to push for repeal or a substantive fix to the recent Religious Freedoms law that in my view will make Indianapolis a less welcoming place to do business and to visit. I have many gay friends and a gay family member. Let's make no mistake that the new law will impact them regardless of political spin from some lawmakers. This is also about perception and basic fairness and dignity. I could not in good conscience encourage a gay friend or family member to invest a cent in the state when we treat residents or visitors this way. I am profoundly disappointed. The state is on the wrong side of history. Please do what you can to help make this right. This is costing us money and distracts from the state's good deeds.

Daniel Beattie

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:45 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Constitution is Clear

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Christy Denault
Communications Director
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**From:** Zola Alves <daern25@[redacted]>
**Date:** March 31, 2015 at 1:43:01 PM EDT
**To:** cdenault@gov.in.gov
**Subject: Constitution is Clear**

I get that people are upset about this new religious freedom law, but the law was really not necessary as the Constitution already GUARANTEES religious freedom. Last time I checked, the U.S. Constitution over rides anyone's hurt feelings about issues. That is why we have the Constitution. If a person wants to own a private business then the government should not have the ability to determine who they can service. If that is the case, the next logical step would be that the government can then say what brands they can sell or not sell and so forth. The founding fathers foresaw these issues which is why they made the freedom of religion the FIRST amendment. I commend your administration for standing up for the Constitution, even though it does not sit well with the very noisy minority that disagrees with the Constitution.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** fsmi@[redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:59 PM
**To:** Wellen, Alex;Toppo, Mike;Kerns, Kitric;DeGrammont, Karen;Artley, Meredith;Morse, Andrew
**Cc:** Hodgin, Stephanie;Denault, Christina;Cleveland, Bridget;Brooks, Kara D;Governor Mike Pence;Costello, Carol;Bolduan, Kate;Pereira, Michaela;Phillips, Kyra;Wolf Blitzer;Baldwin, Brooke;Cuomo, Chris
**Subject:** Fwd: Spiritual Truth about Homosexuality and Same-Sex Marriage

Please find below a copy of a recent email to Governor Michael Richard Pency of Indiana to explain the issue of Homosexuality and Same-Sex Marriage and put the issue in a spiritual and Godly perspective. We also invite you to read the article **'The Decline and Fall of a Divided Nation'** listed on our website www.aworlddeceived.ca

As always, we welcome your questions

In His Service.

Andy & Dianne van den Berg - www.aworlddeceived.ca

---------- Original Message ----------
From: "fsmi@[redacted]" <fsmi@[redacted]>
To: "Pence, Michael Richard" <mpence@gov.in.gov>
Cc: "Denault, Christy" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>, "Hodgin, Stephanie" <shodgin@gov.in.gov>, "Cleveland, Bridget" <bcleveland@gov.in.gov>, "Brooks, Kara" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>
Date: March 31, 2015 at 11:56 AM
Subject: Spiritual Truth about Homosexuality and Same-Sex Marriage

Michael,

Please find below the item listed on the Current Events page of our website www.aworlddeceived.ca

It is our hope that you will circulate the item to as many people as you can as it communicates the only Spiritual Truth about the issue. In order prevent any further spin by the media we pray and ask that you circulate this email to all the Media outlets. Feel free to direct them to us with any questions they may have.

All of the other pages and articles listed on our website explain how and by whom the people of this world have been deceived as confirmed in Revelation 12:9.

We welcome your questions and would be please to address all those seeking the truth.

In His Service.

Andy & Dianne van den Berg - www.aworlddeceived.ca

**Homosexuality and Same-Sex Marriage**

Sixty years ago my grandparents never heard of homosexuality and it was only late in life that my parents heard of the subject. I was twenty one years of age myself when I was first informed of this unnatural behavior by a family member. The issue has now reached a whole new level of diversion and deception, where homosexual couples enter into a union and they even call it 'marriage'.

What has happened in such a short period of time where all the foundations of this world are obviously out of its course and things have become so distorted? We invite you to read the article Foundations Out of Course on this website.

The following is an excerpt from the article Julia Gillard ~ Prime Minister of Australia.

"We know that the days we live in are as they were in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39). In his days people were un-repenting and only few believed in Noah's message of repentance. As ministers and soldiers of Christ our challenges are very similar and the choices that people are called to make are no different today as they have always been.

Noah was 950 years of age when he died in 1994 BC and that was only four thousand years ago (Genesis 9:29). For more of this mystery and the genealogies of the Patriarchs from Adam to Noah we invite you to read the article Who is God and who is Satan?

Sexual perversion contributed to God's wrath on the sons of God during the days of Noah and it is no different today (Matthew 3:7; Luke 3:7; 1 Thess. 1:10).

On June 15, 2005, we wrote the Legislative Committee on Bill-C38, a bill which eventually passed and Canada became the fourth country in the world to legalize same-sex marriage. Receipt of our correspondence was never acknowledged, neither was our voice ever allowed to be heard. One thing we know with certainty, that God's judgment accelerated rapidly, since same-sex marriage was allowed in so many countries, and it is only a matter of time before it becomes an acceptable practice in most countries throughout the world.

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:40 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Outraged over SB101 and RFRA

**From:** Chad Seewald [mailto:sweetssogeek@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:09 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D; Cleveland, Bridget; Denault, Christina; Hodgin, Stephanie; Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Outraged over SB101 and RFRA

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Chad Seewald
Owner - Sweets So Geek

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:38 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Indiana's Relgious Freedom Law

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**From:** Ed K [mailto:edkruger83[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:26 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Indiana's Relgious Freedom Law

A privately owned business should retain the right to serve or not to serve those whose voluntary actions contradict the business owner's held religious beliefs.

*Ed*

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:28 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: REPEAL OR RECALL!!!!!!

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**From:** Troy Griffiths [mailto:troy@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:22 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Cc:** Cleveland, Bridget; Denault, Christina; Hodgin, Stephanie
**Subject:** REPEAL OR RECALL!!!!!!

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

If you would be kind enough, I would like you to please pass along this message to your boss. Apparently we can't contact him directly and you have been appointed as the chief gate keeper (that's democracy at its finest):

Governor Pence:

I am contacting you today to express my great displeasure for the hit that the reputation of Indiana has taken as a result of your singing into law the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. As the sole owner of an accounting firm located in Mokena, Illinois, I have chosen to take valuable time away from my clients in order to send this message. I am in the planning process of expanding my company to a second location near my home in Portage, Indiana. Effective immediately, I have decided to put these plans on hold. I will not and cannot consider hiring in Indiana until the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is fully repealed.

I have received calls, letters and e-mails from clients, family and friends who have cited our state as "out of touch", "setting the country back 50 years" and "filled with religious yahoos" (the last being from a Christian minister). Until today, I was an advocate for Indiana. I always offered moving to a state that's better on taxes, employment and regulation as a solution to my clients business needs. Starting today I can no longer offer this as a solution. I cannot suggest that anyone open a business in a state who's governor openly condones bigotry of any kind. I cannot suggest that anyone open a business in a state in which I'm ashamed to say I live.

Next I hope you do the right thing, so I can fully focus on my clients businesses: **Immediately REPEAL the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in full**. If you cannot find it in yourself to personally correct your error of judgement in signing this law, I will do everything in my power to see you are recalled from office. To further express my point, I've attached below some additional reading you might be interested in.

http://www.newyorker.com/humor/borowitz-report/indiana-defines-stupidity-as-religion
http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/pro-discrimination-religious-freedom-laws-are-dangerous-to-america/2015/03/29/bdb4ce9e-d66d-11e4-ba28-f2a685dc7f89_story.html?tid=sm_fb
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Kind Regards,
Troy W. Griffiths
[redacted]

P.S.  When I said "I'm ashamed to say I live" in Indiana, I meant that I'm ashamed of you!!!

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:27 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Governor Pence Presser on RFRA

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**From:** randi riley [mailto:therandiriley@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:06 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D; Denault, Christina
**Subject:** Governor Pence Presser on RFRA

Good morning,

I just watched your boss throw the ENTIRE Christian population in America under the Left's Gay Extortion Bus. He validated the taunts from the Left by demonstrating that Republican leadership is a hoax. That promises during a campaign are merely lies. That Indiana is fronted by a coward.

While LGBTs comprise perhaps 4% of America's total population, Christians, and incidentally many Black and Latino voters who oppose the Gay Agenda on moral grounds, are in the majority still--barely--but we're still here. And now, with his "no right to deny services" retreat, he raised the white flag of surrender to a ruthless horde of sexual jihadists and made your state the target of LGBT activist revenge. Unprotected Christian-owned businesses will suffer the excruciating fate of that innocent baker in the state of Washington; be victimized by contrived lawsuits to intimidate future Governors and States from enforcing a legitimate and necessary law. You are now co-conspirators, abettors of an illegitimate group in the willful destruction of the businesses and income of decent people who are weary of being scapegoated and demonized everyday by the press and a secular Left who desire to destabilize and deconstruct our precious Republic. They know the traditions and values that built this nation must be removed/replaced if they are to achieve the goal of destroying it.

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Sincerely,

Randi Riley
Edgewater, Florida

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:17 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Governor Pence Presser on RFRA

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** randi riley <therandiriley@[redacted]>
**Date:** March 31, 2015 at 12:05:48 PM EDT
**To:** "kbrooks@gov.in.gov" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>, "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>
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**From:** fsmi@[redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:57 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Cc:** Denault, Christina;Hodgin, Stephanie;Cleveland, Bridget;Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Spiritual Truth about Homosexuality and Same-Sex Marriage

Michael,

Please find below the item listed on the Current Events page of our website www.aworlddeceived.ca

It is our hope that you will circulate the item to as many people as you can as it communicates the only Spiritual Truth about the issue. In order prevent any further spin by the media we pray and ask that you circulate this email to all the Media outlets. Feel free to direct them to us with any questions they may have.

All of the other pages and articles listed on our website explain how and by whom the people of this world have been deceived as confirmed in Revelation 12:9.

We welcome your questions and would be please to address all those seeking the truth.

In His Service.

Andy & Dianne van den Berg - www.aworlddeceived.ca

**Homosexuality and Same-Sex Marriage**

Sixty years ago my grandparents never heard of homosexuality and it was only late in life that my parents heard of the subject. I was twenty one years of age myself when I was first informed of this unnatural behavior by a family member. The issue has now reached a whole new level of diversion and deception, where homosexual couples enter into a union and they even call it 'marriage'.

What has happened in such a short period of time where all the foundations of this world are obviously out of its course and things have become so distorted? We invite you to read the article Foundations Out of Course on this website.

The following is an excerpt from the article Julia Gillard ~ Prime Minister of Australia.

"We know that the days we live in are as they were in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39). In his days people were un-repenting and only few believed in Noah's message of repentance. As ministers and soldiers of Christ our challenges are very similar and the choices that people are called to make are no different today as they have always been.

Noah was 950 years of age when he died in 1994 BC and that was only four thousand years ago (Genesis 9:29). For more of this mystery and the genealogies of the Patriarchs from Adam to Noah we invite you to read the article Who is God and who is Satan?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 9:00 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Stay strong!!

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**From:** Kevin Gordon [mailto:kevin-gordon@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 6:03 AM
**To:** Cleveland, Bridget; Brooks, Kara D; Denault, Christina
**Subject:** Stay strong!!

Hi Bridget, Kara and Christy

Please convey my support to Governor Pence.

This morning, I posted the following on my facebook page when I shared:
Pence: Coverage of religious freedom law 'shameless'



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Indiana Gov. Mike Pence on Sunday sternly defended his state's new religious freedom law from what he called "reckless" and "shameless" media coverage,...

View on www.politico.com Preview by Yahoo

In June, 2003 with George W. Bush's approval rating at around 70% and Republicans in control of the House, then Congressman Pence, was summoned to the Dick Cheney "woodshed" because he was refusing to vote yes on H.R.1 - Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, (Prescription drugs for all seniors regardless of income level) The final vote was Ayes 216. Noes 215, Present 1 and Not voting 3. Congressman Pence was one of 19 Republicans to vote NO on the Bill. Don't count on Governor Pence to be intimidated now.

# Kevin

**Kevin J. Gordon**
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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:47 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for Religious Freedom

**From:** Jacob J [mailto:jacob.wfg@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:44 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Thank you for Religious Freedom

I just want to send you an email saying thank you for standing up for freedom when so many are caving in to the minority. I support the Religious Freedom Act and I know that it isn't about discrimination.

Keep up the good fight.

Jacob Jorgensen
Utah Resident

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:42 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Indiana does not and will not discriminate. But we do pray for our Governor

**From:** JAMES LANDRUM [mailto:jasland@[redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:25 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Indiana does not and will not discriminate. But we do pray for our Governor

Indiana gay supporters can not read
The media supporters join by their own hate groups are promoting these lies.

Indiana does not and will not discriminate.

The big lie the media is spreading regarding freedom for all vs rights of religious conviction.

The Washington Post article largely mirrors the argument advanced by Indiana Governor Mike Pence. Appearing on ABC's This Week, Pence claimed "Then state-Sen. Barack Obama voted for [the Religious Freedom Restoration Act]. The very same language."

Indiana city ordinances typically prohibit the discrimination employment, housing, education and public accommodations on the basis of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. The cities and counties in Indiana with these ordinances in effect are the City of Bloomington, the City of Evansville, the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Monroe County, and the City of South Bend.

"No, Indiana did not just pass a law discriminating against gay people.
Catholic News
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Indianapolis, Ind., Mar 27, 2015 / 05:32 pm (CNA/EWTN News).- Despite media hype, a new Indiana law is not based on anti-gay discrimination, but on a 20-year legal precedent of protecting the rights of religious individuals and charitable organizations, say religious liberty advocates.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, said he was "a little surprised" by the controversy. "It seems to have no relationship to what the law actually said."

"The law does not authorize or promote or in any way encourage discrimination towards anyone. The law is there to determine when rights conflict with one another and the best way to resolve that conflict."

If the bill had encouraged unjust discrimination, Tebbe told CNA March 27, “the Catholic Conference and the Church would not be supportive of it.”

He called on the law’s critics to “take more time to look at what the law actually says, to listen to what constitutional and legal scholars have said about it and also take a look at where this law is already in place and in practice.”

Fiedorek noted that the religious freedom restoration acts date back 25 years.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —March 27,2025 The Arkansas Senate has passed a bill aimed at preventing the government from infringing upon someone’s religious beliefs, a measure that critics say would be a blank check for businesses to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

The bill approved by the Senate on a 24-7 vote Friday prohibits state and local government action that would substantially burden someone’s religious beliefs unless a “compelling” interest is proven. The measure heads for a final vote in the House, which approved an initial version of the bill.

Supporters of the bill say it merely mirrors a similar federal protection in place for more than 20 years, but opponents say it amounts to state-sanctioned discrimination on religious grounds.

Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson has said he’ll sign the measure if it reaches his desk. Christian Post

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RFRA, of course, does not grant anyone the right to “discriminate” or deny service to anyone else. All the law does is articulate that religious freedom is a factor to be weighed in making court decisions about the common good, that the government must show good cause in restricting someone’s free exercise of religion.

So where does all the ignorance come from in this case?
Russel Moore

Jim Landrum
Jasland@[redacted]
Sent from Indiana James

The Apostle Paul said.....9 "The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."Philippians 4:9 (NASB)

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:42 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: To the Governer of Indiana…persevere

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**From:** Dennis Cain [mailto:decain7@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:30 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** To the Governer of Indiana...persevere

I'm a resident of Texas and am encouraging you to persevere during this time of trouble concerning the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. I have just read your statement from March 26 and it is clear of the intent. It is also intuitively obvious to the most casual observer that those who are opposing you and your state clearly have not read it...nor do they really care.

Dennis Cain

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:16 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Governor Mike Pence

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**From:** mcitysports@[redacted] [mailto:mcitysports@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:15 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Governor Mike Pence

March 31, 2015

Governor Mike Pence

Office of the Governor

Statehouse

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

Mr. Pence,

I am appalled that not only did you sign legislation that allows businesses to discriminate against gay and lesbian individuals but also according to the Huff Post Politics dated March 29. 2015 in an article titled, “Indiana Governor Mike Pence Seeks To 'Clarify' 'Religious Freedom' Law” they indicated the following:

Being against gay and lesbian now a days is so primitive in thinking and if this is the way you will conduct business I will not support your reelection. I am not gay but I think people have the right to be happy.

Business and religious beliefs should not ever be in the same arena. Catering to the public means cater to all.

I have family members who are gay and lesbian. Gay people pay taxes just as all of us do and only support the growth of our businesses. If this is your stand you will not have my vote in the next election. Politicians should be working for the people and that means gay people too.

ROBINETT FAMILIES OF MICHIGAN CITY

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 7:42 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act

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**From:** Ray Rauenhorst [mailto:raue@[redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:50 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom Restoration Act

Governor Pence,

I think your recently passed law is a valid one. I encourage you and the State of Indiana to stay the course.

The gay/lesbian faction demands a lot of tolerance but in turn gives very little.

Keep up the good work.

Ray and Sharon Rauenhorst
Easton MN

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 7:06 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: My support for Governor Pence

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From: Bob [mailto:foog8@[redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 6:58 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: My support for Governor Pence

Hello,
I just wanted to relay to you my 100 percent support and admiration for Governor Pence signing into law the Freedom of Religion Protection Act. It is very nice to see Indiana doing what is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, Freedom of Religion. I understand that the far left better known as progressive liberals are going to try and turn this into something it's not because that's what they do best. I have been sickened at how under the current Administration in the Whitehouse our freedoms in America have been eroded and attacked like I've never seen before in my life. Instead of our focus on job creation, the economy, debt reduction, etc... As our President promised to all Americans if they'd just give him that 2nd term. Anybody that actually knew the history and voting record of this man while a inexperienced Senator found that laughable. Religion amongst other things such as the Second Amendment, First Amendment and Fifth Amendment have been the lefts targets to try to destroy during Obama's entire term. To do as much harm to our nation while they have one of them in charge who refuses to listen to his own Congress and "We The People" Do not bow into the pressure being applied by the 18 percent of Americans who somehow think that whatever they want applies to 100 percent of Americans. My former company does more business than any company in America today and for the foreseeable future. I have sat in those meetings enough is all I'll say and I can assure you that we hired only the top Attorneys in the World. Our Company has the biggest target of any company in the world on them as we were sued on average once every 46 seconds. Deep pockets equals big target. We gave any member of Management at any store in the world to have the right to not do business with anybody they choose. They can refuse business to anyone at anytime and we can trespass people from any of our locations or subsidiaries in the world. If caught on any of our properties including all stores and Corporate Offices they will be charged with Criminal Trespass. Our Managers do not have to explain nor does our Executive Protection or Loss Prevention Team to anyone why they do this. Only if we seen a large pattern from the same members having this authority did we even question it at all. I can assure you that I've never known of any discrimination in any way against anyone for being a homosexual. The liberal media is trying to put their usual spin on this as a cry for attention and ratings. Do not give into this because most Americans do not listen to so called celebrities for guidance as to what is right and wrong because they are the poorest examples of morals in America. This will actually increase tourism and large corporations who don't have an openly gay man as CEO such as Apple will reward this with twenty times what money or employment opportunities that an Angie's list could ever dream of. One of our average locations employees over 500 people and we are also all over Indiana. Our Mgmt. Conventions currently pump millions into it's current annual site. This will ultimately define how this Governor

works under a little pressure from the left. If he truly stands with nearly the 80 percent of the rest of Americans he will not bow down to progressive liberals and their outlandish accusations.

Sent from my iPhone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 6:55 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: SB101

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**From:** Jonathan Alley [mailto:jalleydo@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 6:47 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** SB101

Kara: I am so proud of Indiana and Gov. Pence regarding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The misinformation/disinformation out there just makes me sick. Where are the protests going on at all the other state capitols that have passed this law? Well, anyway, encourage the governor. Also, how can I pull the law up to read it for myself (or refer it to others to read)? It is so grievous for me to see Christian business people in other states be persecuted and such because they can't violate their long-held Christian beliefs in order to make money. It is only worse when they find someone else who will do the work for the homosexuals. Do the homosexuals want to punish/spank those Christian businesspeople, or do they want a cake made? Thanks. Jon Alley, DO, Angola.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:04 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: RFRA

-----Original Message-----
From: Chris Hannibal [mailto:c7hannibal@[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: RFRA

Hi Kara,

While I do not reside in Indiana, I have read the governor's statement and have watched his attempts to justify this discriminatory law in the days subsequent to his signing of the legislation. I am originally from St. Louis and have traveled through Indiana and spent money in the state many times over many years. I will however, not do so in the future, until this law is repealed. Our precious constitution protects all Americans, not just some. It's quite shocking in 2015 to know that Indiana's attempts to pit whole groups of people's basic rights against other's religious beliefs, is somehow justified on the basis of religion. It's just not right, and I hope that the people of Indiana re-think this stance as it is completely NOT what America proudly stands for. Indeed, it's the antithesis of the comprehensive freedoms that sets America apart from other less-tolerant societies. I hope the legislature and Governor Pence will change their minds based on so many clear interpretations of the intent of this law…to allow those who dislike gay and lesbian people to justify their actions and discriminate on the basis of religious beliefs.

Until then, neither I, nor my extended family and friends will step foot in Indiana until this law is repealed. Thanks for this opportunity to speak out on an issue that affects people well-beyond the borders of your state.

Sincerely,

Chris Hannibal
Easthampton, MA

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 4:37 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: I support Indiana & Mike Pence

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**From:** Marilynn Ward [mailto:marilynnward@[redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 4:23 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** I support Indiana & Mike Pence

Hi.

Religious freedom is a right. Being gay is not.

If being gay/lesbian were a dictate, logically, everyone should be gay.

This is an anti-Christian effort. Not anti-Muslim or Zoroastrian. Eradication of the faith is the ultimate goal.

I am straight. I am Christian. I have business partners who are gay. Shoving this down my throat is akin to what happened in Sodom and Gomorrah. Irrespective of the hysteria of others or appeals to authority and the 'media,' what's wrong is wrong. To put the force of the State behind trampling religious freedom is to nullify the First Amendment.

Stand firm.

Sincerely,
Marilynn Ward

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 4:37 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Support for the Governor and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act

**From:** Linda Wright [mailto:write2lindacw@[redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 4:25 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Support for the Governor and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act

**Dear Ms. Brooks,**

**Please convey to Governor Pence the message that many in this country support both him and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. I am writing from South Carolina, and I can tell you that many here support this effort to protect people of faith from the onslaught of those who wish to shove their beliefs and opinions down everyone else's throats. Please encourage the Governor to be courageous in the face of this extremely hateful vitriol. He is in the right, and the law should not be changed in order to pacify those who would take all our rights away if they could. As a Bible-believing Christian I say it is a bleak, ominous day when such enemies of freedom so ferociously attack our First Amendment rights. Please take courage and stand strong. I would urge Brian Bosma and David Long to do the same. If legislators are always going to cave in to such pressure, then our country is already lost.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**Sincerely,**

**Linda Wright**

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:52 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: religious freedom bill

-----Original Message-----
From: jpetrel@[redacted] [mailto:jpetrel@[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:47 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: religious freedom bill

Thank GOD that someone has the courage to stand up and claim equal rights for those of us who believe in God and his laws that were written 2000+ years ago. I wish that more people in public places would also stand up for our rights, too. If people would only remember what happened at Sodom and Gomorrah, maybe we, as a whole country, would come back to GOD. And it upsets me terribly that we have a president who stands at his podium and declares that it is ok for same sex marriage.

Again THANK YOU , and keep up the good work!!

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:51 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: gay problems

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Green [mailto:JimSigns@[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 1:29 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: gay problems

Dear Kara Brooks,
I may have the wrong understanding of this debacle, but I, first of all, want to make it clear that I support the governor. It may not have been in the forefront of his mind when Gov. Pence signed it into law, but one thing I see it preventing is someone in the gay/lesbian camp coming to the door of a church with nothing but confrontation in mind, who applies for a job, and when turned down, goes directly to the ACLU claiming that he wasn't hired because he's gay, and the church being forced to hire him as a result, even though there's no interest whatever in working for God in that church, but merely to make a point.

Kudos to his courage, and willingness to do what's right, in spite of the ramifications.

Sincerely,
Jim Green
Rockford, IL

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:50 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Support of Governor Pence

-----Original Message-----
From: Elaine Andreski [mailto:granny114@[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Support of Governor Pence

Dear Governor Pence

We are from Michigan, and we fully support you in your efforts with regard to the Religious Freedom Law. Please, please do not back down - it is vital that we have somebody in our court. The entire country has been intolerant of truth, goodness and the law, and that goes for the sitting man in the White House too.

My blood begins to boil at the thought of what is being left for our children and grandchildren via the progressive/liberal agenda which has sadly permeated our schools and colleges. As home school parents/grandparents, we urge you to continue in this direction whatever way you can. You are one in a million in this country. It has become popular or rather politically correct to be tolerant of every evil that is in society, and intolerant to Christianity in general.

Again, we urge you to continue to call the media out as you did on This Week with George Stephanoupolis; continue on with the help of God to call them all out, every darn one of them.

We love you; have you considered a run for the Presidency?

Thank you very much,

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Andreski
[redacted]
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:49 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Visits in 2015

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-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Silver [mailto:msilver73@[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Visitin
Cc: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Re: Visits in 2015

Dear Visit Indiana,

Since I have not received a reply from your organization, not even a message that "All are Welcome" to visit the Hoosier State, I have decided to cancel vacation plans and look instead to other places that don't legislate bigotry. My son needs to see that his Dad will not reward hatred disguised as freedom.

What's next for Gov Spence and the hateful Republican legislative majority, the "Indiana KKK and Nazi Freedom Act"?

Sincerely

Michael Silver

> On Mar 27, 2015, at 5:27 PM, Michael Silver <msilver73@[redacted]> wrote:
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> Dear Visit Indiana,
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> I was considering a family visit to Indiana in 2015 but am leaning against it because of the new law legalizing discrimination against gay people. It just seems unAmerican.
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> Please confirm whether gay people are welcome in Indiana and whether the government or courts will clarify the new law does not permit discrimination in accommodations, employment, or housing. The Governor's statement provides little comfort either in principal or legally.
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> Sincerely,
> Michael Silver
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> Sent from my iPhone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:45 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Governor Pence

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**From:** Carla Henderson [mailto:CHenderson@[redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:36 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Governor Pence

Ms. Brooks,

I am well aware that I am merely one person and my words may mean nothing. However, since we are discussing a matter of freedom and rights I believe it is necessary that I at least voice my opinion regarding the stance that our governor has taken.

I would first like to understand as to why an educated man would have used the Affordable Care Act as a part of his stance. The Affordable Care Act is Federal and should not be confused or related to any State issue. Secondly, I am a Christian but I also believe that there are many religions that are here on this earth that allow each of us and our differences to best serve God. For example even as a Christian I still study other words and other beliefs. The story of Buddha is very similar to the story of Christ. Do you know however which story is actually the oldest? The answer is the story of Buddha. So, how can I say that their religion is less than my own.

To allow someone to deny service based on the fact that one's religious preference does not match my own, point us towards a direction of discrimination. It would appear that this topic has a lot to do with members of the LGBT community and giving individuals the opportunity to deny service to such individuals in the name of God. How is this not discrimination? Passing this law takes us many years back in regards to discrimination. If I look different and not perceived to be a Christian can I be denied service when the truth of the matter is I probably know the Bible and all of its text better than the individuals who pushed for this law. Should we go back to the days when the KKK originated and many of the beliefs held came from various individuals' interpretation of the Bible. My God is a loving God and he or she loves me and my beliefs equal to all others. If this is truly the land of freedom why is our freedom being taken away.

I am deeply saddened that a government official who we placed in office to represent all people does not. As a matter of fact I think Matthew 24:24 is very appropriate at this present time. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. It is my belief that Governor Pence is truly a false prophet and I can say I will not cast a vote for him in the next election.

Carla Henderson, MBA

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 12:54 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Recent Legislation and its impact on commerce...No Kidding!

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**From:** John Heidke [mailto:john@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 12:51 PM
**To:** Pence, Benjamin A
**Cc:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Recent Legislation and its impact on commerce...No Kidding!

Dear Governor Pence,

I am a leader in a professional organization planning a convention in 2017. The group is likely to have between 7,000 and 8,000 attendees for a 4 day + stay. Indiana, being a centrally-located and previously inclusive state, was being strongly considered as a venue. You can imagine the economic impact it would have on Indiana as well as a "feather in its cap" in the mind's eye of many influential professional people who would attend. However, a large number of our members have expressed a level of concern about Indiana's Religious Freedom law.

After a conference call over the weekend, Indiana has been removed from consideration due to the recent legislation. And, to quote you, as told on ABC's "This Week," the original federal law is more than 20 years old and that the purpose of the new Indiana one is to expand individual rights for those who feel government has impinged on their personal rights. "This is not about discrimination." "This is about empowering people to confront government overreach." However, Pence did not answer directly when asked six times whether under the law it would be legal for a merchant to refuse to serve gay customers."

I have no clue as to if or how many members of our organization are gay or Islamic, Republican or whatever. And, frankly, it is an irrelevant issue. However, I can only imagine how some might feel that Indiana's recent legislation is likely to allow for a hostile an offense climate for those visiting from other places. The law seems to be clear. "Clarification' is not required.

Respectfully,

John Heidke, PhD., President
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**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:44 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious Freedom Restoration Act -thanks

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**From:** Terence Paige [mailto:Terence.Paige@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:28 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious Freedom Restoration Act -thanks

Dear Ms. Brooks:
I wanted to thank the governor for the recent signing of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, even though not an Indiana resident. It gives me hope that somewhere the government is still for the people, and ethics are not just bought by the media.

I have followed for a number of years with some concern the turn of events that has happened following adoption by various sectors of gay marriage laws, or arguments for LGBT equality. What has almost invariably happened has been (i) a total shutdown of public discourse, so that there is no dialogue or debate allowed and only one side may ever be heard in the schools, in the media, and in the workplace; (ii) anyone who dares to publicly hold an opinion at variance with the LGBT movement, even in private life, is severely punished with loss of work, fines, loss of tenure if a professor. In a case a few years ago, Canadian pastor Brian Boissoin wrote a letter to the Red Deer Advocate, simply stating the traditional Christian position, and for this was actually tried and fined by the Alberta's Human Rights Commission! You are aware of travesties that have gone on in our country also, I am sure.

I believe gay people, like anyone else, are entitled to fair work, pay, housing, fair treatment, etc. I believe we should love our neighbor. But when gay "equality" means using the power of the state to silence your opponents, put them out of work, force them to say or do things against their conscience… this is not democracy.
I hope things will be able to settle out so that all citizens will have an actual voice, all will be able to speak freely and not only those who happen currently to be promoted by the media.
And I hope that the media will soon cease its not-so-subtle campaign of incitement of religious hatred (ironically, while calling for tolerance).

Sincerely,

Terence Paige
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
Office: (585) [redacted]
"You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had" Phil 2:5 NET

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:32 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: THANK YOU!

Christy Denault
Communications Director
317/[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Beth Jones <bethnboj@[redacted]>
**Date:** March 30, 2015 at 7:19:56 AM CDT
**To:** "cdenault@gov.in.gov" <cdenault@gov.in.gov>, "s37@iga.in.gov" <s37@iga.in.gov>
**Cc:** "h44@iga.in.gov" <h44@iga.in.gov>, "bassler@iga.in.gov" <bassler@iga.in.gov>, "h46@iga.in.gov" <h46@iga.in.gov>
**Subject: THANK YOU!**

Please do not weaken the RFRA bill or make homosexuality a "protected class". I am a HOOSIER, not outside interest group.... And I greatly THANK YOU for standing up for religious freedom! I know it is hard to stand up in the face of great opposition, but Indiana stands behind you!!

Bo and Beth Jones and family

Sent from my iPhone

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Katie Blair <katie.blair@freedomindiana.org>
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 8:31 AM
**To:** s16@iga.in.gov;h88@iga.in.gov;Governor Mike Pence;Atterholt, Jim
**Cc:** Katie Blair
**Subject:** Fairness For All Hoosiers Act
**Attachments:** Fairness For All Hoosiers Act.docx

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
Campaign Manager, Freedom Indiana

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.

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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.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**Subject: THANK YOU!**

I am a HOOSIER, not outside interest group.... And I greatly THANK YOU for standing up for religious freedom! I know it is hard to stand up in the face of great opposition, but Indiana stands behind you!!

Bo and Beth Jones and family

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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Governor Pence,

Thank you for defending our religious freedoms! Keep on fighting the good fight even in the face of great pressure from the media and other groups to compromise your (and our) values and be "politically correct".

Stay strong!

Thank you!
Adam Bush

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
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**Subject: Photo of Gov. Pence at Religious Freedom signing**

I am Roman Catholic Hoosier, and a collector of imagery linked to religious freedom. I would love to have the photo from the signing of the religious freedom bill with the governor surrounded by the sisters. How can I go about adding that to my collection of other religious-themed imagery? I've never made a government request, so your help is appreciated.

Ernest

Sent from my iPad

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2015 11:12 AM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement of Protest from the Association of Children's Museums on the Passage of SB 101
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**Cc:** Jeannette Thomas <JThomas@childrensmuseums.org>, "'mjennings@cdm.org'" <mjennings@cdm.org>
**Subject: Statement of Protest from the Association of Children's Museums on the Passage of SB 101**

Dear Ms. McGrath, Ms. Denault and Mr. Atterholt,

On behalf of the Association of Children's Museums, please find attached our official letter of protest on passage of SB 101 by the Indiana General Assembly and Governor Pence.

Sincerely,

Laura Huerta Migus

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ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

March 27, 2015

The Honorable Mike Pence
Governor of the State of Indiana
200 W. Washington St.
Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Pence:

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) will be hosting its annual conference, InterActivity, in Indianapolis May 13-15, 2015. The InterActivity conference brings nearly 1,000 practitioners from every state in the nation and more than 20 countries. The conference brings more than $1 million in revenue to the communities in which it is held. The success of the conference relies on the field's total commitment to equity and diversity, allowing ACM to create an inclusive atmosphere and environment that celebrates and maximizes the diversity of our attendees. This commitment is reflected in our programming, which includes high-profile sessions to increase the capacity of children's museums to welcome and serve all families – with particular attention to issues of sexual orientation and gender identity.

This commitment to inclusion drives every decision we make as an association, including selection of sites for InterActivity. The decision to bring the conference to Indianapolis for the third time was predicated not only on the strength of our membership in the state, but also on the hospitality and welcome of the community to all our attendees. **The passage of SB 101 not only conflicts with ACM's core values, but also compromises our service promise to our membership.**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and more than three hundred institutional members of the Association, we strongly disagree with the signing into law of SB 101. We stand committed to adding the voices of our field to those citizens and business owners in the state who advocate for inclusion rather than exclusion.

Sincerely,

Marilee Jennings
President, ACM Board of Directors
Executive Director, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

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**Subject: BOYCOTT INDIANA HEADQUARTERED COMPANIES**

David Simon
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

I am writing to let you know that I am starting a nationwide boycott of your products. Unfortunately, the character of a company begins with the laws of its home-state. Your Governor has signed legislation that places LGBT residents (and your employees, vendors and visitors) at significant risk of harm, discrimination and dangerous circumstance. Georgia is a MUCH better place to do business. I am copying the Georgia legislature in hopes they can offer you some assistance in a relocation of your headquarters. Once a law is signed by a Governor, it cannot be undone easily. If there were ways to accomplish a better solution than relocation, I am not aware of it. Indiana is better off without your tax dollars. Georgia would welcome you with open arms. Please note the following statements from other major organizations:

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Thor Industries, Jeffery A. Tryka, CFA, Director of Corporate Development and Investor Relations, (574) [redacted]
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**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2015 10:36 AM
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**Cc:** Jeannette Thomas <JThomas@childrensmuseums.org>, "'mjennings@cdm.org'" <mjennings@cdm.org>
**Subject: Statement of Protest from the Association of Children's Museums on the Passage of SB 101**

Dear Ms. McGrath, Ms. Denault and Mr. Atterholt,

On behalf of the Association of Children's Museums, please find attached our official letter of protest on passage of SB 101 by the Indiana General Assembly and Governor Pence.

Sincerely,

Laura Huerta Migus

**LAURA HUERTA MIGUS**
Executive Director
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ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

March 27, 2015

The Honorable Mike Pence
Governor of the State of Indiana
200 W. Washington St.
Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Pence:

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) will be hosting its annual conference, InterActivity, in Indianapolis May 13-15, 2015. The InterActivity conference brings nearly 1,000 practitioners from every state in the nation and more than 20 countries. The conference brings more than $1 million in revenue to the communities in which it is held. The success of the conference relies on the field's total commitment to equity and diversity, allowing ACM to create an inclusive atmosphere and environment that celebrates and maximizes the diversity of our attendees. This commitment is reflected in our programming, which includes high-profile sessions to increase the capacity of children's museums to welcome and serve all families – with particular attention to issues of sexual orientation and gender identity.

This commitment to inclusion drives every decision we make as an association, including selection of sites for InterActivity. The decision to bring the conference to Indianapolis for the third time was predicated not only on the strength of our membership in the state, but also on the hospitality and welcome of the community to all our attendees. **The passage of SB 101 not only conflicts with ACM's core values, but also compromises our service promise to our membership.**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and more than three hundred institutional members of the Association, we strongly disagree with the signing into law of SB 101. We stand committed to adding the voices of our field to those citizens and business owners in the state who advocate for inclusion rather than exclusion.

Sincerely,

Marilee Jennings
President, ACM Board of Directors
Executive Director, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

Laura Huerta Migus
Executive Director, ACM

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**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 5:04 PM
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**Subject:** FW: SEA 101

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**From:** Alison A. Gordon [mailto:aag711@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 4:54 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** SEA 101

Amen for the Governor. We are ALL praying this Religious Freedom Act spreads nationwide. It is overdue and premised upon truth. Thank you!

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 4:14 PM
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**Subject:** FW: Reliigious Freedom DISCRIMINATION Act

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From: Kevin P McAnarney [mailto:kminnyc[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Brooks, Kara D
Subject: Reliigious Freedom DISCRIMINATION Act

I lived for 10 years in Indianapolis. I did advance education at Marian (college) University and Butler University. I worked there at Clowes Memorial Hall, Starlight Musicals, State Fairgrounds, Market Square Arena.
I was always proud of my Hoosier association (I was born and raised in Springfield, IL - the burial place for Abraham Lincoln).
I loved my time in Indy.

The old saying goes
If it walks like a duck,
Talk likes a Duck….

No matter what the Governor states. It is an ACT OF DISCRIMINATION!

I am currently in public relations here in New York City.

From this day forward I will NOT STEP ONE FOOT INTO THE STATE even for any class reunions.
I will automatically boycott any thing that is mainly produced or manufactured in the state (including Lily drugs).
I will immediately be informing my friends, associates and as many others that I can about this terrible situation and for them to do the same.
The state is going to loose millions of dollars from this act.

SHAME SHAME SHAME on the state of Indiana The lyrics now of the popular song Back Home In Indiana has a new meaning DISCRIMINATION passed off as an act of religion.

SHAME

Kevin P McAnarney

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 3:30 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Indiana Discrimination

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**From:** bwmcfadden [mailto:bwmcfadden@[redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 12:53 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Cc:** BRUCE MCFADDEN
**Subject:** Indiana Discrimination

On Governor Pence's official website he says, "Governor Pence is dedicated to continuing Indiana on a pathway to success through fiscal responsibility, economic development and educational opportunity for every Hoosier child." (My emphasis.) Of course, now it is clear that what he means is "every Christian, heterosexual child." Way to go Governor !! You have found a way to discriminate via statute that allows you to look Indiana - and America - in the eye and tell a big old-fashioned, whopping lie.

Along with friends and family, I am now dedicated to continuing to avoid travel to and products/services of Indiana.

Sincerely,

Bruce McFadden
Denver CO

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 3:29 PM
**To:** Governor Mike Pence
**Subject:** FW: Religious freedom act

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**From:** Daniel Kojetin [mailto:dankojetin@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 12:56 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious freedom act

Mike Pence says, "In fact, it does not even apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved."

This is exactly the point. although one that the mass media has not fully recognized since they are focused on private to private parties. The government now is allowed legal discrimination.

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**From:** Paul White [mailto:pdwhite0846@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 1:11 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** Religious freedom

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?

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Dara Middleton <dara1212@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 11:17 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D;Cleveland, Bridget;Denault, Christina;Hodgin, Stephanie;Governor Mike Pence;Governor IQ Mail Forwarder
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Governor . Pence,

I am a born and raised Hoosier. I have always been proud to be a Hoosier. Until now. Veto this legislative bigotry!!! This is the first step in a downward spiral we, as Hoosiers, do not want to be credited with. It's wrong. Jesus didn't believe it discriminating against others. By signing this, you proved yourself a bigot, not a christian.

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Dara MIddleton
[redacted]

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:**
**To:** [redacted]
**Cc:**
**Subject:** Re: email?

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**From:** Kathleen McLaughlin [mailto:kmclaughlin@IBJ.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2015 1:51 PM

**To:** Brooks, Kara D; Denault, Christina
**Subject:** email?

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**From:** George, Cindy on behalf of Braun, Steven J
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2015 3:27 PM
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**Cc:** Marshel, Michelle E;Leeuw, Allison A;Elliott, Stephen P (Steve)
**Subject:** January Employment Report
**Attachments:** January Employment Report V1.docx; ATT00001.htm

Please find attached the January 2015 Employment Report.

Thank you.

*Cindy George*
*Executive Assistant to Commissioner*
*Indiana Department of Workforce Development*
*10 N. Senate Avenue*
*Indianapolis, IN 46204*
*317-232-7676*

# Indiana Department of Workforce Development
# January 2015 Employment Report

## Key Points

- Indiana's **January seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 to 6.0%.** Indiana's rate is down (-0.2%) from January 2014. *(LAUS, a survey of approximately 1,000 Indiana households).* The national rate was 5.7% in January. *(LAUS)*

- Indiana's **labor force also continued to grow, increasing by 14,000** (**total growth of 59,000 over the past year**). This was driven by gains in LAUS employed by 9,100 over the month. Unemployed also increased by 5,000 this month. This is the 5th consecutive month of unemployed gains. This trend can indicate strength in the labor market for unemployed Hoosiers looking for work once again.

- **Indiana's labor force growth continues to surpass the national growth**. The rate of growth for Indiana's labor force is 1.8% over the year, compared to growth of 1.1% for the nation since January 2014. Indiana's labor force stands at 3,267,825. *(LAUS)*

- **Indiana's labor force has grown 85,500 since January 2013 (2.7%),** compared to growth of 0.9% nationally. Neighboring Midwest states have seen Labor Force declines of (-0.6%) since January 2013 (December 2014 latest available for other states).

- The **labor force participation rate in Indiana grew by 0.2 to 63.9%,** this compares to the national rate of 62.9% in January.

- **Indiana Private sector employment is up 57,000 from a year ago**, January 2014. This is an annual growth of (2.2%). *(CES, a survey of approximately 5,000 Indiana employers)*

- Indiana's **private sector grew by 8,600 jobs** (0.3%) in January. US Private employment grew by 237,000 over the month, a rate of (0.2%). (CES).

- Since January 2013 Indiana's private employment has grown by 98,600 (4.0%). **Private sector monthly job growth has averaged about 4,100** over the last two years with 19 of 24 months showing positive job growth. *(CES)*

## Private Sector Jobs

- Key sectors showing **job increases** in January:
  - The largest super sector gains were in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities up 1.2% with growth of 6,700, and Manufacturing grew by 1,500 or (0.3%).
- Key sectors showing **job decreases** in January:
  - Construction down by 2,800 (-2.3%).

| IN Employment Change Over the Month, Year-to-Date and Over the Year | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Industry | January 2014 | December 2014 | January 2015 | Month Change | Y-to-D Change | Y-to-Y Change |
| Private Educational & Health Services | 436.1 | 441.5 | 442.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 6.3 |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | 64.6 | 65.5 | 63.3 | -2.2 | -2.2 | -1.3 |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 371.5 | 376.0 | 379.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 7.6 |
| Manufacturing | 501.0 | 514.6 | 516.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 15.1 |
| Professional & Business Services | 318.4 | 328.2 | 328.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 10.3 |
| Financial Activities | 127.6 | 130.9 | 130.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 3.2 |
| Construction | 122.0 | 122.9 | 120.1 | -2.8 | -2.8 | -1.9 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 290.9 | 295.0 | 295.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.3 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 571.4 | 581.5 | 588.2 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 16.8 |
| *.....Trade* | 434.1 | 440.1 | 443.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 9.5 |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 137.3 | 141.4 | 144.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 7.3 |
| All Other | 167.1 | 168.3 | 170.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.9 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 2,534.5 | 2,582.9 | 2,591.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 57.0 |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 417.4 | 429.2 | 426.1 | -3.1 | -3.1 | 8.7 |
| Total Nonfarm | 2,951.9 | 3,012.1 | 3,017.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 65.7 |
| | | | | | | |
| United States Total Private | 115,831.0 | 118,690.0 | 118,927.0 | 237.0 | 237.0 | 3,096 |

## Indiana and National Net Job Creation Comparison

IN Employment Change Compared to the U.S.

| Industry | Indiana Month to Month | U.S. Month to Month | Indiana vs U.S. Change | Indiana Year-to-Date | U.S. Year-to-Date | Indiana vs U.S. Change | Indiana Year-to-Year | U.S. Year-to-Year | Indiana vs U.S. Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Private Educational & Health Services | 0.2% | 0.2% | UNDER | 0.2% | 0.2% | UNDER | 1.4% | 2.4% | UNDER |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | -3.4% | -0.2% | UNDER | -3.4% | -0.2% | UNDER | -2.0% | 1.9% | UNDER |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 0.8% | 0.3% | OVER | 0.8% | 0.3% | OVER | 2.0% | 2.5% | UNDER |
| Manufacturing | 0.3% | 0.2% | OVER | 0.3% | 0.2% | OVER | 3.0% | 2.2% | OVER |
| Professional & Business Services | 0.2% | 0.1% | OVER | 0.2% | 0.1% | OVER | 3.2% | 3.0% | OVER |
| Financial Activities | -0.1% | 0.3% | UNDER | -0.1% | 0.3% | UNDER | 2.5% | 2.2% | OVER |
| Construction | -2.3% | 0.8% | UNDER | -2.3% | 0.8% | UNDER | -1.6% | 6.7% | UNDER |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 0.1% | 0.3% | UNDER | 0.1% | 0.3% | UNDER | 1.5% | 3.6% | UNDER |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1.2% | 0.2% | OVER | 1.2% | 0.2% | OVER | 2.9% | 2.1% | OVER |
| *.....Trade* | 0.8% | 0.2% | OVER | 0.8% | 0.2% | OVER | 2.2% | 1.7% | OVER |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utils* | 2.3% | 0.0% | OVER | 2.3% | 0.0% | OVER | 5.3% | 3.6% | OVER |
| All Other | 1.0% | 0.1% | OVER | 1.0% | 0.1% | OVER | 1.7% | 2.8% | UNDER |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 0.3% | 0.2% | OVER | 0.3% | 0.2% | OVER | 2.2% | 2.8% | UNDER |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | -0.7% | 0.0% | UNDER | -0.7% | 0.0% | UNDER | 2.1% | 0.3% | OVER |
| Total Nonfarm | 0.2% | 0.2% | OVER | 0.2% | 0.2% | OVER | 2.2% | 2.4% | UNDER |

Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, and Trade Transportation & Utilities gains in Indiana are outpacing the national average over the month and over the year.

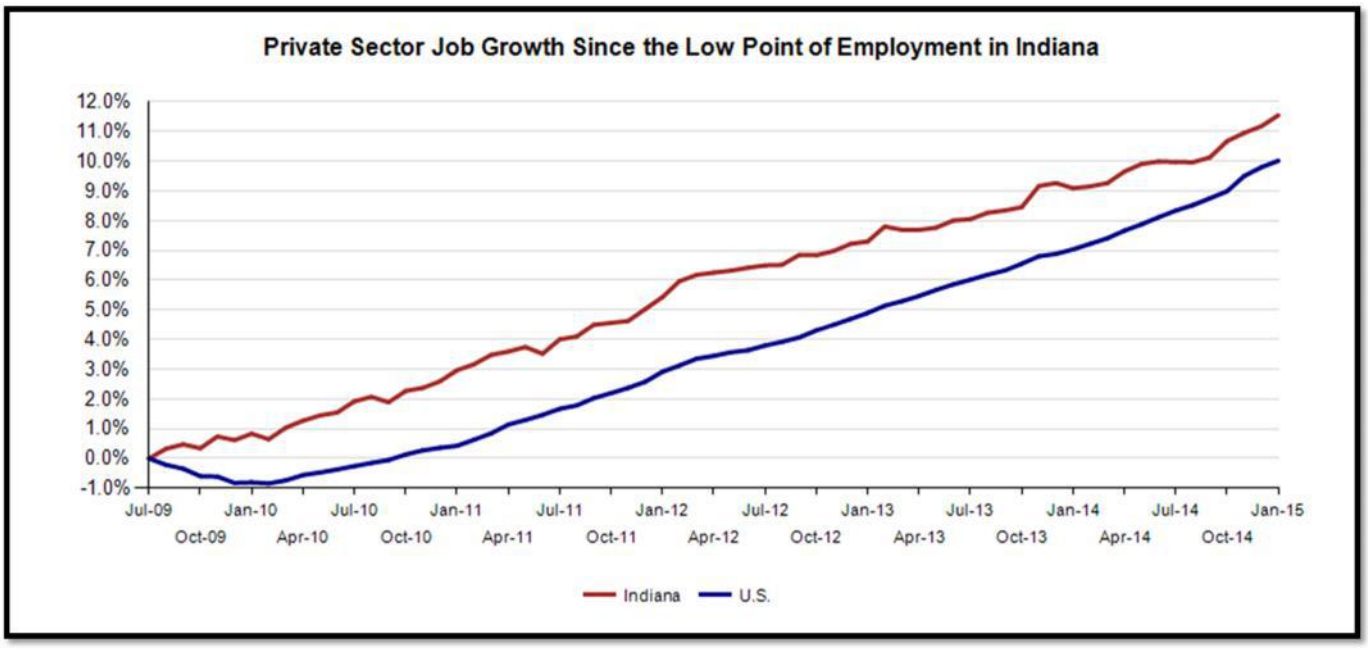
## Indiana Job Creation (Number Change in 000's) since Peak and Trough

| IN Statewide Estimates (seasonally adjusted) -- January 2015 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Supersector | Private Empl. Peak March 2000 | Private Empl. Trough July 2009 | December 2014 | January 2015 | Change Since Peak | Change Since Trough | Month to Month Change |
| Private Educational & Health Services | 330.1 | 411.1 | 441.5 | 442.4 | 112.3 | 31.3 | 0.9 |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | 52.2 | 63.3 | 65.5 | 63.3 | 11.1 | 0.0 | -2.2 |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 277.9 | 347.8 | 376.0 | 379.1 | 101.2 | 31.3 | 3.1 |
| Manufacturing | 671.1 | 427.9 | 514.6 | 516.1 | -155.0 | 88.2 | 1.5 |
| Professional & Business Services | 260.5 | 255.9 | 328.2 | 328.7 | 68.2 | 72.8 | 0.5 |
| Financial Activities | 145.7 | 130.7 | 130.9 | 130.8 | -14.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Construction | 154.1 | 116.5 | 122.9 | 120.1 | -34.0 | 3.6 | -2.8 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 267.2 | 276.8 | 295.0 | 295.2 | 28.0 | 18.4 | 0.2 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 617.5 | 545.7 | 581.5 | 588.2 | -29.3 | 42.5 | 6.7 |
| *.....Trade* | 485.1 | 421.6 | 440.1 | 443.6 | -41.5 | 22.0 | 3.5 |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 132.4 | 124.1 | 141.4 | 144.6 | 12.2 | 20.5 | 3.2 |
| All Other | 166.4 | 158.6 | 168.3 | 170.0 | 3.6 | 11.4 | 1.7 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 2,612.6 | 2,323.2 | 2,582.9 | 2,591.5 | -21.1 | 268.3 | 8.6 |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 404.6 | 434.5 | 429.2 | 426.1 | 21.5 | -8.4 | -3.1 |
| Total Nonfarm | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,012.1 | 3,017.6 | 0.4 | 259.9 | 5.5 |
| | | | | | | | |
| United States Total Private | 110,873.0 | 108,098.0 | 118,690.0 | 118,927.0 | 8,054.0 | 10,829.0 | 237.0 |

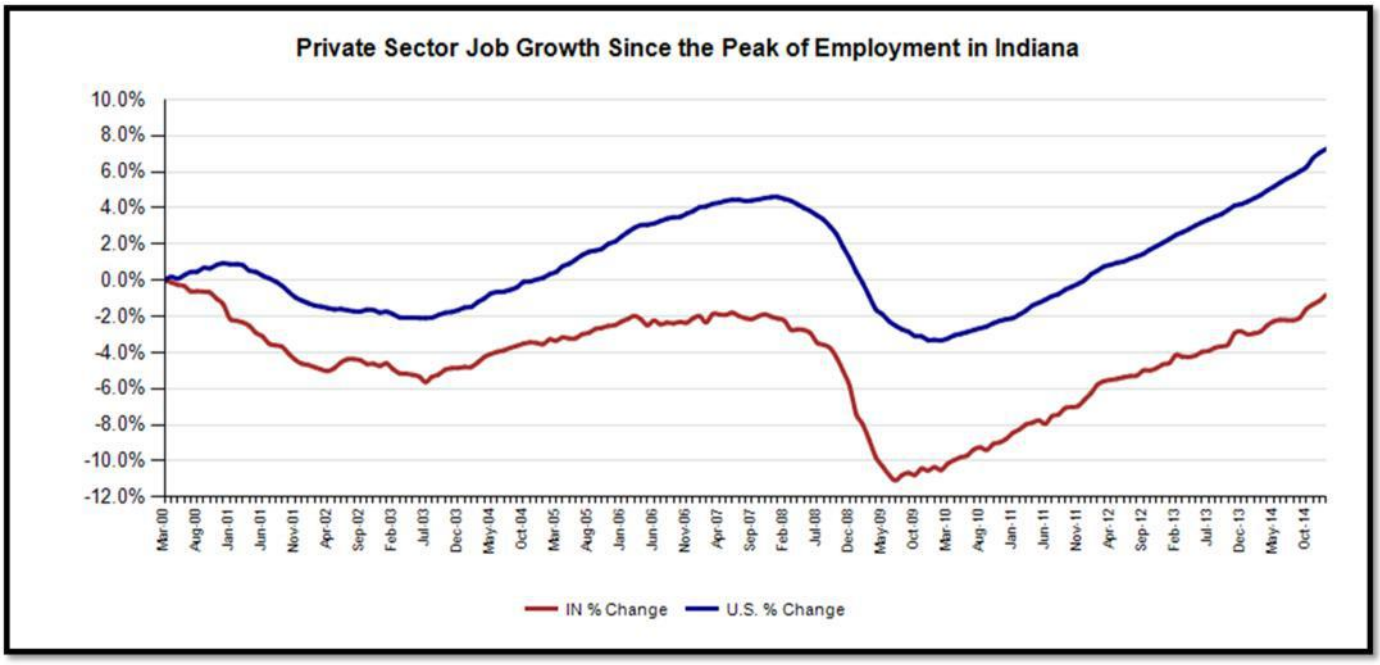
## Indiana Job Creation (Percent Change) since Peak and Trough

| IN Statewide Estimates (seasonally adjusted) -- January 2015 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Supersector | Private Empl. Peak March 2000 | Private Empl. Trough July 2009 | December 2014 | January 2015 | % Chg. Since Peak | % Chg. Since Trough | % Month to Month Change |
| Private Educational & Health Services | 330.1 | 411.1 | 441.5 | 442.4 | 34.0% | 7.6% | 0.2% |
| *.....Private Educational Services* | 52.2 | 63.3 | 65.5 | 63.3 | 21.3% | 0.0% | -3.4% |
| *.....Health Care & Social Assistance* | 277.9 | 347.8 | 376.0 | 379.1 | 36.4% | 9.0% | 0.8% |
| Manufacturing | 671.1 | 427.9 | 514.6 | 516.1 | -23.1% | 20.6% | 0.3% |
| Professional & Business Services | 260.5 | 255.9 | 328.2 | 328.7 | 26.2% | 28.4% | 0.2% |
| Financial Activities | 145.7 | 130.7 | 130.9 | 130.8 | -10.2% | 0.1% | -0.1% |
| Construction | 154.1 | 116.5 | 122.9 | 120.1 | -22.1% | 3.1% | -2.3% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 267.2 | 276.8 | 295.0 | 295.2 | 10.5% | 6.6% | 0.1% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 617.5 | 545.7 | 581.5 | 588.2 | -4.7% | 7.8% | 1.2% |
| *.....Trade* | 485.1 | 421.6 | 440.1 | 443.6 | -8.6% | 5.2% | 0.8% |
| *.....Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities* | 132.4 | 124.1 | 141.4 | 144.6 | 9.2% | 16.5% | 2.3% |
| All Other | 166.4 | 158.6 | 168.3 | 170.0 | 2.2% | 7.2% | 1.0% |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Private | 2,612.6 | 2,323.2 | 2,582.9 | 2,591.5 | -0.8% | 11.5% | 0.3% |
| Government (Includes Public Schools & Hospitals) | 404.6 | 434.5 | 429.2 | 426.1 | 5.3% | -1.9% | -0.7% |
| Total Nonfarm | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,012.1 | 3,017.6 | 0.0% | 9.4% | 0.2% |
| | | | | | | | |
| United States Total Private | 110,873.0 | 108,096.0 | 118,690.0 | 118,927.0 | 7.3% | 10.0% | 0.2% |

Private Sector Growth – IN %

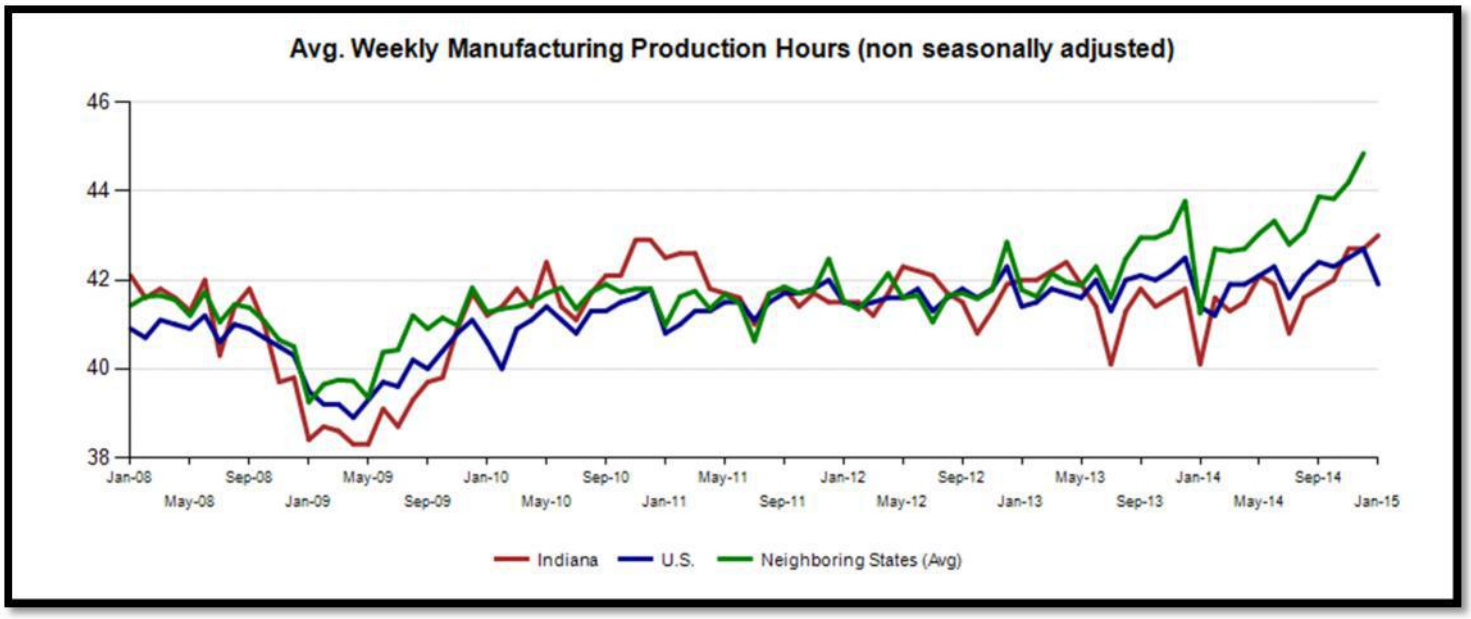



Since the low point of employment (July 2009), private sector employment growth in Indiana has surpassed the U.S. (11.5% vs. 10%).



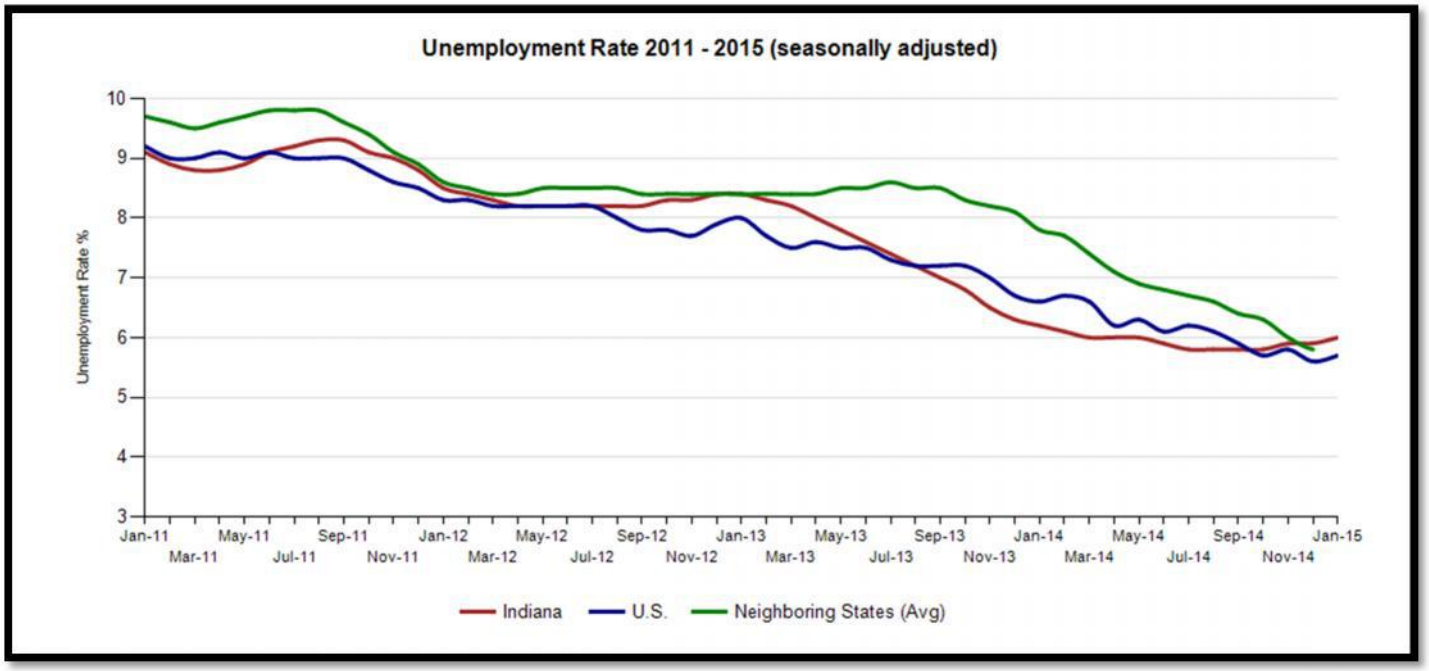

Since Indiana's high point of employment (March 2000), private sector employment growth in Indiana has lagged the U.S. (-0.8% vs. 7.3%).

## Production Worker Hours




- Average weekly hours for Indiana manufacturing workers gained 0.3 from 42.7 to 43.0 in January 2015. Nationally, average weekly hours declined from 42.7 to 41.9. This is the fourth consecutive month hours have been at or above 42 per week in Indiana. *(CES)*

## Unemployment Rate



Neighboring Midwestern Unemployment Rates – Seasonally Adjusted

| | January 2014 | December 2014 | January 2015 | Monthly change | Yearly change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 6.2% | 5.9% | 6.0% | 0.1% | -0.2% |
| U.S. | 6.6% | 5.6% | 5.7% | 0.1% | -0.9% |
| Illinois | 8.2% | 6.2% | | | |
| Kentucky | 7.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 0.0% | -2.0% |
| Michigan | 7.9% | 6.4% | 6.3% | -0.1% | -1.6% |
| Ohio | 6.5% | 5.1% | 5.1% | 0.0% | -1.4% |

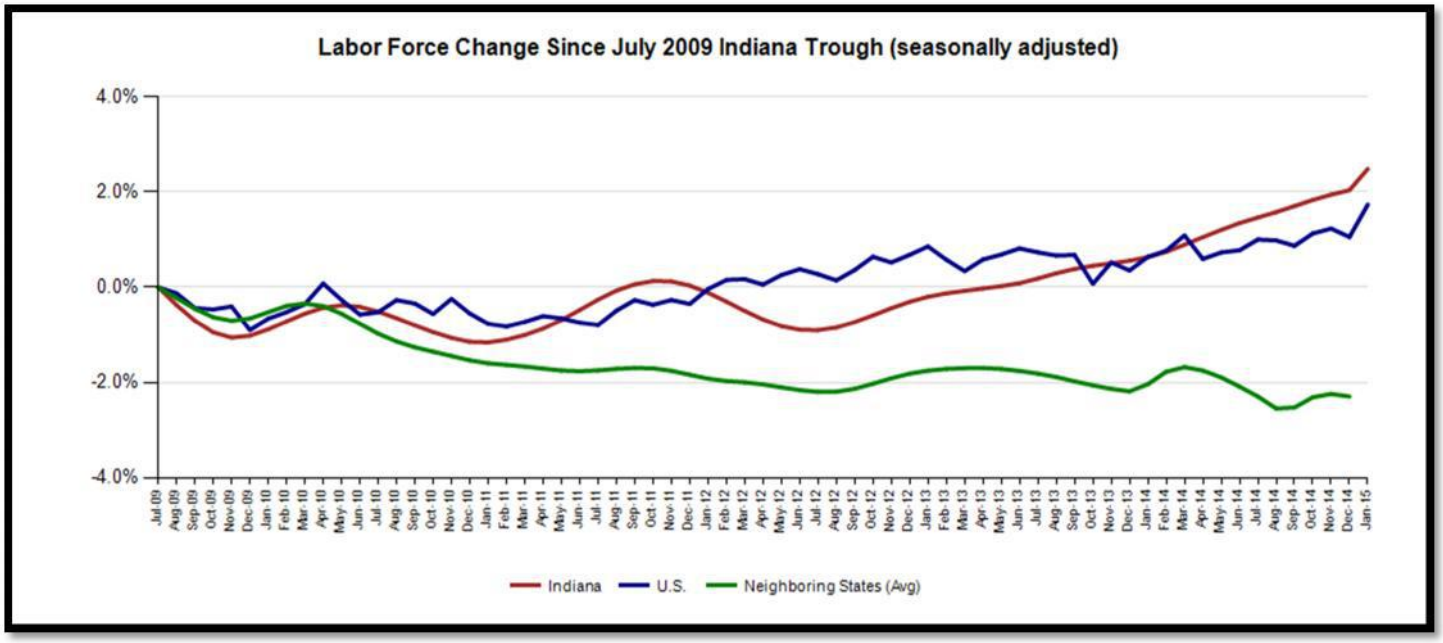
Indiana's unemployment rate increased to 6.0% in January. Michigan saw a decline in January of 0.1%. Ohio's rate stands at 5.1%, Michigan is 6.3%, and Kentucky is 5.5% for January. The rate in Illinois is unreported prior to official release.

CES/LAUS Point in Time Comparison – Seasonally Adjusted

Current Employment Statistics (CES) and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Point in Time Comparison

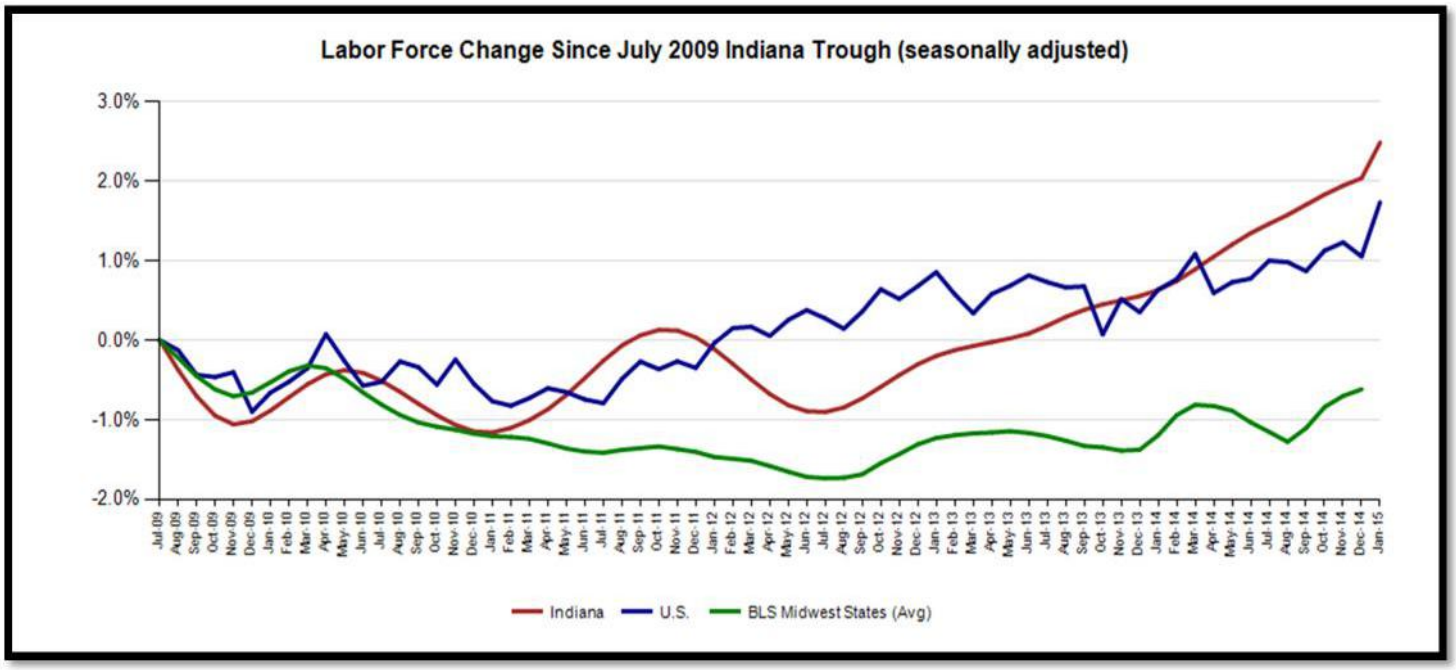
| | March 2000 (Peak) | July 2009 (Trough) | December 2014 | January 2015 | Change Peak | Change Trough | Change Prev. Month |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CES Employed | 3,017.2 | 2,757.7 | 3,012.1 | 3,017.6 | 0.4 | 259.9 | 5.5 |
| LAUS Employed | 3,039.1 | 2,847.9 | 3,061.5 | 3,070.7 | 31.5 | 222.8 | 9.2 |
| LAUS Unemployed | 102.9 | 340.8 | 192.1 | 197.2 | 94.2 | -143.6 | 5.1 |
| Labor Force | 3,142.1 | 3,188.7 | 3,253.6 | 3,267.8 | 125.8 | 79.2 | 14.2 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 10.7 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 2.7 | -4.7 | 0.1 |

LAUS employment gained 9,200 over the month. CES showed increases of 5,500 (Total Nonfarm) for the month.

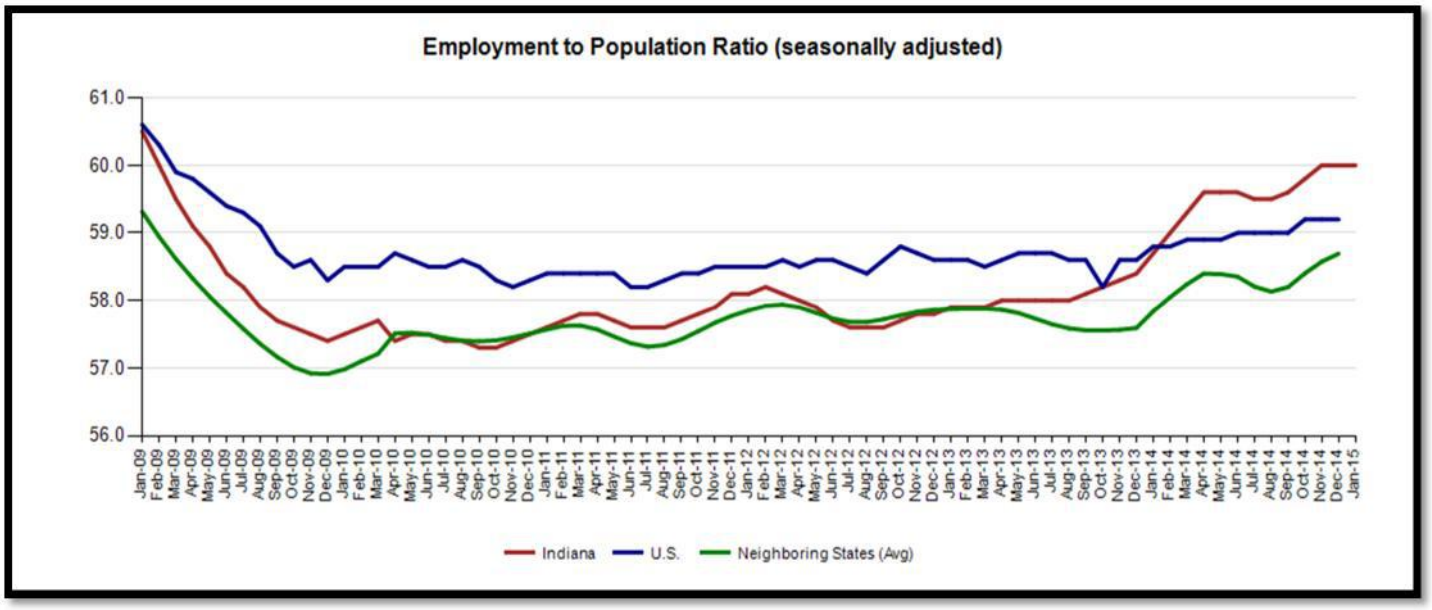



Indiana's labor force has grown 2.5% since the tough, and has increased by 85,500 since January 2013 (2.7%), compared to growth of 0.9% nationally. Neighboring Midwest states have seen Labor Force declines of (-0.6%) since January 2013 (December 2014 latest available for other states).

The comparison is similar for a wider range of Midwest States. The BLS Midwest Defined states include:
Illinois | Indiana | Iowa | Michigan | Minnesota | Nebraska | North Dakota | Ohio | South Dakota | Wisconsin

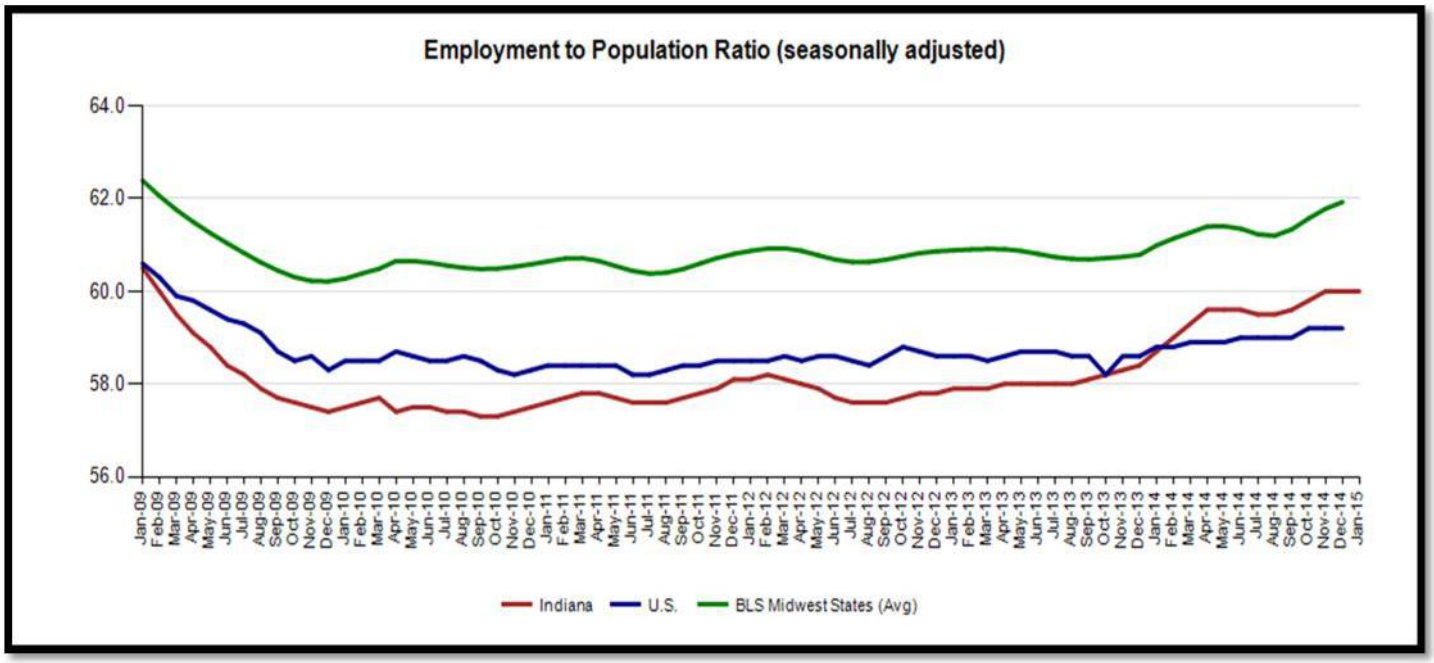


## Employment to Population Ratio




Indiana's employment to population ratio remained unchanged at 60.0 in January. This is an increase of 1.3 over the year and surpassing the growth rate for the US.

The broader list of Midwest BLS States shows a different trend, given strong employment growth in oil and manufacturing related industries for some of these states.



**Scott.A.Milkey**

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Sir,

Attached please find your remarks for Monday.

Thanks,

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**Christy Denault**
Communications Director
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Thank you so much for that introduction, and I want to welcome all of you here to the Statehouse.

It's always a privilege to pay tribute to the impressive contributions made by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), and we're glad you're here. Thanks for helping make Indiana a state that works.

Your history is inspiring.

It was back in 1975 that a dozen businesswomen started holding meetings in the Washington D.C. area. They got together to discuss common concerns and interests and strategies. Eventually, they reached out to like-minded women in other cities and towns.
And that little group has grown to become this powerful organization represented here today – with 5,000 members in 60 chapters across the United States.

Indiana, I'm told, has the largest statewide chapter in the nation.
So I respect your firm commitment to equal rights and opportunities for women, and I respect your commitment to economic progress. Your mission includes "promoting economic development within the entrepreneurial community" and "creating innovative and effective changes in the business culture."

Here in Indiana, these are priorities we pursue every day. At last count, we had 1,798 certified women-owned business enterprises operating here in our state, and many of them continue adding jobs.

Just last week (March 5), our Indiana Economic Development Corporation announced the expansion of Langham Logistics' corporate headquarters on Indianapolis' northwest side. This is a thriving global distribution company. Last year, it grew by 27 percent. Serving Fortune 500 companies in the industrial, life science and retail industries, this Indiana company also operates facilities in Evansville and at the Indianapolis International Airport -- and a West Coast facility in Los Angeles. Already employing more than 80 Hoosiers, Langham plans to create up to 20 new jobs by 2018.

As state government, we do a lot of our own business with women-owned enterprises. Our most recent figures show that, in subcontracting dollars, Indiana spends more than $42 million with women-owned business enterprises.

Our Division of Supplier Diversity works daily to provide educational tools to help minorities, women and veterans grow their businesses and realize their dreams. We help business-owners get certified with the Indiana

Department of Administration, which in turn helps connect them with contracting opportunities and information about best business practices.

In 2014, the Division of Supplier Diversity coordinated more than 57 outreach events across the state. These workshops covered such topics as human resources and legal issues for small businesses; using social media to grow a business; and gaining access to capital, financing and bonding.

Now, these services are valuable, but we all know the most important ingredient in your own ventures is the drive and knowledge and skills you bring to your areas of expertise.

Let me share a quote from one of Indiana's own business pioneers – Madam CJ Walker. She was born just after the Emancipation Proclamation. Her parents were former slaves. So she knew hard circumstances. But she rose from poverty to build one of the most successful businesses of her time, creating jobs for hundreds of other women.

She once said, "Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them."

As I look out across this audience today, I see people who have followed that very advice. I'm sure that's true of modern Hoosier businesswomen who have blazed trails and achieved success – people such as Angela Ahrendts, a top executive at Apple, or Barbara Bradley Baekgaard and Patricia R. Miller, the co-founders of Vera Bradley.
I know very well that when it comes to the businesses you've started and operated -- or the already established businesses you have helped to survive and thrive – well, you built that.

And now, with the knowledge and experience you possess, I hope you'll stay engaged in public policy. The fact you're here today tells me you will do exactly that.

As citizens of every background and description, we're all in this effort together to build a better future.

And together, as we look at our economy overall, we are encouraged to see great progress.

- The State has added more than 100,000 private sector jobs in the last two years.
- And since I entered office, unemployment in the Hoosier State has gone from 7.9% in January 2013 to 5.8% today.
- And if you look further out, things look even brighter for Indiana.

- **Indiana is projected to add 336,640 new jobs by 2022**.
    - That's a staggering **11.86 percent rate of growth**, higher than the national average and higher than our neighbors

National experts are taking notice:

- The Hoosier State ranks fourth in the nation for its concentration of jobs in advanced tech-related industries. The high-growth industries employ more than 11 percent of the state's workforce (February 2015).
- Indiana ranks best in the Midwest and 7th overall in Area Development magazine's Top States for Doing Business survey (Sept. 2014).
- We rank best in the Midwest and 7th in the nation as the best place to do business in the Pollina Corporate Top 10 Pro-Business States for 2014 study (July 2014).
- And we rank best in the Midwest and 8th nationally in the Tax Foundation's 2015 State Business Tax Climate Index (Oct. 2014).
- While some states are still struggling with the basics, we've got them covered.
    - Balanced budget:
        - In Indiana, our budgets are balanced. We hold the line on spending and maintain strong reserves, earning us a triple-A bond rating from all three rating agencies.

- Remarkably, Indiana is one of the few states in the country that does not have a balanced budget amendment in its constitution.
- While the spending and financial governance of the last ten years has ensured balanced budgets, those are not guaranteed when we look to the future.
- A balanced budget requirement in the Constitution will assure Hoosiers that today and tomorrow Indiana will spend wisely, protect our state from an economic downturn, and unlike Washington, D.C., we won't bury our children and grandchildren under mountains of debt.

- Tax cuts:
  - Over the past two years, we've made great progress cutting taxes:
    - In 2013, we passed the largest state tax cut in Indiana history. But we didn't stop there.
    - Last year we placed our corporate income tax on a reduction schedule, ultimately lowering it to 4.9 percent.
    - Local Indiana communities now also have an enhanced abatement tool, giving them the ability to provide further property tax relief to small businesses.

- Indiana has no inventory or inheritance tax.
- Business property taxes are capped at three percent.

- This year, we aim to simplify the tax code and prevent the rapid increase of property taxes on family farms.

- Cutting red tape:
  - If you want to build a business, why should government stand in your way?

  - In Indiana, we have again attempted to lead the way. On my first day in office, we placed a moratorium on any new state regulations. Outdated, ineffective, excessively burdensome laws have no place in Indiana, and we're working to wipe those from the books. In 2013, new state regulations were reduced by 55% as compared to 2012, and, this year, that number has been reduced again by 36% as compared to last year.

  - We are doing our best to make Indiana a great place to start a business or grow a business, as all of you have done.

As each of you dream big dreams, remember that Indiana is committed as a partner in your success.

Your success is our success.

Indiana is in a state of innovation, home to more jobs, a stronger economy and a future where the possibilities are endless and opportunity is boundless.

So thanks again for the work you are doing for our great state, and I hope you enjoy the rest of your day here.

## Thank You, Raytheon

- Today we're meeting at a historic site, home to a **deep legacy of supporting key defense and national security interests.**
  - Founded as the Indianapolis Naval Ordnance plant in 1942, it produced the top secret Norden Bombsight, which improved the Army Air Corps' bombing accuracy during World War II.
  - Through the Korean War, this facility, by then in Navy hands, developed various forms of avionics technology.
- Since 1998 when Raytheon took the reins, Hoosiers have contined making history here.
  - Today Ratheon is supporting defense, security and civil markets with technology and innovation.
  - That technology supports more than 1,500 high-wage jobs in Indy and Fort Wayne, along with 278 suppliers throughout the state, where Raytheon spends $49 million annually.
- We're gathered here today for another historic moment for Indiana and for Raytheon.
  - Over the coming years, **Raytheon will be growing its Hoosier team in Indianapolis by 25 percent.**
  - That's bringing more than **250 new high-wage, defense and aerospace industry jobs** right here to Indiana!

- Thank you:
    - **Todd Probert** (*pro-bert*) and **Rudy Lewis** for helping lead Raytheon into this incredible position of growth and opportunity.
    - Deputy Mayor **Adam Collins and your team** for helping build Indianapolis into a community where days like today are possible.
    - And to each and every member of **Raytheon's team**. You are the foundation of today's growth and the reason for our celebration. Let's have a hand for this remarkable team!

**Defence and Aerospace Industries Soar in Indiana**

- Much like the history of this very facility, the aerospace and defense industries reflect Indiana's past and future.
    - Since 2002, Indiana **exports for the aircraft and spacecraft industries have grown at an average annual rate of nearly 30 percent.**
    - Companies like Raytheon have played a crucial role in laying that groundwork.
    - We're coming off a year where the aerospace industry truly soared in Indiana:
        - In March, **GE Aviation** announced plans to build a $100 million jet engine facility in Lafayette, projecting to create 200 new Hoosier jobs.

        - In May, **BAE Systems** broke ground on a $39 million, state-of-the-art engineering and production facility in Fort Wayne.
        - In October, **Alcoa** cut the ribbon on the company's aluminum-lithium cast house in Lafayette, serving the aerospace industry with 75 new Hoosier jobs.
    - And today Raytheon continues what it started here back in 1998, when it helped lay the foundation that has attracted other aerospace powerhouse companies to Indiana, creating great jobs throughout the state.

**Indiana Around the World**

- It's that very foundation I was so honored to have a chance to discuss with **Thomas Kennedy**, Raytheon's chairman and chief executive officer, **last summer at the Farnborough International Airshow** in the United Kingdom.
    - Among some of the world's most influential aviation and aerospace companies, it was so exciting to see Raytheon highlight the remarkable things it's doing right her in Indiana.
    - Thomas Kennedy—like all of you here today—understood firsthand Indiana's commitment to helping Raytheon's Indianapolis facility prosper. And look at what that's brought today!

- While traveling the world, it appears that the **Raytheon brand keeps coming up.**
  - For example, while on another jobs and economic development mission to Isreal, we were touring the **Iron Dome**, an all-weather air defense system designed to intercept and destroy rockets and artillery shells.
  - And there was Raytheon, which received a nearly $150 million contract to provide products for the Tamir interceptor used in the Iron Dome.

**Indiana: The Sky is the Limit**

- With the help of companies like Raytheon, Indiana gained 4,000 private sector jobs in December and ended 2014 with a total of 51,500 jobs added.
- Indiana is home to the best, brightest and most hardworking workforce in America. Nowhere else will you find the true innovative spirit and unrelenting drive that embodies a Hoosier.
  - From Indiana State to Vincennes University to Notre Dame to Purdue, **our higher education institutions specialize in aviation and aerospace.** If a dedicated workforce is a company's strongest asset, then a Hoosier workforce may be the most powerful asset any aerospace company can claim.

J Thank you again, Raytheon, for your commitment to the Hoosier State. I look forward to watching you propel our economy, create jobs and lift opportunity for all here in Indiana.

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Governor,

The NY Times is in town and doing a story on pride week/RFRA fall out. [redacted]

Two main premises are lgbt won victory legislatively and Indiana rep took hit. [redacted]

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# GTECH stays, but numbers shuffle

*Lottery deal restructured as parties realize targets now unrealistic*

Hoosier Lottery officials confirm for us that they will dramatically scale back annual revenue and income targets for GTECH Indiana after the company disclosed earlier this year that the growth trajectory laid out in the original Integrated Services Agreement (ISA) in 2012 is no longer attainable.

We told you in late 2014 that GTECH Indiana expected Fiscal Year 2015 performance to fall short of the $320 million Bid Net Income (BNI) goal and that as a result GTECH anticipated having to pay the Hoosier Lottery the maximum allowable shortfall penalty, which for FY 15 will total $16 million.

We've now learned that GTECH Indiana forecasts paying the maximum annual shortfall penalty for all 13 years remaining on the original 15-year ISA . . . and lottery officials tell us they recognize that's an unsustainable position for any company to be in.

Rather than walk away, the parties have renegotiated the numbers to reflect the current market reality, says Lottery spokesperson Courtney Arango. Recall that early in March we told you that some serious renegotiations would be necessary if GTECH were to continue to serve the Lottery under the long-term contract. The State Lottery Commission of Indiana was expected vote on the amendment to the ISA at its meeting on Friday, June 11, after we went to press with this issue. The new terms would take effect beginning with Fiscal Year 2016.

"There was a disclosure from GTECH that maximum shortfall payments for the next 13 years would not work," explains the Lottery's outside legal counsel, Phil Sicuso of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP. "No one anticipated when the contract was executed that you would have possibly 14 straight years of maximum shortfalls. The notion that the contractor would basically pay us to work was not economically feasible."

Other states have experienced much the same issue with sales. Illinois, which has been working with a GTECH consortium, has sought a break-up of the deal, which itself has become problematic. Northstar New Jersey, another GTECH consortium, is early into a 15-year contract to run New Jersey Lottery's sales and marketing operations, but it missed the net income target by $55 million (- 7.3%) in its Garden State contract, triggering a potential $14.1 million penalty there, but New Jersey officials – in a surprisingly bipartisan manner – are reshaping their revenue estimates in conjunction with Northstar to more realistic levels and forging ahead with the long-term deal.

Even our next-door neighbors in Kentucky, which handles sales and marketing in-house, has seen its sales for the first 10 months of the fiscal year lag estimates by $30 million – even as revenues are above the prior fiscal year period.

The Bid Net Income target for Fiscal Year 2016 was originally set above $350 million and was slated to rise north of $400 million for Fiscal Year 2017.

The proposed amendment would replace the concept of a single Bid Net Income target with two annual thresholds: a minimum net threshold by which the shortfall payment will be measured, and an incentive threshold.

*For more, please see the following page . . .*

# Compact guidance from GAO

*Report details concerns; offers road map*

As Indiana considers the ramifications of Native American gaming likely coming to South Bend, most of those involved in and affected by the process are unaware of a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report examining Indian Gaming: Regulation and Oversight by the Federal Government, States, and Tribes that has already attracted attention from key federal lawmakers and could result in national policy changes.

The report, released June 3, notes that over the past 25 years, Indian gaming has become a significant source of revenue for many tribes, reaching $28 billion in gross revenues in FY 2013, up from $3 billion in 1995.

GAO examines: (1) the U.S. Department of the Interior's review process to help ensure that tribal-state compacts comply with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA); (2) how states and selected tribes regulate Indian gaming; (3) National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) authority to regulate Indian gaming; and, (4) NIGC efforts to ensure tribes abide by IGRA and related rules.

U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), who has long taken the Senate lead on Native American gaming issues, and U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, expressed concern with some of what GAO uncovered, principally that federal regulators at the National Indian Gaming Commission are not effectively promoting voluntary compliance with federal guidelines concerning the proper handling of money, accuracy of financial statements, and security requirements at Indian casinos.

"If NIGC continues to rely on Indian casinos to voluntarily comply with federal guidelines, then the Commission must at least improve its state and tribal training and consultation initiatives and develop metrics that assess their effectiveness," said Sen. McCain, while Sen. Barrasso added, "This new report calls for improvements in the Commission's methods in maintaining the integrity of the gaming system. The NIGC should find more effective methods that will ensure all facets of gaming are conducted with accountability and accuracy."

*For more, please see p. 4 . . .*

For FY 2016, the minimum net income threshold will be $270 million, and the incentive threshold will be $290 million. The incentive column grows annually throughout the life of the ISA, and the minimum net income threshold will reach $300 million in four years in FY 2018 and grow incrementally thereafter.

The new minimum net income targets are "substantially less than the original Bid Net Income," says Sicuso. "If we reach $300 million on a consistent basis they won't pay us a shortfall."

Under the current arrangement, for every dollar above BNI, GTECH receives a dollar bonus, subject to a 5.0% cap. The amendment slashes incentive compensation in half by making GTECH eligible for only 50 cents for every additional dollar earned above the incentive threshold . . . with the State now eligible for the other 50 cents.

"For them to maximize their incentive payment, they will now have to earn twice as much as if we kept the incentive payment at a dollar-for-dollar amount," explains Sicuso. The five percent cap remains in place.

The amended agreement also requires GTECH to wire to the Hoosier Lottery by July 31 a lump-sum amount of $18.25 million, which will be immediately transferred to the state as if it were revenue earned on sales. The payment will be reported for accounting purposes as deferred revenue and will show up on the ledger as $1.4 million per year over the next 13 years.

The lump-sum payment is not to be confused with the $16 million shortfall penalty we referred to earlier that GTECH will also have to pay for not meeting the FY 15 income target.

GTECH forecasts net income of $273 million in its to-be-approved FY 16 business plan, meaning the company would avoid a shortfall payment and would not qualify for any incentive compensation.

GTECH has invested tens of millions of dollars in new equipment including upgraded terminals, modernized instant ticket vending machines, and counter-top display cases, and has conducted extensive player research to help drive marketing and advertisement strategies, explains Arango. She says that the company generated record revenue in excess of $1 billion in the first year of the contract and will likely do so again this year.

Sicuso says, "It didn't go exactly as planned on Bid Net Income, but does that mean you break it up that quickly?" Sicuso says that after only two years, "Management believes they deserve more time to essentially use what they've learned about this market to help us continue to grow."

Many of the new draw games that GTECH has rolled out have under-performed, and Powerball sales suffered across the nation from having only one mega-jackpot during this fiscal year.

But bread-and-butter scratch-off sales under GTECH have been unprecedented (and new higher price points have proven sustainable), and Lottery officials are optimistic that the recently consummated merger between IGT and GTECH will also provide substantial benefits to Indiana and the lottery industry as a whole.

One thing there has been no talk of: expanding Lottery offerings to include such games as Keno, and options for on-line games and ticket sales, the best way for GTECH to pump up sales. As we told you in March, Governor Mike Pence (R) is unalterably opposed to such concepts.

Some media reports have speculated that GTECH and IGT will move away from the lottery business, but Sicuso suggests that's all wrong. "From everything we have heard there is an effort to do the opposite," he says.

The amendment to the ISA will also tighten up the contract termination provisions. Currently the Lottery can terminate the agreement at no cost if GTECH misses Bid Net Income by 10% or more for two consecutive years or for three out of five years. Moving forward, the threshold will be reduced to only five percent. Since GTECH will miss the FY 15 target by more than 10%, if the company does not reach $256.5 million in income in FY 16, the State Lottery Commission will have the option to terminate the contract at no cost to the State.

"The point is the State has the ability to quickly re-evaluate what it wants to do in the long term," Sicuso notes. "2015 was disappointing, and it's on their record." Additionally, the amendment will provide that any "underspend" in the annual management fee paid by the Lottery to GTECH must be returned to the State. The parties agreed to this in practice in the past years . . . but it wasn't a requirement under the contract.

The Illinois Lottery has spent millions of dollars on legal fees fighting GTECH in a nasty battle that may have undermined the lottery brand there, but what you have seen here is that the Hoosier Lottery and GTECH have been able to work through their differences amicably. Arango attributes that in part to the co-location of GTECH and the Lottery in the same building. "The fact that Colin sits two doors down from Sarah, they see each other multiple times a day. They don't have that in Illinois," Arango says, referring to the close proximity of the offices of GTECH Indiana General Manager Colin Hadden and Hoosier Lottery Executive Director Sarah Taylor.

Extracting itself from the GTECH agreement and subsequently contracting out for lottery management services again was not, as we've explained before, a viable option.

There is a definite paucity of qualified potential vendors, and they would now be in a better position to understand just how much the Lottery would have available and would be willing to pay for assorted services, eviscerating the traditional leverage the State might ordinarily enjoy under a new round of Request for Proposals.



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Then there is Governor's concern over the State effectively running and pushing sales for a gambling enterprise . . . and the concern that if the contract ended and a decision needed to be made as to how to proceed, lawmakers might choose to get involved and complicate the process.

As we reminded you in March, the initial procurement process was executed by the Daniels Administration after the legislature left town in 2012 and before the 2013 session began. The Pence Administration was presented with a fait accompli when it entered office that January, and some lawmakers (including one key committee chair) were clearly perturbed that they had been left out of the loop by the Daniels Administration.

Only three members of the State Lottery Commission are expected at Friday's meeting.

# IN General

● We had told you to expect the Governor to appoint **Sara Gonso Tait**, the agency's general counsel, as interim executive director of the Indiana Gaming Commission (fully anticipating that the appointment would become permanent within a month), but the Guv surprised us by naming her to the post on a permanent basis without the interim tag. She succeeds **Ernie Yelton**, who had told the Governor a few months ago that he was retiring after more than 10 years in the thankless post.

□ Tait, who worked as director of license control and as a staff attorney for the Commission before taking over the top legal role, was earlier a contract attorney for **Lewis Wagner, LLP**. Tait also currently serves as a volunteer guardian ad litem at **Kids Voice**. She earned her undergraduate degree from **Miami University** and her law degree from **Indiana University McKinney School of Law**, and her father, an **Ice Miller LLP** partner, served as the first chief of staff to the governor in the Daniels Administration.

□ Tait becomes the first IGC chief to be promoted from within, and is the first who is not a former state or federal prosecutor or former judge.

● So why did legislative leaders and the Legislative Council opt against assigning gaming tax-related issues (including local riverboat revenue distributions) to an interim study committee, as had seemed a certainty given the statements issued by key lawmakers at assorted points in the debate over HEA 1540-2015? Writing in the *Evansville Courier & Press*, State House correspond **Chelsea Schneider** explains that "Senate President Pro Tem **David Long**, a **Fort Wayne** Republican, said lawmakers will watch to see how the measure they passed this year impact the casinos' bottom lines." Schneider then quotes him saying "I think we feel like we've studied that enough for once...I think people feel pretty good what we did with the industry this year, and we're comfortable with that. Whatever we did in the bill this year is likely to stay put for a little while."

□ Local government officials and those who represent them collectively are breathing a sigh of relief that their revenues appear to now remain unthreatened for at least another budget cycle.

● Officials in **Illinois** are debating whether the latest attempt to site a land-based casino in **Chicago** should be premised on the ability of such a city-owned facility to exclusively fund the Windy City's staggering pension bills. While Chicago Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** (D) is pushing the concept as a win-win proposition for taxpayers, others are a bit more skeptical, noting that such an arrangement could put the City on the hook for major construction costs; lead to a nasty clout-based battle over management rights and costs; suck revenues and tax dollars from suburban casinos that initially thrived (and subsequently struggled) under changed state rubrics; divert tax revenues from state coffers as suburban casino revenues take a hit from the new competition; and would make the pension funding dependent upon an uncertain funding mechanism that gives the City major incentives to reach deeply into the pockets of players with more casino-friendly policies.

□ Such a facility would also, of course, have an impact upon Northwest Indiana casinos, both directly, and then as the other Chicago-area casinos in Illinois adjust their marketing efforts to cope with the addition of a what would likely be the largest casino in the area to an already saturated market.

● May wasn't exactly a bountiful month for the key gaming sources of General Fund tax revenue, as both the riverboat and racino wagering tax collections declined year-over-year by a double-digit percentage . . . the first time that's happened in the current fiscal year since August.

□ Indiana collected $40.0 million from the riverboat wagering tax during May, lagging the revised monthly estimate issued in mid-April by 5.3% (- $2.2 million) and declining from May 2014 by an even larger 13.6% (- $6.3 million). May marks the ninth month of Fiscal Year 2015 in which dollars generated within this tax category have shrunk from the prior year. With only one month remaining in the fiscal year, riverboat wagering tax revenue is off from the same 11 months in FY 2014 by 9.1% (- $29.7 million), although it running marginally (0.6%) ahead of the most recent April target, a $1.6 million surplus.

□ Racino wagering tax collections totaled $10.0 million, underperforming the monthly estimate revised in April by 8.1% (- $900,000) and shrinking from May 2014 numbers by an even more concerning 12.3% (- $1.4 million). On a fiscal year-to-date basis, however, the category is down by a mere 0.6% (- $600,000) compared to the same 11 months in Fiscal Year 2014.

□ Riverboat admissions taxes were not posted during May, but for the fiscal year-to-date through Memorial Day, this tax category has brought in $11.5 million, down by $900,000 (7.0%) from the July - May period in FY 2014.



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□ Looking ahead to the fiscal year-end wrap-up, it will be a close call on whether riverboat wagering tax revenues close out FY 2015 down by 10% from FY 2014.

**July 2014 - May 2015 Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year-to-Date**

| | FYTD Comparison to Monthly Targets | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Forecast** | **Actual** | **$ Amount** | **Percent** |
| Riverboat Wagering | $ 295.6M | $ 297.2M | $ 1.6M | 0.6% |
| Racino Wagering | $ 101.5M | $ 99.8M | (- $ 1.7M) | (- 1.7%) |
| Riverboat Admissions | $ 11.5M | $ 11.5M | $ 0.0M | 0.1% |

| | FYTD Actual Revenue Change | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2014** | **2015** | **$ Amount** | **Percent** |
| Riverboat Wagering | $ 326.9M | $ 297.2M | (- $ 29.7M) | (- 9.1%) |
| Racino Wagering | $ 100.4M | $ 99.8M | (- $ 0.6M) | (- 0.6%) |
| Riverboat Admissions | $ 12.4M | $ 11.5M | (- $ 0.9M) | (- 7.0%) |

* Rounding may mean some actual change figures may not add up

● U.S. Rep. **Luke Messer** (R) is one of 17 House members representing 11 different states signing a bipartisan letter for the Internal Revenue Service rulemaking docket opposing a potential change in IRS regulations that would lower the threshold for reporting slot win from $1,2000 to as little as $600, an issue we've noted for you in these pages. "We strongly believe the IRS should not consider any reduction of this reporting threshold, as any lowering from $1,200 would have significantly negative impacts on casino operations and customers," the lawmakers, writing under the aegis of the **Congressional Gaming Caucus**, contend. "Any reduction in this threshold would dramatically raise costs to comply, decrease gaming revenue due to more frequent slot machine 'lock-ups,' and would greatly increase the burden workload for IRS." His CD 06 includes three casinos and one racino.

# IN Illegal Gaming

● **Fort Wayne** Animal Care & Control was one of a handful of entities credited by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* as being "involved" in an investigation of "what authorities have described as a massive cockfighting and breeding operation" in two western **Wisconsin** counties that involved some 1,200 birds and "several" suspects and was broken wide open earlier this month when the first group of individuals involved were arrested and four different farms were raided.

□ The City of Fort Wayne explains that the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals** (ASPCA) Field Investigations & Response team deployed staff from Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control to four properties in **St. Croix**, Wisconsin and **Polk County** in Wisconsin to assist with the removal of the ≈ 1,200 birds. Animal Care & Control Officer **Erika Hedge** and Animal Care Specialist **Melissa North** volunteered their time to participate in the ASPCA's emergency response team. All expenses were paid by the ASPCA and staff used their own available time for the deployment.

□ **Belinda Lewis**, Animal Care & Control's executive director, confirmed to the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* that this was the first time the Summit City's animal control staff had been requested to participate in a raid outside of Fort Wayne. "We're very proud of the fact that (the ASPCA) recognized our training level and our responsive ability," Lewis told the paper. "We're really proud of these two in stepping up and using their own time to assist the ASPCA." The two staffers "were particularly suited for the task, Lewis said, because they helped break up a cockfighting ring in Fort Wayne in 2010, she said. In that raid, 42 birds were seized."

# IN Native American Gaming

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Other interesting findings from the 88-page GAO report include:

- NIGC auditors reported that one-quarter of all Indian gaming operations were a "high audit risk."
- NIGC has undertaken very few enforcement actions, such as issuing violation notices, since 2010.
- Approximately 80% of all Indian gaming operations now include class III gaming (Las Vegas-style games).
- NIGC's budget, funded by fees collected from tribes, has grown from $3.3 million in 1995 to $19 million in 2015.

GAO recommends that the Commission: (1) obtain input from states on its plans to issue guidance on class III minimum internal control standards; (2) review and revise, as needed, its performance measures to better assess its training and technical assistance efforts; and (3) develop documented procedures and guidance to improve the use of letters of concern.

NIGC, an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, generally agreed with GAO's recommendations.

But there's more food for thought in the report for Indiana as the process evolves. Indiana is a state that allows class III gaming, so that type of gaming would be available to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians for their proposed South Bend casino complex.

The GAO investigation found that the 24 states with class III gaming operations vary in their approach for regulating Indian gaming. Specifically, based on the extent and frequency of state monitoring activities, GAO categorized 7 states as having an active regulatory role, 11 states with a moderate role, and six states with a limited role. In addition, all 12 of the selected tribes GAO visited had regulatory agencies responsible for the day-to-day regulation of their gaming operations.



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According to the GAO report, "The National Indian Gaming Commission possesses the authority to regulate class II gaming, but not class III gaming, by issuing and enforcing gaming standards (minimum internal control standards for gaming). The Commission does, however, play a role in class III gaming. For example, the Commission Chair must approve tribal gaming ordinances. In addition, Commission officials told us they do have authority to issue guidance on class III gaming standards. In its plans for developing such guidance, the Commission has laid out specific steps for gathering tribal input, but its plan for gathering input from affected states is unclear. Federal internal control standards call for managers to obtain information from external stakeholders that may have a significant impact on the agency achieving its goals. Along with tribes, state input could aid the Commission in making an informed decision. Even with differences in its authority for class II and class III gaming, the Commission conducts monitoring activities, and the Commission Chair takes enforcement action to ensure compliance with IGRA and applicable Commission regulations."

What should be of concern to regulators in Indiana is this note from GAO: "The Commission has more recently emphasized actions that encourage voluntary resolution of compliance issues, including providing training and technical assistance and alerting tribes of potential compliance issues using letters of concern. However, the effectiveness of these two approaches is unclear. The Commission has limited performance measures that assess outcomes achieved. With such additional measures, the Commission would be better positioned to assess the effectiveness of its training and technical assistance. Further, the Commission does not have a documented process for its letters of concern to help ensure their effectiveness in encouraging tribal actions to address identified issues. Without written procedures the Commission cannot ensure consistency or effectiveness of the letters it sends."

GAO also criticizes the Commission over a lack of state input on how to proceed with issuing guidance for class III minimum internal control standards. "The Commission's plans for obtaining input from states on its proposal to issue guidance on minimum internal control standards for class III gaming and withdraw its 2006 regulations [regulations establishing minimum internal control standards for both class II and class III gaming updated in 2002, 2005, and 2006] is unclear. *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* call for management to ensure that there are adequate means of communicating with, and obtaining information from, external stakeholders that may have a significant impact on the agency achieving its goals. Commission officials told us that in the past some states provided written comments on updating minimum internal control standards for class III gaming, but the Commission did not specifically outreach to the states. In its letters to tribes, the Commission did not specify including states in its solicitation of comments on its proposal to issue guidance and withdraw its 2006 regulations."

The GAO report offers an excellent overview of the compact process and its particulars. "A tribe may only conduct class III gaming activities if such activities are conducted in conformance with a tribal-state compact, among other requirements. Compacts are negotiated agreements that establish the tribes' and states' regulatory roles for class III gaming and specify the games that are allowed, among other things. According to the Senate committee report accompanying the legislation, IGRA was intended to provide a means by which tribal and state governments can realize their unique and individual governmental objectives. The Senate committee report also noted that the terms of each compact may vary extensively and may allocate most or all of the jurisdictional responsibility to the tribe, to the state, or to any variation in between. IGRA specifies that compacts may include provisions related to

- the application of criminal and civil laws and regulations of the tribe or the state that are directly related to and necessary for the licensing and regulation of gaming,
- the allocation of civil and criminal jurisdiction between the tribe and the state necessary to enforce those laws and regulations,
- state assessments of gaming activities as necessary to defray the costs of regulating Indian gaming,
- tribal taxation of gaming activities,
- remedies for breach of contract,
- standards for gaming activity operations and gaming facility maintenance, and
- any other subjects directly related to the operation of gaming activities.

IGRA authorizes the Secretary to approve compacts and allows the Secretary to disapprove a compact only if it violates IGRA, any other federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligation of the United States to Indians. Under IGRA, the Secretary has 45 days to approve or disapprove a compact once it receives a compact package from a state and tribe. Under IGRA, if a compact is not approved or disapproved within 45 days, then it is considered to have been approved (referred to as deemed approved) to the extent it is consistent with IGRA [No court has issued a decision considering the extent to which a deemed approved compact is consistent with IGRA]. Compacts go into effect only when a notice from the Secretary has been published in the *Federal Register*. Interior's Office of Indian Gaming manages the compact review process and also reviews and approves revenue allocation plans."

The report suggests that compacts submitted to the feds are almost always approved. "Of the 516 compacts and compact amendments submitted to Interior since 1998, Interior disapproved 19. In decision letters we reviewed, the most common reason for disapproving compacts was that they contained revenue sharing provisions Interior found to be inconsistent with IGRA."



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Instructive to the State going forward: the reasons for disapproval, which should serve as a warning. "For example, Interior found that the concessions offered by the state in some compacts were not proportional to the value of the revenues the state sought from the tribe. Interior disapproved these compacts because they did not eliminate or sufficiently reduce the tribe's payment to the state if the tribe's exclusivity ended or was diminished in the future. In addition, Interior found the revenue sharing payment to the state in some compacts to be a tax, fee, charge, or assessment on the tribe, which is prohibited by IGRA. For example, for one compact, Interior found the state's offer of support for the tribe's application to take land into trust did not provide a quantifiable economic benefit that justified the proposed revenue sharing payments. Consequently, Interior viewed the payment to the state as a tax or other assessment in violation of IGRA."

And while some in Indiana have questioned the intervention of the General Assembly into the compact process under legislation just enacted, the GAO report observes that "Compacts are generally negotiated between tribes and state Governors or their staffs but, in some states, state law requires the state legislature to approve or ratify a compact negotiated by the Governor."

Just what can the compacts cover? "Compacts lay out the responsibilities of both tribes and states for regulating class III gaming. For example, compacts may include provisions allowing states to conduct inspections of gaming operations, certify employee licenses, review surveillance records, and impose assessments on tribes to defray the state's costs of regulating Indian gaming. They may also include provisions requiring tribes to notify the state when they hire a new employee or when they make changes to their gaming regulations or rules. In addition, compacts may contain provisions governing how any disputes between the state and tribe over the compact and its terms will be resolved, including provisions waiving the sovereign immunity of the state, tribe, or both, to lawsuits seeking to resolve disputes."

GAO identified seven states with an "active regulatory role": Arizona, Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, New York, Oregon, and Wisconsin. These states "monitor gaming operations at least weekly, with most having a daily on-site presence." GAO found that "states with an active regulatory role perform the majority of monitoring activities, including

- formal and informal inspection or observation of gaming operations,
- review of financial report(s),
- review of compliance with internal control systems,
- audit of gaming operation records,
- verification of gaming machines computer functions,
- review of gaming operator's surveillance, and
- observation of money counts.

Some states with an active regulatory role told us they also verify gaming operation funds to confirm payments to the state and inspect gaming operations to ensure public health and safety, such as reviewing building inspection records for gaming facilities. Of these states, five states assign staff at gaming operations to observe money counts, conduct background checks, and investigate compact violations, among other things."

# IN Riverboats

## *Northern Market News . . .*

● The Indiana Tax Court denies **Blue Chip Casino**'s petition for a rehearing in *Blue Chip Casino, LLC v. LaPorte Co. Treasurer*, No. 49T10-1008-TA-00037. Almost three years after the oral argument, the Tax Court in March dismissed this appeal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Blue Chip had appealed the **LaPorte County** Treasurer's failure to respond to its request for a refund of some $300,000 in innkeeper's tax monies that it paid to the Treasurer between January 2007 and August 2009 (the period at issue) for the complimentary hotel rooms it provided to various members and non-members of its Players Club program.

● The saga continues in *Jones v. Horseshoe Casino*, No. 2:15-cv-00014-PPS-PRC, a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana in which **Gloria Jones** claims she was injured at **Horseshoe Casino Hammond** when a gas cylinder component in the chair she was sitting in failed, causing the seat of the chair to abruptly descend. She sought subpoena to take control of the chair for testing, but the co-defendant chair manufacturer, **Gasser Chair Company**, contends that its requests to her attorney seeking a protocol for testing of the chair, including any proposed destructive testing, has been met with no response. The judge grants the chair manufacturer a protective requiring all parties to consent to any destructive testing before such testing may be done. "The chair is a crucial piece of evidence and destructive testing by one party could result in unfairness or unnecessary expense."

□ The chair manufacturer also asked Horseshoe for video footage of the alleged accident as well as for leave to inspect the chair in which the plaintiff was hurt. This case had been stayed as to Horseshoe because its parent company is currently in bankruptcy, and, finding that the request lacked "any legal authority for the propriety of this request," Magistrate Judge **Paul R. Cherry** denies the manufacturer's motion to lift the stay.

● **UNITE HERE**, the union for workers in gaming, hotels, and food service industries that represents more than 900 workers at four Northwest Indiana casino properties (200 workers at **Ameristar Casino East Chicago**, 300 at **Majestic Star Casino I** and **Majestic Star Casino II**, and 450 at **Blue Chip Casino**), launches a new website which it says is intended to serve as a resource for customers of Northwest Indiana casinos who want to check whether labor disputes could affect their entertainment plans.



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☐ The union website, www.indianagamingalert.org, will be regularly updated with what it says will be "information about actual and potential labor disputes affecting NW Indiana casinos and the status of contract negotiations." Visitors to the site may sign up for email updates, "as well as find strategies to protect their event or travel plans from the possibility of being impacted by labor disputes."

☐ The site is currently presenting the union local's side of its dispute with Ameristar over health care insurance plans, a rift which has caused UNITE HERE Local 1 to call for a labor boycott of the East Chicago property.

● The Majestic Star Casino, LLC announced the expiration and final results of its previously announced invitation to the holders of its 12.5%/14.5% Senior Notes due 2016 to become lenders in a new 12.5%/14.5% First Lien Secured Term Loan Facility, and the related solicitation of consents from the holders of the notes to the adoption of proposed amendments to the indenture and the intercreditor and lien subordination agreement relating to the notes. The expiration came May 28, before which Majestic received valid deliveries of approximately $109.2 million in aggregate principal amount of the notes, representing commitments in the new term loan for the same aggregate principal amount. On May 29, Majestic accepted all the notes and entered into the new term loan. Holders of notes that participated in the invitation received accrued and unpaid interest on the notes up to, but not including, the closing date, in cash. After giving effect to the cancellation of the notes accepted in the invitation, approximately $1.9 million in aggregate principal amount of the notes remain outstanding.

☐ Holders of notes who made commitments to become lenders in the new term loan also consented to the proposed amendments which among other things, eliminated most of the restrictive covenants and certain events of default contained in the indenture, released all of the liens on the collateral securing the notes under the indenture, and increased the amount of permitted obligations set forth in the intercreditor agreement.

## *Southern Market News . . .*

● The Indiana Tax Court issued an 11-page opinion in *Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. v. Indiana Dep't of State Revenue*, No. 49T10-1206-TA-34. We've told you before about this matter, in which Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., which at the time claimed only Belterra Casino Resort among its Indiana holdings, appealed the Department of Revenue's assessments of Indiana adjusted gross income tax for the 2006 and 2007 tax years. The matter, which was before Senior Judge Tom Fisher on cross-motions for partial summary judgment, presents two issues for the court to decide:

(1) Whether an apportioned sum of the gain generated by Pinnacle's 1999 sale of Hollywood Park, Inc., a California racetrack and card club, to Churchill Downs, Inc. for $140 million in cash is attributable to Indiana under I.C. § 6-3-2-2.2; and if so,

(2) Whether the Department correctly classified Pinnacle's gain as business income.

☐ In 2000, Pinnacle filed an Indiana adjusted gross income tax return classifying the gain derived from the track sale as nonbusiness income. Revenue, after an audit, reclassified Pinnacle's gain as business income, recalculated net operating losses, and assessed Pinnacle with additional adjusted gross income tax, interest, and penalties for the 2006 and 2007 tax years. The Tax Court takes a deep dive into the characteristics of the particular sales transaction, sides with the Department of Revenue on the sale being attributable to Indiana, and grants summary judgment in favor of the Department on this issue. However, Judge Fisher determines that there are issues of genuine material fact as to whether the Department correctly classified Pinnacle's gain as business income, and denies summary judgment to either party on the classification question and orders the parties to file a joint case management plan with proposed order by early August.

● Seeking Alpha takes a deep dive into the financial future of Full House Resorts, Inc., parent company of Rising Star • Casino Resort, and is more bullish about the overall company's prospects than its underperforming Indiana component. The analysis finds that Rising Star – "the company's most difficult property" – "has likely been crippled by live dealer expansion in Indianapolis; it's not clear how the company can or should proceed." With live dealers for table games potentially being allowed in early 2021, the company faces what top exec Dan Lee called a "Catch-22" in his legislative testimony against live dealers. "The addition of live dealers at the racinos – which are near Indianapolis – would seemingly preclude the need for gamblers in the area to leave the city for blackjack, roulette, etc. With expansion in Ohio – across the river from Rising Sun – now complete, and two competitive casinos on either side of the property, Rising Star doesn't have a base to draw on. The addition of live dealers in Indianapolis could, without exaggeration, be the death knell for Rising Star. Yet, the expansion to table gaming won't come for over five years. [Full House] would like to try and turn the property around, but making any significant capital expenditures is unwise if the payoff from the investment will dry up in 4-5 years."

☐ Seeking Alpha observes that "revenue is declining - down 16% year-over-year, per the 10-Q – and it's not clear what Full House can do to stop it. The end of expansion in Ohio should stabilize the situation, but stabilization at breakeven doesn't add much value to shares. The company is trying to advertise hotel specials (after visiting the hotel's website a few weeks ago, I've seen numerous cookie-based ads of late, advertising a $39 room special) that will get customers in the door. Promotional spending for more local customers is another possibility. But any substantial capital investment makes little sense if returns from those investments will dry up in 2021. It does appear that Full House can walk away from the lease on the property, which was agreed to by a subsidiary but not guaranteed by the parent. But a sale seems outright impossible (at least for more than $1), and the best-case scenario here appears to be wringing out a few million in EBITDA over the next few years. Once Indianapolis has full table games at its racinos, Rising Star will be literally surrounded."



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## *IN Casinos . . .*

● When the Casino Association of Indiana consciously decided in 2002 to upgrade its operations, particularly on the lobbying side, it enlisted Mike Smith, a newly re-elected Republican state representative from Rensselaer who had just served as his party's floor leader. The genial Smith quickly helped cement the symbiotic relationship between the State of Indiana and its casino industry, build the "three-legged stool" necessary for passage of key gaming legislation over the past dozen+ years, and forge a strong working relationship between all elements of the gaming industry while assimilating the casino gaming industry into the Hoosier mainstream and making the collective industry a partner in public affairs programming and problem gambling solutions.

□ After almost 13 years on the job, Smith is stepping down, but will work with the eight properties who are Association members in recruiting his replacement as president and CEO.

● Here are your May casino numbers:

| CASINO | ADMITS. | TABLE WIN | SLOT WIN | TOTAL WIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ameristar | 222,872 | $ 4,883,819 | $ 16,440,873 | $ 21,324,692 |
| Belterra | 101,555 | $ 1,537,735 | $ 8,942,702 | $ 10,480,437 |
| Blue Chip | 209,110 | $ 1,662,693 | $ 12,454,366 | $ 14,117,059 |
| French Lick | 76,204 | $ 874,462 | $ 5,972,788 | $ 6,847,250 |
| Hollywood | 130,982 | $ 2,332,898 | $ 13,426,760 | $ 15,759,658 |
| Hoosier Park | N/A | N/A | $ 18,888,349 | $ 18,888,349 |
| Horseshoe HD | 334,972 | $ 10,579,667 | $ 27,628,256 | $ 38,207,923 |
| Horseshoe SI | 167,740 | $ 5,536,335 | $ 17,455,869 | $ 22,992,204 |
| Indiana Grand | N/A | N/A | $ 21,662,111 | $ 21,662,111 |
| Majestic Star I | 83,076 | $ 1,930,062 | $ 6,283,015 | $ 8,213,077 |
| Majestic Star II | 83,076 | $ 166,660 | $ 6,216,213 | $ 6,382,873 |
| Rising Star | 62,125 | $ 393,284 | $ 3,786,447 | $ 4,179,731 |
| Tropicana | 97,277 | $ 1,399,963 | $ 8,977,457 | $ 10,377,420 |
| *Statewide* | *1,568,989* | *$ 31,297,578* | *$168,135,206* | *$199,432,784* |

| | ADMISSIONS | TABLE WIN | SLOT WIN | TOTAL WIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ( 1) | Horseshoe HD | Horseshoe HD | Horseshoe HD | Horseshoe HD |
| ( 2) | Ameristar | Horseshoe SI | Indiana Grand | Horseshoe SI |
| ( 3) | Blue Chip | Ameristar | Hoosier Park | Indiana Grand |
| ( 4) | Horseshoe SI | Hollywood | Horseshoe SI | Ameristar |
| ( 5) | Hollywood | Majestic Star I | Ameristar | Hoosier Park |
| ( 6) | Belterra | Blue Chip | Hollywood | Hollywood |
| ( 7) | Tropicana | Belterra | Blue Chip | Blue Chip |
| ( 8) | Majestic Star I | Tropicana | Tropicana | Belterra |
| ( 9) | Majestic Star II | French Lick | Belterra | Tropicana |
| (10) | French Lick | Rising Star | Majestic Star I | Majestic Star I |
| (11) | Rising Star | Majestic Star II | Majestic Star II | French Lick |
| (12) | N/A | N/A | French Lick | Majestic Star II |
| (13) | N/A | N/A | Rising Star | Rising Star |

**WIN, month-over-month change**

| CASINO | TOTAL WIN | | ADMISSIONS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rising Star | 11.32% | $ 424,915 | 3.11% | 1,874 |
| Belterra | 10.62% | $ 1,006,504 | 10.97% | 10,037 |
| Horseshoe SI | 10.07% | $ 2,103,366 | 9.46% | 14,499 |
| Hoosier Park | 9.39% | $ 1,620,859 | N/A | N/A |
| Tropicana | 9.19% | $ 873,333 | 13.73% | 11,746 |
| Ameristar | 6.80% | $ 1,358,480 | 5.56% | 11,729 |
| Majestic Star II | 6.56% | $ 393,041 | 2.66% | 2,155 |
| French Lick | 5.84% | $ 377,513 | 10.10% | 6,988 |
| Horseshoe HD | 5.67% | $ 2,050,823 | 6.68% | 20,979 |
| Blue Chip | 5.37% | $ 719,236 | 6.39% | 12,567 |
| Indiana Grand | 3.27% | $ 686,540 | N/A | N/A |
| Majestic Star I | 1.31% | $ 105,889 | 2.66% | 2,155 |
| Hollywood | - 0.03% | ($ 4,580) | 2.63% | 3,359 |
| *Statewide* | *6.24%* | *$ 11,715,919* | *6.67%* | *98,088* |

**WIN, year-over-year change**

| CASINO | TOTAL WIN | | ADMISSIONS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| French Lick | 11.91% | $ 728,956 | 9.91% | 6,871 |
| Belterra | 8.48% | $ 819,385 | 2.04% | 2,031 |
| Ameristar | 6.47% | $ 1,296,730 | 2.76% | 5,992 |
| Majestic Star II | 6.12% | $ 368,176 | - 15.30% | - 15,009 |
| Hoosier Park | 1.71% | $ 316,958 | N/A | N/A |
| Blue Chip | 1.50% | $ 208,098 | 3.55% | 7,173 |
| Tropicana | 1.16% | $ 118,975 | 1.00% | 962 |
| Horseshoe SI | - 0.28% | ($ 64,706) | - 2.93% | - 5,061 |
| Indiana Grand | - 0.87% | ($ 189,362) | N/A | N/A |
| Horseshoe HD | - 2.10% | ($ 818,219) | - 5.56% | - 19,707 |
| Majestic Star I | - 4.57% | ($ 393,057) | - 15.30% | - 15,009 |
| Hollywood | - 6.63% | ($ 1,119,762) | - 7.46% | - 10,566 |
| Rising Star | - 8.29% | ($ 377,876) | - 6.83% | - 4,551 |
| Statewide | 0.45% | $ 894,296 | - 2.90% | - 46,874 |

**WIN, year-to-date**

| CASINO | 2015 | 2014 | DIFFERENCE | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 186,020,042 | $ 186,879,005 | ($ 858,963) | - 0.46% |
| Indiana Grand | $ 105,240,925 | $ 101,664,045 | $ 3,576,880 | 3.52% |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 102,978,098 | $ 108,715,799 | ($ 5,737,701) | - 5.28% |
| Ameristar | $ 97,600,422 | $ 93,074,472 | $ 4,525,950 | 4.86% |
| Hoosier Park | $ 86,898,467 | $ 86,754,974 | $ 143,493 | 0.17% |
| Hollywood | $ 76,758,777 | $ 86,174,521 | ($ 9,415,744) | - 10.93% |
| Blue Chip | $ 65,223,502 | $ 63,152,645 | $ 2,070,857 | 3.28% |
| Tropicana | $ 49,180,166 | $ 50,046,072 | ($ 865,906) | - 1.73% |
| Belterra | $ 48,054,751 | $ 46,771,792 | $ 1,282,959 | 2.74% |
| Majestic Star I | $ 39,739,154 | $ 42,123,372 | ($ 2,384,218) | - 5.66% |
| French Lick | $ 31,613,203 | $ 28,957,587 | $ 2,655,616 | 9.17% |
| Majestic Star II | $ 29,458,182 | $ 28,801,807 | $ 656,375 | 2.28% |
| Rising Star | $ 19,959,373 | $ 22,400,927 | ($ 2,441,554) | - 10.90% |
| *Statewide* | *$ 938,725,062* | *$ 945,517,018* | *($ 6,791,956)* | *- 0.72%* |

**ADMISSIONS, year-to-date**

| CASINO | 2015 | 2014 | DIFFERENCE | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 1,622,337 | 1,697,131 | ( 74,794) | - 4.41% |
| Ameristar | 1,049,110 | 985,550 | 63,560 | 6.45% |
| Blue Chip | 944,008 | 904,966 | 39,042 | 4.31% |
| Horseshoe SI | 787,979 | 872,706 | ( 84,727) | - 9.71% |
| Hollywood | 652,782 | 731,500 | ( 78,718) | - 10.76% |
| Tropicana | 465,617 | 468,889 | ( 3,272) | - 0.70% |
| Belterra | 463,462 | 470,910 | ( 7,448) | - 1.58% |
| Majestic Star I | 398,998 | 441,548 | ( 42,550) | - 9.64% |
| Majestic Star II | 398,998 | 441,548 | ( 42,550) | - 9.64% |
| French Lick | 341,731 | 312,149 | 29,582 | 9.48% |
| Rising Star | 296,214 | 316,732 | ( 20,518) | - 6.48% |
| *Statewide* | *7,421,236* | *7,643,629* | *(222,393)* | *- 2.91%* |

**WIN PER ADMISSION**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 04/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | $ 137 | $ 133 | $ 136 |
| Hollywood | $ 120 | $ 119 | $ 124 |
| Horseshoe HD | $ 114 | $ 110 | $ 115 |
| Tropicana | $ 107 | $ 107 | $ 111 |
| Belterra | $ 103 | $ 97 | $ 104 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 99 | $ 88 | $ 100 |
| Ameristar | $ 96 | $ 92 | $ 95 |
| French Lick | $ 90 | $ 88 | $ 93 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 77 | $ 61 | $ 74 |
| Blue Chip | $ 68 | $ 69 | $ 68 |
| Rising Star | $ 67 | $ 68 | $ 62 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 101* | *$ 98* | *$ 102* |



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**WIN PER SLOT PER DAY**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 04/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | $ 338 | $ 349 | $ 336 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 338 | $ 350 | $ 340 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 319 | $ 311 | $ 299 |
| Tropicana | $ 318 | $ 318 | $ 299 |
| Horseshoe HD | $ 313 | $ 299 | $ 314 |
| Ameristar | $ 302 | $ 296 | $ 304 |
| Belterra | $ 241 | $ 231 | $ 229 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 228 | $ 247 | $ 230 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 238 | $ 229 | $ 231 |
| Blue Chip | $ 224 | $ 207 | $ 224 |
| Hollywood | $ 211 | $ 221 | $ 212 |
| French Lick | $ 193 | $ 179 | $ 189 |
| Rising Star | $ 125 | $ 112 | $ 119 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 272* | *$ 267* | *$ 269* |

**WIN PER TABLE PER DAY**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 04/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ameristar | $ 2,219 | $ 1,912 | $ 1,842 |
| Horseshoe HD | $ 2,094 | $ 2,405 | $ 1,904 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 1,768 | $ 1,585 | $ 1,356 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 1,175 | $ 1,210 | $ 1,224 |
| Tropicana | $ 1,129 | $ 1,182 | $ 1,112 |
| Belterra | $ 1,102 | $ 701 | $ 1,123 |
| Blue Chip | $ 1,031 | $ 1,023 | $ 837 |
| Hollywood | $ 1,003 | $ 685 | $ 1,104 |
| French Lick | $ 762 | $ 571 | $ 746 |
| Rising Star | $ 437 | $ 472 | $ 381 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 207 | $ 279 | $ 212 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 1,459* | *$ 1,369* | *$ 1,316* |

**WIN, past six months ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2014 | 12/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 38.21 | $ 36.16 | $ 41.50 | $ 36.03 | $ 34.13 | $ 35.81 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 22.99 | $ 20.89 | $ 17.26 | $ 20.52 | $ 21.33 | $ 21.54 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 21.66 | $ 20.98 | $ 22.54 | $ 21.04 | $ 19.02 | $ 20.09 |
| Ameristar | $ 21.32 | $ 19.97 | $ 20.19 | $ 18.53 | $ 17.60 | $ 18.72 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 18.89 | $ 17.27 | $ 18.81 | $ 16.39 | $ 15.54 | $ 16.14 |
| Hollywood | $ 15.76 | $ 15.77 | $ 16.12 | $ 14.34 | $ 14.78 | $ 15.86 |
| Blue Chip | $ 14.12 | $ 13.40 | $ 14.47 | $ 11.51 | $ 11.73 | $ 13.08 |
| Belterra | $ 10.48 | $ 9.47 | $ 9.71 | $ 8.52 | $ 9.87 | $ 8.99 |
| Tropicana | $ 10.38 | $ 9.50 | $ 10.02 | $ 9.62 | $ 9.66 | $ 10.05 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 8.21 | $ 8.11 | $ 8.56 | $ 7.63 | $ 7.23 | $ 7.17 |
| French Lick | $ 6.85 | $ 6.47 | $ 6.81 | $ 5.37 | $ 6.12 | $ 6.32 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 6.38 | $ 5.99 | $ 6.14 | $ 5.65 | $ 5.30 | $ 5.42 |
| Rising Star | $ 4.18 | $ 3.75 | $ 4.33 | $ 3.56 | $ 4.13 | $ 3.79 |
| *Statewide* | *$199.43* | *$187.72* | *$196.45* | *$178.71* | *$176.42* | *$183.00* |

**WIN, same month past years ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 | 05/2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 38.21 | $ 39.03 | $ 41.32 | $ 41.60 | $ 46.25 | $ 50.75 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 22.99 | $ 23.06 | $ 25.86 | $ 23.56 | $ 23.67 | $ 25.20 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 21.66 | $ 21.85 | $ 20.53 | $ 20.03 | $ 20.68 | $ 20.18 |
| Ameristar | $ 21.32 | $ 20.03 | $ 19.35 | $ 18.78 | $ 20.48 | $ 22.19 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 18.89 | $ 18.57 | $ 21.27 | $ 17.92 | $ 18.86 | $ 19.07 |
| Hollywood | $ 15.76 | $ 16.88 | $ 23.06 | $ 34.20 | $ 36.19 | $ 38.98 |
| Blue Chip | $ 14.12 | $ 13.91 | $ 15.16 | $ 14.82 | $ 14.67 | $ 15.42 |
| Tropicana | $ 10.38 | $ 10.26 | $ 11.69 | $ 10.01 | $ 10.94 | $ 10.12 |
| Belterra | $ 10.48 | $ 9.66 | $ 12.90 | $ 12.72 | $ 10.97 | $ 12.75 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 8.21 | $ 8.61 | $ 10.86 | $ 9.62 | $ 9.79 | $ 10.50 |
| French Lick | $ 6.85 | $ 6.12 | $ 8.24 | $ 7.13 | $ 7.54 | $ 7.36 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 6.38 | $ 6.01 | $ 9.45 | $ 7.89 | $ 8.45 | $ 9.48 |
| Rising Star | $ 4.18 | $ 4.56 | $ 7.23 | $ 7.60 | $ 8.15 | $ 8.50 |
| *Statewide* | *$199.43* | *$198.54* | *$226.93* | *$225.88* | *$236.65* | *$250.49* |

**WIN, month-over-month change**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rising Star | 11.32% | - 13.31% | 21.57% | - 13.75% | 8.91% |
| Belterra | 10.62% | - 2.48% | 14.03% | - 13.66% | 9.79% |
| Horseshoe SI | 10.07% | 21.05% | - 15.89% | - 3.79% | - 1.00% |
| Hoosier Park | 9.39% | - 8.20% | 14.74% | 5.50% | - 3.71% |
| Tropicana | 9.19% | - 5.11% | 4.08% | - 0.39% | - 3.92% |
| Ameristar | 6.80% | - 1.09% | 8.96% | 5.30% | - 6.02% |
| Majestic Star II | 6.56% | - 2.39% | 8.60% | 6.64% | - 2.28% |
| French Lick | 5.84% | - 4.99% | 26.84% | - 12.24% | - 3.21% |
| Horseshoe HD | 5.67% | - 12.88% | 15.19% | 5.57% | - 4.70% |
| Blue Chip | 5.37% | - 7.43% | 25.74% | - 1.83% | - 10.37% |
| Indiana Grand | 3.27% | - 6.93% | 7.11% | 10.61% | - 5.33% |
| Majestic Star I | 1.31% | - 5.32% | 12.28% | 5.46% | 0.79% |
| Hollywood | - 0.03% | - 2.18% | 12.36% | - 2.93% | - 6.86% |
| *Statewide* | *6.24%* | *- 4.45%* | *9.93%* | *1.30%* | *- 3.60%* |

**WIN, year-over-year change**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| French Lick | 11.91% | - 14.97% | - 7.21% | 3.51% | - 8.66% |
| Belterra | 8.48% | - 7.11% | - 18.23% | - 3.14% | 3.99% |
| Ameristar | 6.47% | 3.49% | - 1.37% | - 6.54% | - 11.68% |
| Majestic Star II | 6.12% | - 19.91% | - 11.98% | - 3.42% | - 6.21% |
| Hoosier Park | 1.71% | - 2.39% | 4.75% | - 6.65% | - 8.06% |
| Blue Chip | 1.50% | 3.39% | - 14.58% | 1.56% | - 8.52% |
| Tropicana | 1.16% | - 1.34% | - 3.04% | 2.84% | - 9.90% |
| Horseshoe SI | - 0.28% | - 6.28% | - 0.85% | - 0.06% | - 1.45% |
| Indiana Grand | - 0.87% | 6.44% | 2.52% | - 4.17% | - 4.87% |
| Horseshoe HD | - 2.10% | - 5.54% | - 5.14% | - 0.54% | - 9.46% |
| Majestic Star I | - 4.57% | - 2.87% | - 13.10% | - 1.74% | - 6.85% |
| Hollywood | - 6.63% | - 26.80% | - 38.28% | - 4.68% | - 6.84% |
| Rising Star | - 8.29% | - 26.65% | - 22.52% | - 1.82% | - 11.69% |
| *Statewide* | *0.45%* | *- 6.31%* | *- 10.43%* | *- 2.44%* | *- 7.07%* |

**SLOT WIN % vs. TABLE WIN %, past four months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Majestic Star II | 97.4/02.6% | 97.2/02.8% | 96.8/03.2% | 87.7/12.3% |
| Rising Star | 90.6/09.4% | 91.2/08.8% | 90.7/09.3% | 88.1/11.9% |
| Blue Chip | 88.2/11.8% | 90.3/09.7% | 89.5/14.2% | 89.4/10.6% |
| French Lick | 87.2/12.8% | 87.2/12.8% | 85.3/14.7% | 84.8/15.2% |
| Tropicana | 86.5/13.5% | 86.0/14.0% | 86.2/13.8% | 86.6/13.4% |
| Belterra | 85.3/14.7% | 87.6/12.4% | 91.8/08.2% | 87.0/12.3% |
| Hollywood | 85.2/14.8% | 84.2/15.8% | 85.8/14.2% | 87.7/12.3% |
| Ameristar | 77.1/22.9% | 80.4/19.6% | 86.4/13.6% | 83.5/16.5% |
| Majestic Star I | 76.5/23.5% | 76.0/24.0% | 75.3/24.7% | 77.9/22.1% |
| Horseshoe SI | 75.9/24.1% | 80.3/19.7% | 78.4/21.6% | 77.6/22.4% |
| Horseshoe HD | 72.3/27.7% | 74.2/25.8% | 69.1/30.9% | 72.2/27.8% |
| *Statewide* | *84.3/15.7%* | *85.7/14.3%* | *85.2/14.8%* | *85.4/14.6%* |

**ADMISSIONS, past five months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 334,972 | 313,993 | 360,642 | 303,958 | 308,772 |
| Ameristar | 222,872 | 211,143 | 226,775 | 194,211 | 194,109 |
| Blue Chip | 209,110 | 196,543 | 203,131 | 167,521 | 167,703 |
| Horseshoe SI | 167,740 | 153,241 | 132,260 | 159,844 | 174,894 |
| Hollywood | 130,982 | 127,623 | 138,535 | 128,227 | 127,415 |
| \Belterra | 101,555 | 91,518 | 101,454 | 82,555 | 86,380 |
| Tropicana | 97,277 | 85,531 | 95,837 | 90,407 | 96,565 |
| Majestic Star I | 83,076 | 80,921 | 82,963 | 75,618 | 76,420 |
| Majestic Star II | 83,076 | 80,921 | 82,963 | 75,618 | 76,420 |
| French Lick | 76,204 | 69,216 | 72,703 | 58,421 | 65,187 |
| Rising Star | 62,125 | 60,251 | 63,609 | 53,648 | 56,581 |
| *Statewide* | *1,568,989* | *1,470,901* | *1,560,872* | *1,390,028* | *1,430,446* |



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**ADMISSIONS, same month past years**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 334,972 | 354,679 | 377,523 | 487,725 | 476,413 |
| Ameristar | 222,872 | 216,880 | 217,004 | 226,915 | 234,023 |
| Blue Chip | 209,110 | 201,937 | 199,940 | 202,526 | 204,654 |
| Horseshoe SI | 167,740 | 172,801 | 182,908 | 191,476 | 184,989 |
| Hollywood | 130,982 | 141,548 | 187,841 | 274,610 | 307,292 |
| Belterra | 101,555 | 99,524 | 115,114 | 137,687 | 143,284 |
| Tropicana | 97,277 | 96,315 | 94,677 | 100,773 | 108,904 |
| Majestic Star I | 83,076 | 98,085 | 114,708 | 122,977 | 125,205 |
| Majestic Star II | 83,076 | 98,085 | 114,708 | 122,997 | 125,205 |
| French Lick | 76,204 | 69,333 | 79,046 | 81,125 | 84,299 |
| Rising Star | 62,125 | 66,676 | 74,668 | 104,337 | 104,583 |
| *Statewide* | *1,568,989* | *1,615,863* | *1,758,137* | *2,053,148* | *2,098,851* |

**INDIANA vs. ILLINOIS WIN ($ in millions)**

| STATE | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | $ 199.43 | $ 187.72 | $ 196.45 | $ 178.71 | $ 176.42 | $ 183.00 |
| Illinois | $ 130.37 | $ 126.52 | $ 129.86 | $ 109.72 | $ 115.49 | $ 121.84 |
| IL VGTs | $ 77.85 | $ 76.50 | $ 77.65 | $ 68.49 | $ 65.44 | $ 66.81 |
| *Spread* | *$ 69.06* | *$ 61.20* | *$ 66.59* | *$ 68.99* | *$ 60.93* | *$ 61.16* |

**STATEWIDE MARKET SHARE**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 19.16% | 19.26% | 21.13% | 20.16% | 19.34% | 19.57% |
| Horseshoe SI | 11.53% | 11.13% | 8.78% | 11.48% | 12.09% | 11.77% |
| Indiana Grand | 10.86% | 11.17% | 11.47% | 11.77% | 10.78% | 10.98% |
| Ameristar | 10.69% | 10.64% | 10.28% | 10.37% | 9.97% | 10.23% |
| Hoosier Park | 9.47% | 9.20% | 9.58% | 9.17% | 8.81% | 8.82% |
| Hollywood | 7.90% | 8.40% | 8.20% | 8.03% | 8.38% | 8.67% |
| Blue Chip | 7.08% | 7.14% | 7.37% | 6.44% | 6.65% | 7.15% |
| Belterra | 5.26% | 5.05% | 4.94% | 4.77% | 5.59% | 4.91% |
| Tropicana | 5.20% | 5.06% | 5.10% | 5.38% | 5.48% | 5.49% |
| Majestic Star I | 4.12% | 4.32% | 4.36% | 4.27% | 4.10% | 3.92% |
| French Lick | 3.43% | 3.45% | 3.47% | 3.00% | 3.47% | 3.45% |
| Majestic Star II | 3.20% | 3.19% | 3.12% | 3.16% | 3.00% | 2.96% |
| Rising Star | 2.10% | 2.00% | 2.20% | 1.99% | 2.34% | 2.07% |

**REGIONAL WIN ($ in millions)**

| $ | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North | $ 88.25 | $ 83.62 | $ 90.86 | $ 79.34 | $ 75.98 | $ 80.21 |
| South | $ 70.64 | $ 65.86 | $ 64.24 | $ 61.93 | $ 65.88 | $ 66.56 |
| Racino | $ 40.55 | $ 38.24 | $ 41.35 | $ 37.43 | $ 34.56 | $ 36.23 |

| % | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North | 44.25% | 44.54% | 46.25% | 44.40% | 43.07% | 43.83% |
| South | 35.42% | 35.08% | 32.70% | 34.66% | 37.34% | 36.37% |
| Racino | 20.33% | 20.37% | 21.05% | 20.95% | 19.59% | 19.80% |

**REGIONAL MARKET SHARE**

| NORTH | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 43.30% | 43.24% | 45.68% | 45.41% | 44.92% | 44.65% |
| Ameristar | 24.17% | 23.88% | 22.22% | 23.35% | 23.16% | 23.34% |
| Blue Chip | 16.00% | 16.02% | 15.93% | 14.51% | 15.43% | 16.31% |
| Majestic Star I | 9.31% | 9.70% | 9.42% | 9.61% | 9.52% | 8.94% |
| Majestic Star II | 7.23% | 7.16% | 6.75% | 7.12% | 6.97% | 6.76% |

| NORTH | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 | 05/2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 43.30% | 44.56% | 42.98% | 44.87% | 46.42% | 46.84% |
| Ameristar | 24.17% | 22.87% | 20.13% | 20.26% | 20.55% | 20.48% |
| Blue Chip | 16.00% | 15.88% | 15.77% | 15.98% | 14.73% | 14.23% |
| Majestic Star I | 9.31% | 9.83% | 11.30% | 10.38% | 9.83% | 9.69% |
| Majestic Star II | 7.23% | 6.87% | 9.83% | 8.51% | 8.48% | 9.08% |

| SOUTH | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | 32.55% | 31.72% | 26.86% | 33.13% | 32.37% | 32.36% |
| Hollywood | 22.31% | 23.94% | 25.09% | 23.16% | 22.43% | 23.83% |
| Belterra | 14.84% | 14.39% | 15.12% | 13.76% | 14.98% | 13.50% |
| Tropicana | 14.69% | 14.43% | 15.59% | 15.54% | 14.66% | 15.11% |
| French Lick | 9.69% | 9.82% | 10.60% | 8.67% | 9.29% | 9.50% |
| Rising Star | 5.92% | 5.70% | 6.74% | 5.75% | 6.27% | 5.70% |

| SOUTH | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 | 05/2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe SI | 32.55% | 32.69% | 29.06% | 24.74% | 24.29% | 24.49% |
| Hollywood | 22.31% | 23.93% | 25.91% | 35.92% | 37.13% | 37.88% |
| Belterra | 14.84% | 13.70% | 14.50% | 13.36% | 11.26% | 12.39% |
| Tropicana | 14.69% | 14.54% | 13.14% | 10.51% | 11.22% | 9.84% |
| French Lick | 9.69% | 8.67% | 9.26% | 7.49% | 7.74% | 7.15% |
| Rising Star | 5.92% | 6.46% | 8.13% | 7.98% | 8.36% | 8.26% |

**CORPORATE MARKET SHARE ($ in millions)**

| $ | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caesars | $ 61.20 | $ 57.05 | $ 58.76 | $ 56.54 | $ 55.45 | $ 57.35 |
| Centaur | $ 40.55 | $ 38.24 | $ 41.35 | $ 37.44 | $ 34.56 | $ 36.23 |
| Pinnacle | $ 31.81 | $ 29.44 | $ 29.90 | $ 27.05 | $ 27.46 | $ 27.71 |
| Majestic Star | $ 14.60 | $ 14.10 | $ 14.70 | $ 13.28 | $ 12.53 | $ 12.60 |

| % | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caesars | 30.69% | 30.39% | 29.91% | 31.64% | 31.43% | 31.34% |
| Centaur | 20.33% | 20.37% | 21.05% | 20.95% | 19.60% | 19.80% |
| Pinnacle | 15.95% | 15.68% | 15.22% | 15.13% | 15.57% | 15.14% |
| Majestic Star | 7.32% | 7.51% | 7.48% | 7.43% | 7.10% | 6.88% |

**SLOT PAYBACK PERCENTAGE, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Chip | 91.88% | 91.28% | 91.37% | 91.48% | 91.35% | 91.21% |
| Rising Star | 91.66% | 92.44% | 91.55% | 92.12% | 92.09% | 92.24% |
| Hoosier Park | 91.65% | 91.81% | 91.87% | 91.81% | 91.80% | 91.56% |
| Indiana Grand | 91.50% | 91.53% | 91.28% | 91.24% | 91.46% | 91.48% |
| French Lick | 91.27% | 91.00% | 91.53% | 91.70% | 91.32% | 91.07% |
| Belterra | 91.05% | 90.80% | 90.50% | 90.50% | 90.48% | 91.09% |
| Hollywood | 90.73% | 90.60% | 90.40% | 90.45% | 90.95% | 90.64% |
| Ameristar | 90.43% | 90.45% | 90.16% | 90.31% | 90.21% | 90.38% |
| Majestic Star I | 90.33% | 90.35% | 90.48% | 90.24% | 90.38% | 90.17% |
| Tropicana | 90.27% | 89.96% | 90.37% | 90.08% | 90.59% | 90.17% |
| Horseshoe SI | 90.26% | 89.66% | 90.04% | 89.43% | 89.88% | 90.12% |
| Horseshoe HD | 89.74% | 89.60% | 89.53% | 89.42% | 90.52% | 89.74% |
| Majestic Star II | 89.67% | 89.75% | 89.88% | 89.73% | 90.00% | 89.76% |
| *Statewide* | *90.82%* | *90.69%* | *90.68%* | *90.58%* | *90.86%* | *90.71%* |

**COIN-IN, past five months ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 269.36 | $ 258.23 | $ 273.90 | $ 245.90 | $ 249.32 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 254.85 | $ 247.60 | $ 258.43 | $ 240.34 | $ 222.83 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 226.27 | $ 210.88 | $ 231.30 | $ 200.21 | $ 189.59 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 179.29 | $ 162.22 | $ 135.79 | $ 150.51 | $ 165.74 |
| Ameristar | $ 171.85 | $ 168.07 | $ 177.23 | $ 159.64 | $ 149.88 |
| Blue Chip | $ 153.29 | $ 138.69 | $ 150.00 | $ 120.79 | $ 119.60 |
| Hollywood | $ 144.79 | $ 141.30 | $ 144.00 | $ 131.66 | $ 135.52 |
| Belterra | $ 99.92 | $ 90.20 | $ 93.87 | $ 77.97 | $ 84.57 |
| Tropicana | $ 92.25 | $ 81.39 | $ 89.68 | $ 83.97 | $ 86.55 |
| French Lick | $ 68.39 | $ 62.66 | $ 68.58 | $ 54.86 | $ 58.41 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 64.96 | $ 63.81 | $ 67.72 | $ 60.86 | $ 55.87 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 60.18 | $ 56.80 | $ 58.72 | $ 53.16 | $ 51.35 |
| Rising Star | $ 45.40 | $ 45.28 | $ 46.51 | $ 39.82 | $ 42.74 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 1.831B* | *$ 1.727B* | *$ 1.796B* | *$ 1.620B* | *$ 1.612B* |



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**COIN-IN, same month past years ($ in millions)**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 05/2014 | 05/2013 | 05/2012 | 05/2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 269.36 | $ 277.59 | $ 295.77 | $ 301.70 | $ 348.88 |
| Indiana Grand | $ 254.85 | $ 246.87 | $ 226.87 | $ 233.22 | $ 250.23 |
| Hoosier Park | $ 226.27 | $ 220.49 | $ 231.41 | $ 233.39 | $ 235.89 |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 179.29 | $ 182.45 | $ 197.06 | $ 207.65 | $ 195.48 |
| Ameristar | $ 171.85 | $ 174.67 | $ 179.24 | $ 172.84 | $ 180.69 |
| Hollywood | $ 144.79 | $ 165.18 | $ 213.45 | $ 311.72 | $ 352.00 |
| Blue Chip | $ 153.29 | $ 144.46 | $ 150.26 | $ 160.80 | $ 155.48 |
| Belterra | $ 99.92 | $ 92.09 | $ 109.85 | $ 126.10 | $ 128.26 |
| Tropicana | $ 92.25 | $ 89.31 | $ 89.57 | $ 85.95 | $ 97.53 |
| Majestic Star I | $ 64.96 | $ 70.82 | $ 71.93 | $ 75.97 | $ 78.55 |
| French Lick | $ 68.39 | $ 62.56 | $ 75.90 | $ 71.28 | $ 73.29 |
| Majestic Star II | $ 60.18 | $ 59.49 | $ 70.78 | $ 76.32 | $ 83.42 |
| Rising Star | $ 45.40 | $ 50.89 | $ 68.14 | $ 81.50 | $ 84.98 |
| *Statewide* | *$ 1.830B* | *$ 1.837B* | *$ 1.980B* | *$ 2.138B* | *$ 2.265B* |

**SLOT & TABLE WIN, month-over-month change**

| CASINO | SLOT WIN | | TABLE WIN | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rising Star | 10.60% | $ 362,974 | 18.69% | $ 61,941 |
| Tropicana | 9.89% | $ 807,720 | 4.92% | $ 65,613 |
| Hoosier Park | 9.39% | $ 1,620,859 | N/A | N/A |
| Belterra | 7.81% | $ 647,481 | 30.46% | $ 359,023 |
| Majestic Star II | 6.73% | $ 391,892 | 0.69% | $ 1,149 |
| French Lick | 5.87% | $ 331,306 | 5.58% | $ 46,207 |
| Horseshoe SI | 4.03% | $ 675,428 | 34.76% | $ 1,427,938 |
| Indiana Grand | 3.27% | $ 686,540 | N/A | N/A |
| Blue Chip | 2.99% | $ 361,557 | 27.41% | $ 357,679 |
| Horseshoe HD | 2.92% | $ 783,794 | 13.61% | $ 1,267,029 |
| Ameristar | 2.48% | $ 397,098 | 24.51% | $ 961,382 |
| Majestic Star I | 1.99% | $ 122,542 | - 0.86% | ($ 16,653) |
| Hollywood | 1.10% | $ 146,011 | - 6.06% | ($ 150,591) |
| *Statewide* | *4.56%* | *$ 7,335,202* | *16.27%* | *$ 4,380,717* |

**SLOT & TABLE WIN, year-over-year change**

| CASINO | SLOT WIN | | TABLE WIN | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| French Lick | 9.32% | $ 509,317 | 33.54% | $ 219,639 |
| Majestic Star II | 7.36% | $ 426,134 | - 25.80% | ($ 57,958) |
| Belterra | 3.26% | $ 281,974 | 53.72% | $ 537,411 |
| Tropicana | 2.11% | $ 185,159 | - 4.51% | ($ 66,184) |
| Hoosier Park | 1.71% | $ 316,958 | N/A | N/A |
| Blue Chip | 1.06% | $ 130,392 | 4.90% | $ 77,706 |
| Horseshoe HD | 0.57% | $ 156,414 | - 8.44% | ($ 974,633) |
| Indiana Grand | - 0.87% | ($ 189,362) | N/A | N/A |
| Horseshoe SI | - 3.00% | ($ 540,179) | 9.40% | $ 475,473 |
| Ameristar | - 3.99% | ($ 683,399) | 68.19% | $ 1,980,129 |
| Majestic Star I | - 7.68% | ($ 522,842) | 7.21% | $ 129,785 |
| Rising Star | - 8.07% | ($ 332,475) | - 10.35% | ($ 45,401) |
| Hollywood | - 10.30% | ($ 1,542,451) | 22.13% | $ 422,689 |
| *Statewide* | *- 1.06%* | *($ 1,804,360)* | *9.44%* | *$ 2,698,656* |

**TABLE HOLD, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Majestic Star II | 99.41% | 101.45% | 101.67% | 80.99% | 58.43% | 63.03% |
| Horseshoe SI | 26.00% | 23.45% | 26.52% | 27.87% | 25.22% | 28.09% |
| Horseshoe HD | 24.34% | 22.14% | 27.72% | 25.83% | 24.89% | 21.03% |
| Blue Chip | 22.64% | 17.25% | 21.15% | 18.87% | 22.15% | 17.65% |
| Hollywood | 22.39% | 24.43% | 21.44% | 18.75% | 26.45% | 28.19% |
| Tropicana | 22.38% | 22.47% | 20.65% | 21.40% | 25.15% | 25.88% |
| Majestic Star I | 21.01% | 21.30% | 21.01% | 19.74% | 23.26% | 15.71% |
| Ameristar | 20.77% | 17.74% | 12.75% | 18.14% | 17.13% | 17.68% |
| Belterra | 20.02% | 20.38% | 13.31% | 23.09% | 28.88% | 19.54% |
| French Lick | 15.63% | 18.39% | 18.57% | 18.25% | 21.76% | 16.93% |
| Rising Star | 14.01% | 12.51% | 13.68% | 17.99% | 26.54% | 18.18% |
| *Statewide* | *22.72%* | *21.10%* | *22.14%* | *22.87%* | *23.93%* | *21.63%* |

**TABLE DROP vs. TABLE HOLD**

| CASINO | TABLE DROP | TABLE HOLD | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | $ 43,470,140 | $ 10,579,667 | 24.34% |
| Ameristar | $ 23,514,386 | $ 4,883,819 | 20.77% |
| Horseshoe SI | $ 21,292,979 | $ 5,536,335 | 26.00% |
| Hollywood | $ 10,419,599 | $ 2,332,898 | 22.39% |
| Majestic Star I | $ 9,185,824 | $ 1,930,062 | 21.01% |
| Belterra | $ 7,679,239 | $ 1,537,735 | 20.02% |
| Blue Chip | $ 7,345,125 | $ 1,662,693 | 22.64% |
| Tropicana | $ 6,254,042 | $ 1,399,963 | 22.38% |
| French Lick | $ 5,594,026 | $ 874,462 | 15.63% |
| Rising Star | $ 2,808,099 | $ 393,284 | 14.01% |
| Majestic Star II | $ 167,656 | $ 166,660 | 99.41% |
| *Statewide* | *$ 137,731,115* | *$ 31,297,578* | *22.72%* |

**SLOT MACHINES, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/2015 | 04/2015 | 03/2015 | 02/2015 | 01/2015 | 12/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 2,851 | 2,851 | 2,851 | 2,855 | 2,859 | 2,859 |
| Indiana Grand | 2,066 | 2,058 | 2,058 | 2,014 | 1,986 | 1,994 |
| Hollywood | 2,054 | 2,087 | 2,130 | 2,185 | 2,215 | 2,223 |
| Hoosier Park | 1,913 | 1,923 | 1,923 | 1,925 | 1,928 | 1,929 |
| Blue Chip | 1,795 | 1,799 | 1,808 | 1,808 | 1,819 | 1,819 |
| Ameristar | 1,759 | 1,759 | 1,749 | 1,747 | 1,748 | 1,768 |
| Horseshoe SI | 1,667 | 1,667 | 1,668 | 1,661 | 1,661 | 1,661 |
| Belterra | 1,195 | 1,206 | 1,207 | 1,207 | 1,207 | 1,210 |
| French Lick | 996 | 996 | 998 | 990 | 985 | 1,000 |
| Rising Star | 981 | 961 | 961 | 943 | 939 | 921 |
| Tropicana | 910 | 910 | 910 | 907 | 889 | 889 |
| Majestic Star I | 890 | 893 | 879 | 890 | 889 | 891 |
| Majestic Star II | 843 | 842 | 827 | 823 | 823 | 814 |
| *Statewide* | *19,920* | *19,952* | *19,969* | *19,955* | *19,948* | *19,978* |

**TABLE GAMES, past six months**

| CASINO | 05/15 | 04/15 | 03/15 | 02/15 | 01/15 | 12/14 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horseshoe HD | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 163 |
| Horseshoe SI | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| Hollywood | 75 | 75 | 75 | 76 | 76 | 90 |
| Ameristar | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 70 | 68 |
| Majestic Star I | 53 | 53 | 52 | 51 | 50 | 50 |
| Blue Chip | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Belterra | 45 | 35 | 39 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| Tropicana | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| French Lick | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Rising Star | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 28 |
| Majestic Star II | 26 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| *Statewide* | *692* | *682* | *686* | *691* | *688* | *700* |

**WIN, past 12 months**

| | Statewide Win | % Change Previous Yr. | Actual Change Previous Yr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 06/14 | $ 179,731,956 | - 8.57% | ($ 16,837,314) |
| 07/14 | $ 187,513,864 | - 10.10% | ($ 21,074,886) |
| 08/14 | $ 199,545,478 | - 4.66% | ($ 9,763,386) |
| 09/14 | $ 174,254,906 | - 8.85% | ($ 16,922,284) |
| 10/14 | $ 184,730,051 | - 4.51% | ($ 8,716,555) |
| 11/14 | $ 178,352,105 | - 7.27% | ($ 13,987,118) |
| 12/14 | $ 182,998,838 | 3.00% | $ 5,333,093 |
| 01/15 | $ 176,415,115 | 13.63% | $ 21,154,388 |
| 02/15 | $ 178,709,837 | - 3.73% | ($ 6,928,332) |
| 03/15 | $ 196,450,461 | - 7.32% | ($ 15,514,944) |
| 04/15 | $ 187,716,865 | - 3.30% | ($ 6,397,364) |
| 05/15 | $ 199,432,784 | 0.45% | $ 894,296 |



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**WIN, same month past year**

| | Statewide Win | % Change Previous Yr. | Actual Change Previous Yr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 05/02 | $ 170,363,078 | 12.88% | $ 19,433,559 |
| 05/03 | $ 192,295,445 | 12.87% | $ 21,932,367 |
| 05/04 | $ 201,798,423 | 4.94% | $ 9,502,978 |
| 05/05 | $ 206,189,444 | 2.18% | $ 4,391,021 |
| 05/06 | $ 209,280,381 | 1.50% | $ 3,090,937 |
| 05/07 | $ 220,906,583 | 5.56% | $ 11,626,202 |
| 05/08 | $ 222,525,225 | 0.73% | $ 1,618,642 |
| 05/09 | $ 251,613,385 | 13.07% | $ 29,088,160 |
| 05/10 | $ 250,489,223 | - 0.45% | ($ 1,124,162) |
| 04/11 | $ 239,042,511 | 0.84% | $ 1,980,053 |
| 05/11 | $ 236,645,752 | - 5.53% | ($ 13,843,471) |
| 05/12 | $ 225,884,407 | - 4.55% | ($ 10,761,345) |
| 05/13 | $ 202,335,139 | - 10.43% | ($ 23,549,268) |
| 05/14 | $ 198,538,488 | - 6.31% | ($ 13,378,960) |
| 05/15 | $ 199,432,784 | 0.45% | $ 894,296 |

# May State Summary

Indiana's 13 gaming properties brought in May revenue of $199.43 million, a year-over-year improvement of 0.45% ($894,296). The marginal gain can likely be chalked up to the fact that the calendar was more favorable in May 2015 than May 2014, with 15 weekend days in May 2015 vs. 14 in May 2014 (the only month with five full weekends during 2015). The state has failed to top $200 million in revenues in any month since March 2014, the longest such streak since the state first cracked the $200 million barrier in August 2003, with one fewer casino and neither of the two racinos.

This is the highest monthly win since August (the last time the calendar offered the 15-weekend day phenomenon), and represents the first year-over-year gain since January. The improvement ends a slide of five consecutive years in which win had progressively declined on a May-to-May basis, dating back to the last May increase seen from 2008 to 2009. Win is the second-lowest for any May over the past 10 years. Still, we now have posted two months with year-over-year gains to date during 2015, the first time we have seen this occur since 2012.

The casinos welcomed the fewest May patrons in state history as only 1,568,989 passed through the turnstiles, a year-over-year decline of 2.90% (- 46,874 visitors). This was, however, the highest monthly headcount since August. Admissions have now declined on a May-to-May basis in every year since 2010, and looking at the entire year-to-date through Memorial Day, industry folks are beginning to get concerned about their inability to drive up attendance.

All three regions posted improvement in win. The five Lake Michigan riverboats accounted for revenues of $88.25 million, up marginally from last year by 0.76% ($661,728), but this still marked the first May-to-May growth for the northern tier since 2009 and the recession. The six Southern Indiana casinos added up May win of $70.64 million, also up by only a tad, gaining 0.15% ($104,972) compared to last year. This becomes the first May-to-May gain for the southern casinos since 2010.

The two Central Indiana racinos posted May win of $40.55 million, rising by 0.32% ($127,596), making this the third consecutive May-to-May growth for the slots at the tracks.

Win per admission of $101.26 is the highest ever for the month of May. For the first time since March-April 2008 (which you will recognize as being close to the onset of the recession), win per admission has topped $100 in back-to-back months.

The 10 Illinois casinos generated May receipts of $130.4 million, which is the highest take for the Land of Lincoln since March 2014. Win improved from May 2014 by 0.55% ($710,083), which you'll notice is a rate almost identical to that achieved here . . . but when you add in the record $77,848,306.44 in May win from the 20,349 video gaming terminals in 4,888 establishments, Illinois shows a more substantial year-over-year gain, and surpasses Indiana in total gaming revenue by $8.79 million.

Some of the casinos in Iowa and Missouri that are competing against the VGTs in Illinois (and the massive coin-in, topping $970 million in May, about one-half of Indiana;'s statewide slot handle) are designing projects which they see as clearly differentiating their respective casino products from VGTs, and offer patrons a materially better experience.

The top casino gainer in Illinois by far was Harrah's Metropolis, which continues to benefit from its new land-based platform (and gives hope to market-mate Tropicana Evansville that going land-based will prove to be a game-changer).

The four Ohio land-based casinos collected May win of $71.05 million, down by less than one percent from $71.18 million in May 2014. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati recorded May revenue of $16.71 million, down from almost $17.17 million in May 2014 (a reduction of 2.7%), but up by about $809,000 from April and performing well enough to lead the broader Cincinnati market.

While numbers were off slightly for the four casinos, revenue generated by the Buckeye State's seven racinos added up to $73.6 million, more than the cash from the casinos and up by almost one-third (32.2%) from May 2014, when only five racinos were in business.

Interestingly, the downtown Cincinnati Horseshoe property has failed to post a year-over-year gain in any month yet this year . . . despite the fact that its promotional play spend has grown by some $3.72 million (37.1%) over the same period in 2014, with the free play spend increasing in each month of 2015 compared to the same month one year earlier. The free play amount claimed by the Cincinnati casino in May 2015 was $2.52 million.

All told, four corporate owners account for almost three-quarters (74.29%) of all May revenues.



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The two Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.-owned riverboats, Ameristar Casino East Chicago and Belterra Casino Resort are on a roll, as they combine for $31.8 million in win, the highest take for parent company since April 2013. The two boats own a 15.95% state market share, which is the second-largest slice of the state pie ever claimed by the company (Pinnacle's Belterra Park racino near Cincinnati also outperformed that market during May as well). The two Central Indiana racinos owned by Centaur Gaming captured a 20.33% share of the state market, representing the fourth month in a row above the 20% threshold, the first time that has ever happened for them. The two Horseshoe-branded boats owned by Caesars Entertainment Corporation combined for $61.2 million in May win, a 10-year May low. The twin Majestic Star Casino riverboats in Gary claim 7.32% of the state market, down from 10.20% in May 2007.

Indiana gamblers parted with May coin-in of $1.830 billion, the largest volume of slot play since August. But the slot handle is also down by $6 million from May 2014, representing the sixth consecutive May-to-May decline in slot play. Indiana's slots paid back at a rate of 90.82%, which is the highest payback percentage offered to patrons since January. Slot win fell to $168.14 million, a reduction from the prior year of 1.06% (- $1.80 million), representing the sixth consecutive May-to-May decline in slot win, although it constitutes the highest slot win since August.

Indiana relied on slot machines for 84.31% of overall win, the lowest reliance on slots as a percentage of total win for May since 2007. The 13 properties offered 19,920 slots for play, the fewest in any month since the racinos opened in May 2008, and the 11 casinos were home to 692 tables, the highest inventory since December.

Players wagered $137.7 million at the tables during May, which is the highest monthly table drop for the state since March 2014. The casinos posted a table hold rate of 22.72%, which is a new state record high for the month of May. Table win tallied to $31.3 million, rising from last year by 9.44% ($2.70 million), and representing the first month since April 2013 during which table win has topped $30 million. This was the highest May table win the casinos have enjoyed since 2011. Win per table per day of $1,459 is the highest in any month since April 2013.

# Hoosier Lottery

● The new Fast Play game family is now available from the Hoosier Lottery, a new series of games that allow the feel and instant gratification of scratch-off games in a draw game context. The games are dispensed by instant terminals, but play slips are not used.

□ The Lottery debuts the concept with four different Fast Play games, including: $1 Fast Cash with a top prize of $500; $1 Red Hot Numbers with a top prize of $1,000; $2 Slots of Fun with a $5,000 top prize; and $5 Bling Bling Bucks with a maximum payout of $25,000.

□ Two new Fast Play games are targeted to join the four-game lineup beginning August 2: Piggy Bank Bucks (win up to $500) and 10X The Cash (win up to $5,000).

□ We told you back in March to expect this new genre as the Lottery seeks to afford players a better perception of a differentiation of games, trying to position each game as its own "experience" of sorts, and looking to appeal to players within specific demographic categories with individual games.

□ Many jurisdictions already offer Fast Play, and, as we've explained, some markets offer an ever-changing number of Fast Play configurations and themes (each with its own price point, odds, rules, and prizes), while other markets offer a version of Fast Play that includes a progressive jackpot that grows over time and as more people play.

□ GTECH Indiana originally forecasted sales of $1 million from this concept in just the first three weeks of sales before the current fiscal year closes on June 30.

● The MegaMillions jackpot was hit for $260 million with a ticket in Illinois on June 2, with that game surpassing $200 million for the third time in the past 12 months. A $188.9 million Powerball jackpot was hit the next day.

□ The Hoosier Lotto jackpot of $18.7 million for Saturday, June 13 was the fifth-largest domestic jackpot, and the seventh-largest available in the world. Among state lotteries, only California and New York offered larger bottom line winning opportunities.

□ The jackpot had been bumped up by the usual $200,000 from Saturday, June 6 to Wednesday, June 10, but then Lottery officials decided Wednesday to take the unusual step of pumping it up by another $300,000. The jackpot then rose by the customary $300,000 for June 13 (the usual progression of $200,000 and $300,000 increments was interrupted by a $900,000 boost when the annuity could be funded). This jackpot run began October 25, 2014. This is the largest homegrown Hoosier Lotto jackpot available since the $28 million won more than one year ago – on May 10, 2014.

● Stop the presses! Buck's Market in New Albany is displaced from its top rung on the Hoosier Lottery retailer ladder after 12 consecutive months leading the state. Silver Express in Indianapolis moves into the top spot in May, maintaining their positions as the top two Hoosier Lottery retailers since December. Behind them, Grand Food Junction in Fort Wayne which jumped from fifth to third in April, remained there in May. K & D Marathon in Hammond remains in fifth place for a second consecutive month and the third time in four months after placing third from November through January, where it ranked in May 2014 as well. Lassus Handy Dandy 46 in Fort Wayne hit the Top 10 for the first time in April, placing ninth in its only appearance on the charts, but is bounced off by the re-entry of Lightning Food Mart in New Albany and the first-time presence of MCR Short Stop in Portage. The Hen in Crown Point also leaves the list after six consecutive months.



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☐ As in April, the six leading lottery retailers each hail from different communities, remaining down from seven in January - March. Seven of the Top 10 on the overall list are again from different communities after eight were represented in February and March. Indianapolis leads with a trio; New Albany is back up to a pair, and Fort Wayne drops to one after having three as recently as in February.

Top 10 Hoosier Lottery Retailers - May 2015 Sales Rank

| May 15 | 14 | | April | Mar. | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. | Nov. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | Silver Express - Indianapolis | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | (1) | Buck's Market - New Albany | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | (9) | Grand Food Junction - Fort Wayne | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| 4 | (-) | Friendly Market - Speedway | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | (3) | K & D Marathon - Hammond | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 6 | (4) | Lucky Stop - Michigan City | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | (-) | Marsh Supermkt. 83 - Indianapolis | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | — | 10 |
| 8 | (10) | Safeway Foods #14 - Indianapolis | 8 | 9 | — | — | — | — |
| 9 | (5) | Lightning Food Mart - New Albany | — | — | — | 9 | 10 | — |
| 10 | (-) | MCR Short Stop - Portage | — | — | — | — | — | — |

# Horse Racing & Racinos

● **Indiana Grand Racing & Casino** celebrated its seventh anniversary on Wednesday, June 10, offering players several 7-themed promotions.

● The Indiana Horse Racing Commission inks a new contract for Fiscal Year 2016 that will pay **Katz & Korin PC** of **Indianapolis** up to $75,000 for the services of former **Hamilton County** judge **Buddy Pylitt** as an administrative law judge for the Commission. Pylitt, who will be paid $175 per hour, has served as an ALJ for the Indiana Gaming Commission as well.

● More than $200,000 ($201,078) was raised Saturday, May 30 at the second annual "Jockeys & Jeans" event at **Indiana Grand Racing & Casino**. The money was raised for the **Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund** (PDJF) through sponsorships, ticket sales, donations, and a live and silent auction that featured more than 100 items. This was by far the largest single day fundraiser in the history of PDJF.

☐ The evening's high bid was $30,000 by Indiana Grand and Centaur Gaming executive **Jim Brown**, who bought a colorful painting of jockeys **Chris McCarron**, **Laffit Pincay, Jr.**, and **Steve Cauthen** by noted sports artist **Bill Lopa**.

● **Hoosier Park Racing & Casino** reprises its "Hour of Play Free Lunch Buffet" promotion Mondays through Fridays for **Club Centaur** members earning a minimum of 50 same-day points during the aurifying hour of play to be eligible.

☐ The buffet at **Centaur Gaming**'s other property, **Indiana Grand Racing & Casino**, is being renovated so m management is offering patrons of that food service option a 15% discount while construction continues. **Jim Brown**, who oversees the property for Centaur, tells the *Shelbyville News* that "We are going to turn the deli into a sidewalk café and we are changing the buffet area, especially where people come in, and that is under construction."

● The *Power Plant Entertainment Casino Resorts Indiana v. Mangano*, No. 24C11001014, the litigation in which former **Indianapolis Downs, LLC** chief exec Ross J. Mangano of **South Bend** was accused of improperly undercutting a **Cordish Companies** casino referendum election in **Maryland** (involving some of the aspects of the original business relationship between Mangano and Cordish over the **Indiana Live! Casino**) is apparently still alive in the Circuit Court for **Baltimore** City in Maryland. We had told you recently that a Notice of Contemplated Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution had been filed, and there had been a flurry of correspondence to the court from attorneys on both sides of the case.

☐ Although the Baltimore attorneys involved have opted not to respond to our requests for information on the status of the case, earlier this month and Order of Court was entered deferring any such dismissal until November 25, 2015 . . . and just last week there was a docket entry entitled "Notice of Service of Discovery Material," so the matter has apparently been revived.

☐ Because, however, Mangano passed away on April 13 in in **Rancho Mirage, California**, we're not sure whether the action survives his death.

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3:07-3:17 p.m. EDT LIVE Radio – Fort Wayne's 1190 AM WOWO w/Pat Miller
Re: GM announcement (press release below for reference), China jobs mission

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**General Motors Announces Billion-Dollar Investment in Northeast Indiana**

**ROANOKE, Ind.** (May 26, 2015) – Governor Mike Pence joined executives from General Motors Co. (NYSE: GM) today to announce the company's plans to invest more than $1 billion to expand its operations here.

"Around the world, Indiana is known as a proven leader in advanced manufacturing," said Pence. "Powered by a pro-growth business environment and a highly-skilled workforce, GM is leveraging Indiana's strengths to help it remain competitive across the globe. Today's announcement marks a significant promise to the Hoosier State and ensures GM's presence in Indiana and its support of Hoosier jobs long into the future, reaffirming that Indiana is a state that works for business."

GM will invest more than $1.2 billion to expand and enhance the Fort Wayne Assembly plant's existing 1.3 million-square-foot campus. The new construction, which is expected to total approximately 1.5 million square feet of new space at the plant, will include a new pre-treatment facility and expanded body shop, as well as an expansion of its general assembly capabilities. The upgrades will improve the plant's efficiencies while equipment upgrades will enhance technology and energy efficiency, helping to further reduce emissions.

"The upgrades taking place at Fort Wayne Assembly assure we can meet consumer demand and grow customers for life for years to come," said Cathy Clegg, vice president of GM North America Manufacturing.

Established in 1986, Fort Wayne Assembly produces full-size pickup trucks sold worldwide and employs approximately 3,800 Hoosiers. According to GM, this project is expected to be one of the company's largest investments to date at a U.S. manufacturing plant. GM, which produces vehicles under leading brands such as Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC, employs more than 200,000 manufacturing employees at 169 plants in 31 countries.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) offered General Motors up to $500,000 in training grants based on the company's economic development plans. The IEDC will also provide the community with up to $5 million in infrastructure assistance from the state's Industrial Development Grand Fund. Additionally, the Indiana Department of Transportation will allocate up to $4.6 million to Allen County for additional public infrastructure assistance. Allen County has approved additional incentives at the request of Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

"The expansion of the Fort Wayne General Motors facility is a tremendous commitment because it not only cements GM's future in the Allen County community, but it also ensures that we will continue to employ Northeast Indiana residents for years to come," said Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters.

Today's announcement comes on the heels of Governor Pence's meeting with Mary Barra, chief executive officer of GM,

during the 2015 North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January. Meeting at the company's headquarters in Detroit, Pence and Barra discussed GM's current operations in Indiana and plans for the future.

***About General Motors Co.***

*General Motors Co. (NYSE:GM, TSX: GMM) and its partners produce vehicles in 30 countries, and the company has leadership positions in the world's largest and fastest-growing automotive markets. GM, its subsidiaries and joint venture entities sell vehicles under the Chevrolet, Cadillac, Baojun, Buick, GMC, Holden, Jiefang, Opel, Vauxhall and Wuling brands. More information on the company and its subsidiaries, including OnStar, a global leader in vehicle safety, security and information services, can be found at http://www.gm.com.*

***About GM Global Manufacturing***

*GM employs more than 200,000 manufacturing employees at 169 plants in 31 countries. More information about GM's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives can be found here: http://www.gmsustainability.com/.*

***About IEDC***

*The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) leads the state of Indiana's economic development efforts, focusing on helping companies grow in and locate to the state. Governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Mike Pence, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.*

Thank you,

*Bridget Cleveland*
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Governor-

Attached is the recording from your interview with WSBT this evening. It starts at :21. It is a little spotty in parts due to all of the background noise on the street. However, your answers to the questions he asked you about RFRA/religious freedom start at 4:43 and are fairly clear.

Thanks, Katelyn

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Swarens: How Mike Pence can save his political career

Mike Pence leaves the country this week, on a trade mission to China, with a big question about his political future unanswered.

Three months ago, many pundits thought that question would be: Will Pence jump into the already crowded pool of Republican presidential contenders?

Way back in February, no less than The Washington Post's George Will wrote a glowing column under the headline, "Why Indiana's Mike Pence deserves the trust of conservatives." The Koch brothers appeared ready to back Pence with untold millions. And even Vox.com (hardly FOX News) had published a Matt Yglesias piece,"7 reasons why Mike Pence will be the GOP nominee in 2016."

As Mr. Will would say: Well.

Ninety days later, after a legislative session that was bloodier than a Bass-o-maticcommercial, the relevant question is: Can Pence save his political career?

The answer is yes. But it won't be easy. And half steps and a pleasant smile won't be enough to avoid defeat in next year's election.

On the long trek from Indy to Beijing, Pence needs to ask himself several hard questions. To start, why does he want to be governor? Really want it? Even more important, what does he want to accomplish as governor in the next 20 months? And, if he earns the chance, in the four years after that? Does he want to represent and serve, equally, the best interests of all 6.6 million Hoosiers? Is he willing to humble himself, rebuild broken trust and pour himself into the task of learning to be a better leader?

Glib answers — like “it’s the media’s fault,” or, “they still love us at the Lincoln Day dinners” — won’t do. Team Pence, starting with its captain, needs to invest in honest soul-searching.

What comes after the introspection? To start, Pence needs finally to go big (or go home).

That preschool pilot program for at-risk children? It needs to be expanded aggressively throughout the state, and that should be priority number one on the governor’s 2016 legislative agenda.

Likewise, the regional cities strategy for economic development and the vocational training initiative — important but still nascent Pence accomplishments — need to be ramped up and assigned faster tracks.

That’s not just good short-term politics. Far more important, such efforts are vital to strengthening Indiana’s economy, and better preparing more Hoosiers for the big changes that will hit many workplaces in the next decade.

The problem isn’t that Pence’s economic instincts have been wrong; it’s that the timetables for rolling out his initiatives have been too timid.

The new Pence mantra needs to be: On the things that matter, be aggressive.

Starting today, the governor’s leadership team needs to be much more inclusive. Here’s a simple test: If Pence walks into a room and most of the people already there are middle-age conservative white guys (in other words, iterations of the governor), then he should know that he’s not hearing from a representative cross-section of Hoosiers. We’re a diverse state, filled with people with diverse interests, needs and beliefs. The governor needs to embrace that diversity, and, as a byproduct, he will grow as a leader.

There’s also an essential political benefit: Listening to and respecting a broad range of perspectives will help Pence and his team spot potential landmines (see RFRA).

So why should anyone not on the Pence payroll care about the governor’s political future? First, Pence still has 20 months left in his term. A duck so wounded that he can’t waddle from the nest handicaps the entire state for almost two years, and at a time when the window is closing on preparing for the technological and economic changes ahead.

Second, the Democratic opposition that has emerged so far is less than inspiring. There’s a real danger that next year Indiana will elect Frank O’Bannon, 2.0 — a nice person who is caretaker for, not the chief executive of, a state at high risk of tumbling into decline.

Ultimately the question Pence needs to answer: Is he willing to do what it takes to push himself to be bolder, to be more inclusive, to build bridges with people who have different world views, to show passion for the state and for the people he serves? To become a better leader?

Mike Pence is getting ready for a long flight. Where he decides to land will determine not only his future, but shape this state's as well.

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Governor:

As we discussed, at 1 pm today SAP will be launching their videos showcasing MPH. The links to the videos are below, and attached is a "blog style" article that SAP will post today. I have attached the letter of intent from IEDC to SAP, establishing that IEDC will use these videos for its economic development purposes.

Big thanks to our partners at IEDC who worked with SAP on edits to the videos and for seeing the economic development potential in them. If SAP gets any press inquiries asking to speak with us, those will be routed from SAP to the IEDC comms shop. I copy Christy and Kara so they can be aware of this, and I will consult with them prior to doing any press interviews routed through IEDC.

Speaking of IEDC, they will be with us at the SAPPHIRE conference next week. 23 companies have already asked to meet with us at SAPPHIRE to talk about MPH, and IEDC will be on-site to follow up on potential economic development leads. We believe these videos will help develop even more economic development interest in Indiana and showcase all the innovative things we are doing in state government.

Also, as an FYI, IOT is close to securing the services of Gartner, an international leader in analytics consulting, to help us with one of our big MPH projects this summer. This new partnership with Gartner shows that MPH is about way more than just our partnership with SAP, and will lead to even more economic development potential down the road.

Sincerely,

Chris

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All three video's will be released on SAP.com at 1:00 EST on Thursday April 30th. Once released on SAP.com it will be available for viewing and download by customers. There is a 48 hour lead time for upload at you tube.

State of Indiana Showcase video: http://sap-customers.flowcenter.de/mfc/medialink/6/dec956a220f78c697e1fa6db50a93c6a86c1288a9ea979f6467c2308185b9cb1db/SAP_indiana-showcase_en_360p.mp4

Line of Business video: http://sap-customers.flowcenter.de/mfc/medialink/6/de4813f328d43ccc84f4f8809d039be92407b171c6d901d3ac57958fdb529c3a2f/SAP_indiana-line-of-business_en_360p.mp4

Run Simple video: http://sap-customers.flowcenter.de/mfc/medialink/6/de742eb59f9a20d3f5c817adf497034bfaa7f1cb0665ede958f1aa4fcf4f370462/SAP_indiana-run-simple_en_360p.mp4

**BLOG's time frame:**
**The State of Indiana Runs Government like a Business** – Set to release Thursday April 30th at 1:00 EST, once SAP releases the content to its blog, it will be tweeted out as well and media will pick up and push through their channels.

**Indiana Aims to Lower Infant Mortality with Analytics** – Set to release Monday May 4th at 1:00 EST**,** once SAP releases the content to its blogs, it will be tweeted out as well and media will pick up and push through their channels.

**Indiana Hopes to be the Best Place for a Second Chance –** Set to release on Monday May 11th at 1:00 EST, once SAP releases the content to its blogs, it will be tweeted out as well and media will pick up and push through their channels.

**Once the topics above are blogged and tweeted, this will begin the starting point for media activity.**

**Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.**

**Thank you,**

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**The State of Indiana Runs Government like a Business**

By Christine Donato



Do you ever smile at someone who passes you on the street and they fail to smile back, or even acknowledge your gesture? It's one of my biggest pet peeves. However, take a trip to Indiana, and you'll find that people smile back.

Hoosiers are defined by their large hearts. They're quick on emergency response and disaster relief, and even if a Hoosier doesn't know you, if you need help, they'll come running.

Problem solvers by nature, if a Hoosier feels something needs to be fixed, they'll work as hard as they can to do it. And that's exactly the mindset that Governor Mike Pence brought into office. He's dedicated his time to ensure that Indiana has the most effective, efficient, and transparent state government in the country. His current challenges include maintaining financial stability and creating jobs, reducing an unusually high infant mortality rate, fixing the transportation system, and lowering recidivism.

**The Power of Facts and Numbers**

To solve the issues facing Indiana, the government implemented SAP HANA and SAP Lumira to help the state run like a business. For the first time, Indiana is using raw data to drill into key performance indicators to determine how well the State is serving its citizens.

*"SAP was the type of partner that could deliver in terms of real time performance management, real time access to data, breaking down our data silos, and really simplifying how we gather insights to help our decision markers make better decisions,"* said Chris Atkins the CFO of the State of Indiana. *"Ten years ago only about a third of our state agencies even had key performance indicators. They weren't keeping score and they weren't being transparent."*

**Operating Government like a Business**

When comparing a government to a business, the taxpayers are the shareholders. They contribute their hard earned dollars into the system in hopes that their money is being well spent within society.

Now with new technology, instead of spreading tax dollars evenly across the board in hopes that the money will make a positive impact on current issues, the State of Indiana can target funding to different programs that, based on the data, need it most.

Previously, reports were outdated by the time they were opened, and attempted solutions were based on assumptions and estimations. Now the information within these reports is accurate and up-to-date,

and enables Indiana to make faster and more efficient decisions that ultimately benefit the citizens of the state.




*"The taxpayers work very hard for their money. They want to make sure that they are getting value for the way the government spends it. We are trying to leverage the dollars that the taxpayers give us towards the most effective programs that give back the most value to the taxpayers whether that's transportation, healthcare, education, and/or workforce," –Chris Atkins, CFO, State of Indiana*

**Transparency Builds Trust**

Just like a private sector business must report results to shareholders, Indiana is reporting its performance to voters and tax payers. Hoosiers now have better insight into how the state government is performing.

With this new transparency, Indiana is gaining trust. And by tapping into taxpayers and voters for feedback on performance, the state has a broad range of input and can better determine new ways to run better.

Watch this short video explaining how the State of Indiana has simplified the way it runs its government: https://fancyrhino-1.wistia.com/medias/2kvn522mmv (Embed Run Simple Video)

**Future Growth**

In addition to combatting issues such as infant mortality and recidivism, Indiana's goal is to harness the power of technology to positively impact all citizens. To do this, the State of Indiana feels that their relationship with SAP is only going to grow.

One grave example Indiana wants to target in the future is the fight to combat child abuse. It hopes to use its SAP HANA engagement to empower caseworkers to make more informed decisions regarding individual cases.

With SAP HANA mathematical algorithms, the caseworkers will be able to identify factors that usually result in child abuse. They can then determine and remove children from situations in which abuse is highly likely.

As Indiana CIO Paul Baltzell explained, *"The vision is to provide caseworkers with the information they need to make better decisions, to provide a child with a happy life, and to not only survive, but to have a productive life, and a good childhood, and the things that they need to be successful."*

**Indiana as a Thought Leader**




The State of Indiana has been approached by other US State governments since its transformation to run like a business. So now, instead of just helping Hoosiers lives, Indiana is serving as a thought leader for governments and helping lives across the US. Indiana is a testament to the power having real-time information to drill into current issues and build factual solutions as opposed to making assumptions.

As some of the State of Indiana government employees noted, if they can help solve a particular problem with research and data-driven decisions, and help save lives, then they can sleep a little better. Employees are excited to come to work because they feel like they're doing something no one else has done. They're in the forefront of helping people every day.

At the state of Indiana, the government is to work for the people. The citizens are the boss, and as Sara Marshall, Director of Business Intelligence and Analytics put it, *"It's that we care about our people. We really want their lives to improve."*

For more information about this story, check out the following:

-List links to all additional reference materials

Keep an eye out for a deep dive into how the State of Indiana is combatting infant mortality and recidivism in new blogs to come. To be notified via social media, follow me on Twitter and LinkedIn.

You might also like:

- Millennials Benefit from Big Data at the University of Kentucky

**VIA EMAIL**

April 27, 2015

Mr. Sean McCloskey
Account Executive | Midwest
SAP Public Services, Inc.
sean.mccloskey01@sap.com

*Re*: Video Release

Sean,

To confirm more formally our recent discussions, the IEDC is very pleased with the videos prepared by SAP that highlight the State of Indiana's initiative to leverage data and cutting edge technology solutions to make demonstrable progress on so many of the State's priorities like infant mortality and recidivism.

From the start, we have been excited by the prospect of these videos, as their usefulness from an economic development perspective is tremendous. It is important that people know that Hoosiers are a hard-working, innovative, positive people who work constantly to improve the quality of life in our communities, and these videos are another important reflection of that message.

We look forward to seeing the videos "launched" as soon as possible online, to seeing them highlighted often at the upcoming SAPPHIRE conference, and to seeing them used often in SAP's other marketing efforts! We are also looking forward to making use of the videos in other settings here. Indeed, all of this helps us tell Indiana's story to those who may be interested in expanding operations in Indiana and who may want to visit one of Indiana's many vibrant communities.

So, please accept this letter as IEDC's approval of the videos along with the enclosed release.

Thank you again for your team's efforts to coordinate with the various state employees whose participation was essential to having the videos reflect the positive and serious nature of our efforts and for your team's collaboration with IEDC's marketing professionals to align the messaging in the videos with our economic development strategies. The results are yet another positive result from the State's partnership with SAP.

Please let me know if you have any remaining questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming SAPPHIRE conference.

Sincerely,

Chris W. Cotterill
General Counsel

Enclosures

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Dowd, Jaclyn (DWD)
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2015 5:25 PM
**To:** Mike Pence
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim;Braun, Steven J;Denault, Christina;Baker, Lou Ann (DWD)
**Subject:** Great Media Coverage - Region 8 Works Council and Friday's CTE Summit (600+ attendees)

# Governor applauds announcement of career technical education summit

Friday, April 10, 2015

The Indiana Region 8 Works Council announces the First Annual CTE Summit to be held at WestGate 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.

"Indiana's Regional Works Councils are leading the charge when it comes to ensuring our young people are on a pathway to success in the workforce or in post-secondary studies," said Governor Pence. "Members of the Councils have been working with industry partners, high school counselors, teachers, parents, and students to bolster CTE opportunities, align and grow critical sector partnerships, and collaborate on curriculum improvements and design, and I applaud their efforts."

The Region 8 Works Council "CTE Summit 2015," was developed in partnership with the Monroe County Community School Corporation, Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University, Indiana University, Indiana State University, the Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL), Radius Indiana; and Indiana Region 8 employers, including Duke Energy, MSP Aviation, TASUS, Jasper Engines and STIMULUS Engineering.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with local business to learn more about the opportunities available for the future careers, as well as the types of education, training, and soft skills needed to build careers with these companies.

Presentations will be made by various CTE students highlighting their skills alongside post-secondary and business/industry partners in connection with industry cluster career pathways.

Freshmen through seniors will also have the opportunity to engage in mock interviews and meet with college, university and industry representatives specific to region 8 counties, which include Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties.

Key items students need to know when seeking careers will also be covered, including topics such as soft skills, mock interviews, resume writing, financial aid/scholarship search, IVY Tech-ASAP, Vincennes--CNC, STEM Premier, and a 4-year college panel.

"Business and postsecondary education have found a common cause in the preparation of a highly skilled workforce to build economic opportunity," said Cary Bledsoe, COO of STIMULUS Engineering, a partner in coordinating the event. "As a part of the business community at WestGate and within this region, we're honored to collaborate with education and industry partners to find ways to open doors, invigorate young minds, and help provide more direct

pathways to in-demand careers in high-growth industries. Events such as these provide an opportunity to improve the economic environment of the community."

Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1:40 p.m. For more information and to register, go to: cte3summit2015.eventbrite.com.

Source: Green County Daily World, http://www.gcdailyworld.com/story/2184325.html

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**Jaclyn P. Dowd**
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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Pavlik, Jennifer L
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2015 8:44 AM
**To:** Mike Pence;Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** Fwd: Governor Pence

See below. This is a follow up from the convention calls you made during RFRA. Good news. I will follow up about his request to address the event .

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Dr. Ron DeHaven" <RDeHaven@[redacted]>
> **Date:** April 10, 2015 at 7:51:50 AM EDT
> **To:** "Pavlik, Jennifer L" <JPavlik@gov.IN.gov>
> **Cc:** Lisa Perius <lisa@[redacted]>
> **Subject: RE: Governor Pence**
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> Dear Jennifer,
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> Please let Governor Pence know that the American Veterinary Medical Association Board of Directors discussed our 2017 Convention plans at their meeting yesterday. They quickly agreed, without dissension, that we will keep our convention in Indianapolis.
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> As a Purdue grad with a fond spot in my heart for Indiana, I know the Hoosiers will warmly welcome all of our AVMA Convention attendees. If it fits his schedule, it would be great to have the Governor provide a welcome during the Convention.
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> Best regards,
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> ***Ron***
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> W. Ron DeHaven, DVM, MBA
> CEO
> AVMA
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> **From:** Pavlik, Jennifer L [mailto:JPavlik@gov.IN.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 10:51 AM
> **To:** Dr. Ron DeHaven
> **Cc:** Joanne Mazur; Tracy Olsen
> **Subject:** RE: Governor Pence
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> I will have him call you at 1:00 CT/2:00 ET.
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> Thanks!
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> **From:** Dr. Ron DeHaven [mailto:RDeHaven@[redacted]]
> **Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:48 AM
> **To:** Pavlik, Jennifer L

**Cc:** Joanne Mazur; Tracy Olsen
**Subject:** RE: Governor Pence

Dear Jennifer,

I will certainly make myself available at **any time** the Governor wants to call. 1pm CENTRAL would be ideal. My direct line is 847-[redacted].

Ron DeHaven

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**From:** Pavlik, Jennifer L [mailto:JPavlik@gov.IN.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 10:26 AM
**To:** Dr. Ron DeHaven
**Subject:** Governor Pence

Dr. DeHaven,
Governor Pence would like to call you today. Is there a good time to reach you today? Thanks! I also left Tracy Olson a message with the same request. He is available anytime after 12:30 today.

Jennifer Pavlik
Director of Operations
Governor Mike Pence

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Pitcock, Josh <jpitcock@sso.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:10 PM
**To:** Denault, Christina;Brooks, Kara D;MRP (mpence1314@aol.com);Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** ENDA

Here is the no vote on ENDA and floor speech.

**EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007 -- (House of Representatives - November 07, 2007)**

Mr. PENCE. Madam Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Chairman, I come before the House today in strong opposition to H.R. 3685, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. However well-intended, the bill extends existing employment discrimination provisions of Federal law like those contained in title VII of the Civil Rights Act to prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Let me be clear. I don't condone discrimination against people for any reason whatsoever. I believe in civility and decency in society. But the problem here is that by extending the reach of Federal law to cover sexual orientation, employment discrimination protections, in effect, can wage war on the free exercise of religion in the workplace. In effect, as has been said already, this sets up something of a constitutional conflict between the right to religious freedom in the workplace and another person's newly created right to sue you for practicing your faith or acknowledging your faith in the workplace. This is, as has been said before, a deeply enshrined tradition in the American experiment, emanating, as it does, out of the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Some examples: Under ENDA, employees around the country who possess religious beliefs that are opposed to homosexual behavior would be forced, in effect, to lay down their rights and convictions at the door. For example, if an employee keeps a Bible in his or her cubicle, if an employee displays a Bible verse on their desk, that employee could be claimed by a homosexual colleague to be creating a hostile work environment because the homosexual employee objects to passages in the Bible relating to homosexuality.

The employer is in a no-win situation as well. Either the employer has to ban employees from having a Bible at the workplace for their break time, or displaying Bible verses, and thereby face a lawsuit under title VII for religious discrimination, or the employer then has to continue to allow it and face a potential lawsuit under ENDA by the homosexual employee. This sets up a constitutional conflict headed for the courts, about which Congress should not involve itself.

Madam Chairman, I strongly oppose the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. We must stand for the right of every American to practice their faith according to the dictates of their conscience, whether it be in the public square or in the workplace. So I oppose the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and urge my colleagues to do likewise.

**House Vote 1057 - HR 3685: Employee Non-Discrimination - Passage**
*November 07, 2007* - Passage of the bill that would prohibit job discrimination on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived sexual orientation. It would define sexual orientation as heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality. An employee who alleged discrimination would be required to

demonstrate that the nature of the discrimination was intentional. As amended, it would exempt religious organizations. It also would specify that the bill would not alter the federal definition of marriage as being between a man and woman.
Passed 235-184: R 35-159; D 200-25; I 0-0.
**Note:** A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position.
**Nays (1)**

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Pitcock, Josh <jpitcock@sso.org>
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2015 2:51 PM
**To:** MRP (mpence1314@aol.com)
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** Gov. Christie

In case you didn't see this statement by Gov. Christie about you:

"Well, we should not have a situation where people perceive that anybody will be denied service. But, I can tell you this, I know Mike Pence, and he's got nothing but love in his heart for people and I just do not believe that in any way Mike Pence would intend for anything that happen in his state on his watch to be discriminatory towards any person," Christie said in a statement.
"And so, my guess is that he'll fix the problem and move on," Christie said. "Because that's the kind of guy he is. I will tell you, amongst the governors, there is nobody that I've met amongst the governors who is more sincere in his faith and in his love for people than Mike Pence. So, I just don't believe any of this stuff is true and to the extent that something needs to be fixed to clarify that no one will be denied service for discriminatory reasons, I'm sure that's exactly what Mike will do."

http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2015/04/christie_breaks_silence_on_indiana_religious_freed.html

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Pavlik, Jennifer L
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:39 AM
**To:** Pitcock, Josh;MRP (mpence1314@aol.com);Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;'Ryan Streeter';smith@sextonscreek.com
**Subject:** RE: Governor Pence Issues Statement Regarding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act

Hard copies on way to MSR.

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From: Pitcock, Josh [mailto:jpitcock@sso.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:38 AM
To: MRP (mpence1314@aol.com); Pavlik, Jennifer L; Atterholt, Jim; Ahearn, Mark; 'Ryan Streeter'; smith@sextonscreek.com
Subject: FW: Governor Pence Issues Statement Regarding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act

Statement from signing last Thursday.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 26, 2015

Contact: Kara Brooks
kbrooks@gov.in.gov

**Governor Pence Issues Statement Regarding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act**

*Pence: "This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way in Indiana, I would have vetoed it."*

Indianapolis – Governor Mike Pence today issued the following statement after signing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (SEA 101) in a private ceremony.

"Today I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, because I support the freedom of religion for every Hoosier of every faith.

"The Constitution of the United States and the Indiana Constitution both provide strong recognition of the freedom of religion but today, many people of faith feel their religious liberty is under attack by government action.

"One need look no further than the recent litigation concerning the Affordable Care Act. A private business and our own University of Notre Dame had to file lawsuits challenging provisions that required them to offer insurance coverage in violation of their religious views.

"Fortunately, in the 1990s Congress passed, and President Clinton signed, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act—limiting government action that would infringe upon religion to only those that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion absent a compelling state interest and in the least restrictive means.

"Last year the Supreme Court of the United States upheld religious liberty in the Hobby Lobby case based on the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, but that act does not apply to individual states or local government action. At present, nineteen states—including our neighbors in Illinois and Kentucky—have adopted Religious Freedom Restoration statutes. And in eleven additional states, the courts have interpreted their constitutions to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action.

**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Pitcock, Josh <jpitcock@sso.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:39 AM
**To:** MRP (mpence1314@aol.com);Pavlik, Jennifer L;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;'Ryan Streeter';smith@sextonscreek.com
**Subject:** RE: Ensuring Religious Freedom in Indiana

WSJ op-ed

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## Ensuring Religious Freedom in Indiana

### Our new law has been grossly misconstrued as a 'license to discriminate.' That isn't true, and here's why.

By Mike Pence
3/30/15

Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA, which ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, the law has stirred a controversy and in recent days has been grossly misconstrued as a "license to discriminate."

I want to make clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the law is not a "license to discriminate," either in Indiana or elsewhere. In fact, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act reflects federal law, as well as law in 30 states nationwide. Indiana's legislation is about affording citizens full protection under Indiana law.

I abhor discrimination. I believe in the Golden Rule that you should "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple, I wouldn't eat there anymore. As governor of Indiana, if I were presented a bill that legalized discrimination against any person or group, I would veto it. Indiana's new law contains no reference to sexual orientation. It simply mirrors federal law that President Bill Clinton signed in 1993.

As Prof. Daniel O. Conkle of Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, a supporter of gay rights, including same-sex marriage, wrote last week in the Indianapolis Star: "The proposed Indiana RFRA would provide valuable guidance to Indiana courts, directing them to balance religious freedom against competing interests under the same legal standard that applies throughout most of the land. It is anything but a 'license to discriminate,' and it should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis."

People have asked why this is necessary. After all, the U.S. Constitution and the Indiana Constitution provide strong recognition of freedom of religion. But RFRA is in many ways overdue in Indiana.

In 1990 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith that the First Amendment's free exercise clause could not be raised as a defense to generally applicable laws, even if the law infringed on a person's religious liberty. In response, Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993. This law limits federal government action that would infringe upon religion to only those acts that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion, absent a compelling governmental interest and in the least restrictive means.

For example, a public school in Texas in 2008 told a Native American kindergartner that he would have to cut his hair because of the school's grooming policies. But keeping his hair long was part of his religious practice, which allowed his parents to prevail in federal court under RFRA.

Many states have enacted RFRAs of their own; 19 states have passed such laws and 11 state courts have interpreted the law to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action. When President Obama was a state senator in Illinois, he supported Illinois's version of the law in 1998. Historically, this law has received wide bipartisan support.

But Indiana never passed such a law. Then in 2010 came the Affordable Care Act, which renewed concerns about government infringement on deeply held religious beliefs. Hobby Lobby and the University of Notre Dame both filed lawsuits challenging provisions that required the institutions to offer certain types of insurance coverage in violation of their religious views.

Last year the Supreme Court upheld religious liberty in Burwell v. Hobby Lobby, based on the federal RFRA. With the Supreme Court's ruling, the need for a RFRA at the state level became more important, as the federal law does not apply to states. To ensure that religious liberty is fully protected under Indiana law, this year the General Assembly enshrined these principles in Indiana law. I fully supported that action.

Some express concern that Indiana's RFRA law would lead to discrimination, but RFRA only provides a mechanism to address claims, not a license for private parties to deny services. Even a claim involving private individuals under RFRA must show that one's religious beliefs were "substantially burdened" and not in service to a broader government interest—which preventing discrimination certainly is. The government has the explicit power under the law to step in and defend such interests.

As Thomas Jefferson noted, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of civil authority." I regret that false narratives and misrepresentations of the RFRA have taken hold.

The hospitality and character of Hoosiers are synonymous with everything that is good about America. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Indiana residents. With the passage of this legislation, Indiana will continue to be a place that respects the beliefs of every person in our state.

*Mr. Pence, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.*

“In order to ensure that religious liberty is fully protected under Indiana law, this year our General Assembly joined those 30 states and the federal government to enshrine these principles in Indiana law, and I fully support that action.

“This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way in Indiana, I would have vetoed it. In fact, it does not even apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved. For more than twenty years, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act has never undermined our nation’s anti-discrimination laws, and it will not in Indiana.

“Indiana is rightly celebrated for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance, and values of our people, and that will never change. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Hoosiers and with the passage of this legislation, we ensure that Indiana will continue to be a place where we respect freedom of religion and make certain that government action will always be subject to the highest level of scrutiny that respects the religious beliefs of every Hoosier of every faith.”

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Hodgin, Stephanie
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:13 PM
**To:** 'mpence1314@aol.com'
**Cc:** Denault, Christina;Brooks, Kara D;Atterholt, Jim;Espich, Jeff;Ahearn, Mark;Simcox, Stephen;Crabtree, Chris;Atkins, Chris;Pitcock, Josh;Keefer, Sean (GOV);McGrath, Danielle;Brookes, Brady;Pavlik, Jennifer L;'smith@sextonscreek.com'
**Subject:** RFRA Clips 3.31.2015
**Attachments:** RFRA Clips 3.31.15.docx

Sir,

Clips re: today's press conference can be found below and are attached to this email.

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**STATEWIDE**

Pence wants fix for 'religious freedom' law by end of week
NWI Times – Dan Carden

INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence requested Tuesday that the General Assembly send him legislation by the end of the week clarifying that Indiana's "religious freedom" law is not discriminatory.

At the same time, the Republican said he still does not support adding sexual orientation as a protected class under Indiana's civil rights laws, and he rejected calls to repeal Senate Enrolled Act 101, also known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"This law does not give anyone a license to deny services to gay and lesbian couples," Pence said. "This law does not give anyone a license to discriminate."

Pence said he worked late into the night Monday with leaders of the Republican-controlled House and Senate crafting language they hope will fix what he described as "smears" against Indiana coming from national media and Internet commenters.

"The gross mischaracterizations about this bill early on, and some of the reckless reporting by some in the media about what this bill is all about, was deeply disappointing to me," Pence said.

"If I read some of that stuff about this bill, I would have had the same concerns that millions of Hoosiers have had and millions across the country."

But, Pence insisted, the new law -- which is similar to statutes in 19 other states, including Illinois, and the 1993 federal "religious freedom" law -- simply sets the standard Indiana courts must use in determining whether government action infringes on religious liberty.

"I don't believe for a minute that it was the intention of the General Assembly to create a license to discriminate or a right to deny services to gays, lesbians or anyone else in the state," Pence said. "And that certainly wasn't my intent."

Pence emphasized that he "abhors" discrimination of every kind, and mentioned civil rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and U.S. Rep. John Lewis, R-Ga., are among his heroes.

"No one should be harassed or mistreated because of who they are, who they love or what they do," Pence said. "I believe that with all my heart."

Legislative leaders have yet to detail the specifics of any plan to clarify the law, or when the House and Senate might act on it.

No "religious freedom" fix was debated or voted on Tuesday.

The General Assembly next meets Thursday, but lawmakers then leave town until April 7 due to the NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament taking over their Indianapolis hotel rooms. The Legislature adjourns for the year April 29.

Pence said he does not believe the fix requires adding sexual orientation to Indiana's civil rights laws -- which would bar discrimination against gays in hiring, housing and other matters, in addition to public accommodations -- but refused to say that he would veto such a proposal if it made it to his desk.

"I've never supported that, and I want to be clear -- it's not on my agenda," Pence said. "But I do believe moving legislation this week that would make it clear this law does not give businesses a right to deny services to anyone would be appropriate."

Democratic leaders proclaimed only repeal of the "religious freedom" statute and passage of a law explicitly protecting gays from all forms of discrimination can undo the worldwide damage to Indiana's reputation.

"If the state of Indiana does not believe in discrimination, then let's put it in law and make a statement," said Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson.

House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, suggested Pence perhaps doesn't yet realize how truly horrible the reaction to the law has been for the state, especially since the governor is blaming the media instead of accepting that most Hoosiers don't share his 1950s vision for Indiana.

Pelath added that leaders of major corporations, such as Apple which has condemned the law, don't take their cues from the nightly news.

"I don't like running into my friends from Michigan and my friends from Illinois and the first thing out of their mouths is, "What are you doing in Indiana?'" Pelath said. "We have a national and international problem that requires a bold response in reaction to a major mistake."

There is precedent for the Democrats' proposal. Illinois revised its 1998 "religious freedom" law in 2013 to add civil rights protections for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender residents.

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Pence wants General Assembly to move this week to clarify “religious freedom” law
Evansville Courier & Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Mike Pence is calling on the General Assembly to send him a fix this week for the state's controversial "religious freedom" law that would make it clear the law does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone.

"We want to make it clear that Indiana is open for business," Pence said at a Tuesday press conference where the Republican governor offered insight into how he wants the law clarified.

As of Tuesday afternoon, proposed language by Republican legislative leadership to clarify the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act was still in the works. The law has become a topic of mounting criticism nationwide over fears it could be used to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

House Speaker Brian Bosma said lawmakers are working with the corporate and sports communities on language and said it's the goal to send Pence a clarification by week's end.

"We have to have consensus on language," said Bosma, noting the proposal has to go through a lot of hands.

Lawmakers also are exploring adding a preamble to give context as well.

"I think we all want to bring the misconception that now appears to be nearly factual nationally to a prompt close," Bosma said, "and we're united on that. I think the approach we're still discussing."

On Monday, Bosma said talk has centered on clarifying that the state's new law can't be used to deny services, facilities or goods to any member of the public.

Meanwhile, Democrats continued calls for the law's repeal following Pence's press conference.

Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane said he was disappointed by Pence's reaction. Democrats also have called for adding protections for sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's Civil Rights Law.

"What has happened here this situation created by this bill has gone from beyond just being about the bill and about whether or not the bill has a license to discriminate to the very question does Indiana discriminate," Lanane said. "We know Indiana, the people of Indiana do not discriminate we need to put that into law – we need to make a bold statement."

Pence acknowledged the week had been tough as Indiana came under the "harsh glare" of criticism from around the country, but said the state was going to "move forward."

Pence said he would have vetoed the bill if he felt it would have legalized discrimination and that the law had been "grossly mischaracterized."

"This law does not give anyone a license to deny services to gay or lesbian couples," Pence said.

When asked if he'd support sexual orientation being a protected class in the state, Pence said he's never supported that addition.

"It's not on my agenda, but I think it's a completely separate question," Pence said.

Movement to clarify the law comes after Indiana has faced intense scrutiny over its passage. Organizations, including the NCAA, said the law could cause them to rethink holding events in Indiana in the future. Several mayors and governors from across the country have canceled publicly-funded travel to the state, and university and business officials expressed concern about the harm they believe the law has caused to the state's reputation.

The law is a state-level version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by U.S. President Bill Clinton in 1993. Supporters say the law will better protect Hoosiers in state court if government intrudes on their ability to exercise their religion by adopting a judicial standard like the federal law. But opponents argue it could lead to Hoosiers denying services to others, especially gays and lesbians, on the basis of Indiana having such a law.

The law asserts a person's right to practice their religion without a substantial burden by government. It also requires government to demonstrate a compelling interest to restrict religious expression.

Critics say Indiana's version is broader than comparable laws.

Proponents of the law say Indiana is adopting protections for "religious freedom" that have been on the federal books for more than 20 years and what some 30 other states have either by law or court decision.

However, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said Pence has "tried to falsely suggest" that the law is the same as the federal version, but he noted the law applies not just to individuals but businesses such as a partnership, a limited liability company and a corporation. Earnest said the law also applies to private transactions.

"So, this obviously is a significant expansion of the laws – of the law in terms of the way that it would apply. It leaves open the question what sort of religious views a joint stock company may hold, but that may be something for lawyers to ponder," Earnest said.

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Pence Seeks RFRA Followup Making Clear Indiana Does Not Discriminate

WIBC – Eric Berman

*Governor wants bill by end of week, but legislative calendar an obstacle.*

Governor Pence is calling on legislators to pass a clarification to Indiana's new Religious Freedom Restoration Act by the end of the week.

Pence echoed legislative leaders in declaring the controversial law does not and should not allow discrimination or denial of service, to gays and lesbians or anyone else. And he conceded he should have said so when asked Sunday in an appearance on ABC's "This Week" -- he says he was focused at the time on "setting the record straight" about what the law does do.

As he has since signing the law last week, Pence criticized "reckless" mischaracterization of the law by opponents and national media as a license to discriminate. The governor calls that a "smear" against the state, but says the perception of discrimination requires a legislative fix.

It's not only opponents who have contended the law would allow businesses to turn away gays and lesbians. The conservative group Advance America, which led the push for the law, celebrated the bill's signing on its website and in emails by proclaiming it would do exactly that. Pence declined to criticize the group directly, but repeatedly declared in a news conference that Indiana will not tolerate discrimination.

Pence wants a follow-up bill explicitly prohibiting denial of service or other discrimination. But he says he and legislators are still working on specific wording. And he notes it's ultimately up to the courts to balance state interests against religious beliefs, on a case-by-case basis. He says the law, like the 1993 federal version and similar laws in 19 other states, is designed to give judges guidance on the legal test that applies. The law prohibits "substantially burdening" religious beliefs unless the government can show a "compelling state interest" to do so.

Pence repeated earlier declarations to national media that he "abhors" discrimination. He recalled crossing Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge as a congressman in 2010 alongside Georgia Representative John Lewis, who was badly beaten during the original Selma protest march 45 years earlier.

House and Senate Democrats' leaders say they agree with Pence that Indiana does not discriminate. But Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane contends merely saying so is no longer good enough. Democrats say only a full repeal of the law can restore Indiana's reputation.

House Minority Leader Scott Pelath charges Pence has recognized political peril to his governorship and Republican legislative majorities, but hasn't fully grasped the potential damage to the state. He says the governor "has moved from denial to bargaining."

Gay-rights groups, including Freedom Indiana and Lambda Legal, have called for an anti-discrimination statement similar to what Pence and Republican leaders have indicated, but coupled with the addition of sexual orientation to protected classes under Indiana civil rights law. Pence says that's a separate issue, and "not on (his) agenda."

The governor also won't say whether the followup bill will clarify the status of local ordinances in Indianapolis and other cities which offer such protections. Opponents charge the RFRA law overrides those ordinances, while supporters say they're misreading the law. Pence says his sole focus is on making clear that discrimination won't be tolerated.

Pelath and Lanane endorse the call to add gays and lesbians to the civil rights law, but they say it should be in addition to repeal of RFRA, not instead of. Lanane says Democrats would "take a look at" the proposal. But he says he has doubts about the religious-freedom bill even if protections for gays and lesbians were ironclad. He questions whether the law and its federal and state counterparts adequately define what constitutes religious belief. And he objects to Indiana's inclusion of protections for businesses, along the lines of last year's Hobby Lobby decision from the Supreme Court.

With the wording of the followup bill still undetermined, Pence's goal of passing a fix by the end of the week appears unlikely. Legislators' only remaining session day this week is Thursday -- it would require a two-thirds vote in both houses to suspend normal procedures and pass the bill in a single day. Calling the House and Senate into session Wednesday would conflict with committee hearings on other bills. And legislators had already announced a four-day Easter weekend, because out-of-town legislators are losing their hotel rooms to Final Four visitors.

Pelath and Lanane say unless Republicans change their mind and endorse repeal, the process shouldn't be rushed. Pelath says the followup bill needs careful review to ensure it doesn't have to be fixed a second time.

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White House disputes Pence's description of RFRA

Maureen Groppe

WASHINGTON – White House spokesman Josh Earnest on Tuesday disputed Gov. Mike Pence's claim that Indiana's controversial new law protecting religious freedom is similar to the federal protections signed into law by President Bill Clinton more than two decades ago.

Both laws say there has to be a compelling government interest to burden someone's guarantee under the First Amendment to freely exercise his or her religion.

But Earnest said that while the 1993 law was an effort to protect religious minorities from actions taken by the federal government, Indiana's law is much broader.

Indiana allows the law to be invoked in disputes between private parties, instead of only those involving a government entity. And it applies to more types of businesses than just the family-owned companies the Supreme Court recently ruled are covered under the federal version.

"Which means that this is a much more open-ended piece of legislation that could reasonably be used to try to justify discriminating against somebody because of who they love," Earnest said in his daily briefing with reporters.

Pence has said the law was not intended to allow businesses to discriminate against gays and lesbians in providing services. But some backers of the bill have said it's needed to protect businesses that don't want to provide services such as photography or flowers for wedding ceremonies of same-sex couples.

Pence on Tuesday called on lawmakers to pass legislation clarifying the law, but it's still unclear how it would be changed.

Earnest said the public outcry in response to the law "is indicative of how this piece of legislation flies in the face of the kinds of values that people all across the country strongly support."

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Pence wants changes to religious freedom law
FW Journal Gazette

INDIANAPOLIS -- Gov. Mike Pence said Tuesday lawmakers need to send him a fix to the controversial religious freedom law by the end of the week to address a misperception that is damaging Indiana.

"We will fix this and we will move forward. That's what Hoosiers do," he told a throng of state and national media. "I don't support discrimination against gays or lesbians or anyone else."

He stood behind signing the law last week but said it needs to be clear that it can't be used to deny services to anyone.

The language under consideration would say a person or business cannot use Indiana's religious freedom act as a defense for denying services, goods or facilities to anyone. But that would not provide protection against discrimination based on employment and housing.

A key advocate of the bill, meanwhile, sent an email to supporters warning of attempts to alter the law, which takes effect July 1.

"Because of this deluge of intolerance against Hoosiers of all faiths by liberal elites from outside our borders, Indiana House and Senate members are under intense pressure to water down and even roll back these 1st Amendment protections before the ink can even dry on the new law," the Indiana Family Institute said.

Senate Bill 101 provides a legal framework for judges to use when deciding conflicts between religious liberty and government regulation.
Indiana doesn't have statewide protections for gays and lesbians, but a handful of cities have local human rights ordinances that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations. Many feel the new law would supersede those ordinances.

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Indiana Democrats repeat call for RFRA repeal
Indystar – Tony Cook

Indiana's Democrats on Tuesday said Republican Gov. Mike Pence has to take quick action and ditch the "religious freedom" law to undo the damage the measure has caused to the state's reputation.

House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said at a news conference that the remedy has to be clear, decisive and understandable and the fastest way to do that is to repeal the law. He said to push for anything less than a repeal would be incorrect.

Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said the reaction over the law has mushroomed, going from does the law discriminate to does Indiana discriminate?

Instead of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Lanane, the Senate Minority Leader, said that because of the backlash, the state now needs an "Indiana Reputation Restoration Act."

Lanane also said the state should take the opportunity now to make it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation. Adding such protections would be an acceptable compromise, he said.

The Democrats made their remarks in response to Pence's news conference Tuesday where he said he wanted a quick amendment to RFRA to make it clear that the law does not discriminate and that businesses should not be allowed to deny services to anyone.

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Gov. Mike Pence: Change RFRA law to make it clear discrimination won't be allowed
IndyStar – Tim Evans

Embattled Indiana Gov. Mike Pence attempted again Tuesday morning to "clarify" the state's controversial new "religious freedom" law.

Pence said it has been a tough week and said "we've got a perception problem" that needs to be fixed.

Pence said he concluded that it is necessary to move legislation to amend the law to make it clear that it does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone. He said he wanted legislation on his desk by the end of the week to accomplish that.

The governor also said:

-- There's been misunderstanding and confusion and mischaracterization about the potential impact of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

-- This legislation was intended to ensure the vitality of religious liberty in this state.

-- He has been working around the clock, talking to people around the state and nation, and "we've been listening."

He stressed that RFRA was about "religious liberty, not discrimination" and emphasized that the law does not give anyone the right to turn away customers on religious grounds.

"This law does not give anyone the right to discriminate...This law does not give anyone the right to deny services," he said.

When asked whether Christian businesses should be compelled to supply services to gay and lesbian weddings, Pence answered: "I don't support discrimination against anyone."

"I don't support discrimination against gays and lesbians or anyone else. I abhor discrimination."

However, Pence again said that adding protections for gays and lesbians is not on his agenda.

Pence also said he found "deeply offensive" the criticisms lodged against Indiana and its residents after the passage of the law last week. He blamed the national media and critics partly for those perceptions and any damage that may have done to the state's reputation.

"We want to make it clear that Hoosier Hospitality is not a slogan, it's our way of life," he said.

"Hoosiers are a loving, kind, generous, decent and kind people," Pence said.

Pence said he will work with the Indiana legislature this week to make the changes he is seeking to the RFRA law.

"We will fix this and we will move forward," he said.

Since Pence signed the law on Thursday, he has faced a barrage of criticism from top business executives, celebrities and civil rights groups who fear the law would allow discrimination against gays and lesbians. He attempted to "clarify" the law on national television Sunday, but was widely derided for repeatedly refusing to answer a yes-or-no question regarding whether the law would allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Pence acknowledged Tuesday that he had done not a good job of explaining the law.

Supporters have said the law is necessary to protect religious freedoms from government intrusion. Opponents say it will give businesses the right to deny services to customers on religious grounds.

*Star reporters Tony Cook and Tom LoBianco contributed to this story.*

This story will be updated.

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Indiana Gov. Mike Pence Says Religious Freedom Law Doesn't OK Discrimination

NBC News

Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana said on Tuesday that he hopes to sign legislation by the end of this week making it clear that his state's controversial religious freedom law does not give businesses the right to deny service to anyone.

Pence, a Republican, said that it was a "smear" to suggest that the law, as written, justifies discrimination.

"Had this law been about legalizing discrimination, I would have vetoed it," he told reporters in Indianapolis.

But he cited the "harsh glare" of national criticism of the law, which opponents say could be used to justify anti-gay discrimination. That outcry has included objections from the NCAA, corporate leaders and other public figures.

Asked whether he would support a state law barring discrimination outright against gays, the governor said: "I've never supported that. I want to be clear. It's not on my agenda. But I think it's a completely separate question."

Republicans who control the state Legislature said on Monday that they would work quickly to clarify the law, and they insisted that it was not meant to sanction discrimination.

Those Republicans said they were motivated in part by Pence's performance Sunday on the ABC program "This Week." He sidestepped repeated questions about whether the law legalized discrimination against gays in Indiana.

Pence published an Op-Ed in The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday saying that the law is not a license to discriminate.

"If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple, I wouldn't eat there anymore," he wrote.

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Gov. Mike Pence continues to defend religious freedom law
MSNBC – Michele Richinick

The controversial "religious freedom law" that Indiana's Republican Gov. Mike Pence passed last week is not discriminatory, he said Tuesday morning during a press conference. But, after a week of criticism for passing the measure, the governor thinks it would be helpful to clarify the measure.

"I want to clarify in the law that it doesn't give businesses the right to deny services to anyone," he said.

"This law does not give anyone a license to discriminate," he added. "It is simply a balancing test used by our federal courts and jurisdictions across the country."

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He asked for the General Assembly to present clarified legislation to him by Friday.

"We need to focus on this perception that this creates some license to discriminate, and that's what I'm calling on the Legislature to do," he said, adding that the measure has been "grossly miscategorized by advocates that oppose the bill" and "sloppy reporting" in the national media.

"This law has been smeared," he said.

Pence reportedly privately signed the contended bill last Thursday, surrounded by a group of anti-LGBT activists. He signed the measure amid intense criticism from residents, convention customers, tech leaders, and celebrities. The new law will prohibit a governmental entity from substantially burdening a person's religious beliefs, unless that entity can prove it's relying on the least restrictive means possible to further a compelling governmental interest. The bill was modeled off of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), which gained notoriety in the U.S. Supreme Court's controversial *Hobby Lobby* ruling last year.

After signing the bill last week, Pence said he approved the legislation because he supports "the freedom of religion for every Hoosier of every faith."

The law, he said on Tuesday, doesn't give businesses the right to deny services to anyone. Rather, the intent "was to give the courts in our state the highest level of scrutiny in cases where people feel that their religious liberty is being infringed upon by government action," he added.

Opponents warn the measure will sanction discrimination against LGBT people on religious grounds and cost the Hoosier State millions in tourism revenue. The bill has reverberated throughout the country. The mayors of Seattle and San Francisco have all but barred the use of public funds to travel to Indiana. The CEO of Angie's List, an online concierge to find companies to perform various household maintenance, has halted a planned expansion to its campus in Indianapolis.

Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy signed an executive order on Monday to ban state-backed travel to Indiana.

“The reality is, the governor’s not a stupid man, but he’s done stupid things. Signing this law, and quite frankly promoting this law knowing exactly what it was going to do, was an incredibly stupid thing for him to do,” Malloy said Tuesday on “Morning Joe.”

Democratic Rep. Greg Porter of Indiana on Tuesday said the law brings back images of people being denied service at local restaurants because of their skin color.

“These are sad times in the state of Indiana. At a time when we should be looking forward, we find our leaders determined to take us back to a time when discrimination was the order of the day,” he said.

Ex-NBA stars have put pressure on the NCAA to remove Indiana from the Final Four March Madness games. The NCAA final four basketball games are scheduled to be played in the shadow of the increasingly contentious civil rights fight.

Earlier on Tuesday, Fox News asked Pence if the law is discriminatory.

“It’s not. I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act last week because I support religious liberty,” he said during the interview. “Really, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is simply a framework for courts to balance the various interests of citizens in a way that respects our nation’s strong and longstanding commitment to the importance of religious liberty.”

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*The Indianapolis Star* newspaper published an editorial late Monday calling on Pence to address the backlash. “We urge Gov. Pence and lawmakers to stop clinging to arguments about whether RFRA really does what critics fear; to stop clinging to ideology or personal preferences; to focus instead on fixing this. Governor, Indiana is in a state of crisis. It is worse than you seem to understand. You must act with courage and wisdom. You must lead us forward now. You must ensure that all Hoosiers have strong protections against discrimination.”

“There is no license to discriminate in this law,” he told Fox on Tuesday. “For my part, I abhor discrimination, like every other Hoosier. I don’t think anyone should ever be mistreated because of who they are or who they love.”

Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma told msnbc’s Jose Diaz-Balart earlier on Tuesday morning that his state doesn’t discriminate.

“We’re simply going to fix the bill,” he said. “[The bill] doesn’t allow discrimination… mischaracterization has taken hold.”

*Emma Margolin contributed to this report.*

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Mike Pence Says Criticism of Indiana's Law Is a 'Smear.' But He'll 'Clarify' It Anyway.

National Journal – Nora Kelly

March 31, 2015 "It's been a tough week here in the Hoosier state."
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence—the target of much public criticism for his signing of Indiana's new "religious freedom" law—opened his press conference Tuesday morning with a meditation on how hurt his state has been by the "mischaracterization" of the new law, and how he hopes Indiana legislators will correct the record with amendments.

"I am calling on the General Assembly to send me a bill that focuses on the issue here—that focuses on the smear that's been leveled against the law and against the people of Indiana," Pence said. "And that is that, somehow through our legislative process, we enacted legislation that created a license to discriminate."

It's been less than one week since the Republican governor signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which supporters say protects people, businesses, and organizations from being forced to act against their religious beliefs. But local and national opponents of the law claim the language tacitly permits discrimination of LGBT individuals on religious grounds.

"I don't support discrimination against gays or lesbians or anyone else. I abhor discrimination. I want to say this: No one should be harassed or mistreated because of who they are, what they love, or what they believe," Pence said Tuesday. "I believe it with all my heart."

Pence, saying that he represents the tolerance of Hoosiers, praised Martin Luther King Jr. and talked about how proud he was to walk with Rep. John Lewis across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on the 45th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. "This issue of discrimination has been an anthem through my life," he said.

Indiana state legislators said this week they'll seek to "clarify" that the law doesn't allow discrimination. Pence said additional legislation now being worked through by state lawmakers will correct the "perception problem" surrounding the law.

"It would be helpful to move legislation this week to clarify that this doesn't give businesses the right to deny services to anyone," Pence said, including gays and lesbians.

The specific language of the changes, Pence said, is still being worked out.

When asked if his state should introduce legislation that would specifically protect people from discrimination due to sexual orientation, Pence said he's never supported that idea, and he feels it's a completely separate issue from the debate over the new law.

Pence made connections between his state's law and religious freedom laws at the federal level and in 30 other jurisdictions across the country. Though Pence treated the laws as equals, there are key differences between Indiana's law and some of the others. For one,, the Indiana law places for-profit businesses on par with individuals and other organizations as having a right to express their religious convictions. For another, the statute can be used as protection against a lawsuit brought by a private citizen, not just one brought by the government.

"I thought it was an appropriate addition to Indiana's statutes," Pence said, describing how the bill moved through the legislative process with little controversy until last week.

Pence blamed the public outcry on misinterpretation of the law and "sloppy reporting" by the national media, especially in the controversy's early days.

Which isn't to say that his state media was particularly friendly: On Tuesday, *The Indianapolis Star* ran a front-page editorial calling on Pence and the legislature to "Fix This Now."

The governor published an op-ed Tuesday in *The Wall Street Journal* describing how the intent of the legislation was make sure religious freedom is respected in Indiana and to "apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty."

Echoing comments he made Tuesday morning on *Fox & Friends*, Pence said at the press conference that he doesn't regret signing the bill.
"I was pleased to have signed it, and I stand by the law," Pence said.

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Pence defends Indiana law, says state will 'fix' religious bill to say it will not allow discrimination
Washington Post – Mark Berman

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) vowed Tuesday morning that the state would alter a religious liberties bill that has drawn widespread criticism, even as he defended the law and insisted it was being unfairly portrayed in the media.

Pence urged lawmakers to pass legislation making it clear "that this law does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone."

"We need to focus specifically on this perception that this creates some license to discriminate," he said at a news conference in Indianapolis.

The change is a "clarification, but it's also a fix," Pence said of the update he hopes to see in the bill, which has been pilloried as anti-gay and has prompted business leaders and organizations across the country to question the law.

While Pence promised that the bill would be updated, he did not support a repeal of the legislation, nor did he say that language would be added explicitly protecting gay or transgender people. He also spent a significant portion of the news conference defending the bill and criticizing the media, insisting that the current legislation did not allow for discrimination.

"This law has been smeared," he said.

Rather than saying that the bill would be changed because it was problematic, he instead said that Indiana had to act because the state now has a "perception problem."

The bill has been heavily criticized by business leaders like Tim Cook, chief executive of Apple, as well as the NCAA, the powerful collegiate sports organization that is headquartered in Indianapolis and is having the men's basketball Final Four there this weekend. Mark Emmert, president of the NCAA, said Monday that if the law was not changed, the organization could reconsider whether to host future events in the state.

"People don't want this," Adam Talbot of the Human Rights Campaign said Monday of this legislation and a similar bill being considered in Arkansas. "People don't need this. People think it's dangerous."

Nine chief executives of Indiana companies signed a letter Monday calling on Pence to update the law, saying that they were concerned about "the impact it is having on our employees and on the reputation of our state."

The Indianapolis Star, in an editorial that ran on the front page of Tuesday's newspaper, said that the law "has already done enormous harm to our state and potentially our economic future."

Pence said he was proud to sign the act last week and stood by it, saying that the law is "about religious liberty, not about discrimination."

"This legislation was designed to ensure the vitality of religious liberty in the Hoosier state," he said. He added: "This law does not give anyone a license to discriminate."

Still, Pence admitted Tuesday that he was "taken aback" by the way the story erupted into a national firestorm, pointing to similar (but different) laws that had been passed across the country and by then-President Bill Clinton in 1993.

"Was I expecting this kind of backlash? Heavens no," he said.

As he has in recent days, Pence lashed out at what he called "sloppy" media reporting that he said mischaracterized the bill, decrying what he called a perception that the bill allows for discrimination. He called this "baseless," but he also said that the state needs to make it clear that businesses will not be allowed to deny services.

"Early on, there was some really reckless and irresponsible reporting about this," he said, adding later: "The perception of this has, you know, gone far afield from what the law really is."

A day earlier, Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma (R) said the legislature could act as soon as this week to “clarify” the state’s new Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which grants individuals and businesses legal grounds to defend themselves against claims of discrimination. The fix, Bosma said, would make clear that the law does not allow people to discriminate against gays, as critics contend.

“It’s been a tough week for the Hoosier state, but we’re going to move forward,” Pence said Tuesday.

Pence said he had spoken to business leaders and organizations about the bill, though he did not go into detail about what these conversations had entailed. “Clearly, there’s been misunderstanding and confusion and mischaracterization of this law,” he said.

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Mike Pence: 'Was I expecting this kind of backlash? Heavens no.'
CNN – Eric Bradner & Jeremy Diamond

***(CNN)***Gov. Mike Pence pledged Tuesday to "fix" Indiana's controversial religious freedom law to clarify that it does not allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

But he insisted the problem isn't the law itself but how it's being perceived, saying a fix is needed only because of "frankly, the smear that's been leveled against this law." And he said the fix won't involve statewide anti-discrimination protections for LGBT Hoosiers.

The first-term Republican governor sought to tamp down the backlash Indiana has faced since he signed the law -- which its in-state supporters had claimed would allow businesses to turn away LGBT customers -- last week. He said he's asking state lawmakers to send him a followup measure before this week's end to ensure that's not the case.

"It would be helpful to move legislation this week that makes it clear that this law does not give businesses a right to deny services to anyone," Pence said in a press conference in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

Pence's comments come amid intense criticism from major corporations like Apple, Walmart and tech giant Salesforce against Indiana's law and similar measures advancing in at least a dozen other states this year. The NCAA, which is set to host its men's basketball Final Four in Indianapolis, has said it could move events elsewhere in the future.

Republican contenders for the party's 2016 presidential nomination, meanwhile, have rallied to Pence's defense. Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and several other likely candidates said Monday evening that they support religious freedom laws.

The debate touched a raw nerve in Indiana, which is just a year away from an emotional battle over a Republican-driven proposal to amend the state's constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

Just months before the Supreme Court is set to rule on whether same-sex marriage is legal everywhere in the United States, the religious freedom debate has offered a look at the next front in America's culture clashes -- and the cross-currents facing the Republican Party, with social conservatives seeing religious freedom laws as sturdier ground and the typically pro-GOP business community and younger voters seeing those measures as veiled efforts at discrimination.

"Was I expecting this kind of backlash? Heavens no," Pence admitted Tuesday.

He'd waffled in recent days over whether or not he would support a legislative fix to the law before finally announcing that he wanted one -- but he didn't say what that fix would be.

Potentially complicating his effort to quell the criticism, Pence said he opposes adding sexual orientation to the list of Indiana's protected categories under state anti-discrimination law.

Democrats who'd seen their proposals to do just that rejected by the legislature in recent months said only a solution along those lines would suffice.

"You have to take affirmative action -- you can't just tinker with this language," state Senate Democratic leader Tim Lanane said.

Pence's statement came a day after Indiana's top state legislators announced they were working on a legislative fix to clarify the intent of the law and following an intense backlash against the law, especially from the business community in Indiana and across the country.

Pence and other Indiana Republicans have repeatedly insisted that the law was never intended to allow discrimination against anyone and have charged that, even in its current form, the law could not be used as a legal defense to discriminate against someone on the basis of sexual orientation.

Instead, Pence and his GOP allies have accused the media and opponents of the law of mischaracterizing the law and spreading misinformation. But opposition to the law was swift and broad-sweeping, with large organizations and top companies ranging from the NCAA to Apple and Salesforce raising red flags over the law.

The state's House speaker, Brian Bosma, said he "didn't see that [reaction] coming" in the Monday press conference announcing work on a legislative fix.

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Pence, the Indiana Republican who has been floated as a potential 2016 presidential candidate, again repeated that he is unflinchingly opposed to discrimination.

He also noted that he joined civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis in a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when hundreds of activists fighting for civil rights for African-Americans were brutally assaulted by police officers.

Pence did get some beefy backup from the field of potential 2016 presidential contenders as former Gov. Jeb Bush, Sen. Marco Rubio, Gov. Bobby Jindal and others, including the only declared 2016 presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, rushing to defend the Indiana law.

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**STATEWIDE**

Pence wants fix for ‘religious freedom’ law by end of week
NWI Times – Dan Carden

INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence requested Tuesday that the General Assembly send him legislation by the end of the week clarifying that Indiana's "religious freedom" law is not discriminatory.

At the same time, the Republican said he still does not support adding sexual orientation as a protected class under Indiana's civil rights laws, and he rejected calls to repeal Senate Enrolled Act 101, also known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"This law does not give anyone a license to deny services to gay and lesbian couples," Pence said. "This law does not give anyone a license to discriminate."

Pence said he worked late into the night Monday with leaders of the Republican-controlled House and Senate crafting language they hope will fix what he described as "smears" against Indiana coming from national media and Internet commenters.

"The gross mischaracterizations about this bill early on, and some of the reckless reporting by some in the media about what this bill is all about, was deeply disappointing to me," Pence said.

"If I read some of that stuff about this bill, I would have had the same concerns that millions of Hoosiers have had and millions across the country."

But, Pence insisted, the new law -- which is similar to statutes in 19 other states, including Illinois, and the 1993 federal "religious freedom" law -- simply sets the standard Indiana courts must use in determining whether government action infringes on religious liberty.

"I don't believe for a minute that it was the intention of the General Assembly to create a license to discriminate or a right to deny services to gays, lesbians or anyone else in the state," Pence said. "And that certainly wasn't my intent."

Pence emphasized that he "abhors" discrimination of every kind, and mentioned civil rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and U.S. Rep. John Lewis, R-Ga., are among his heroes.

"No one should be harassed or mistreated because of who they are, who they love or what they do," Pence said. "I believe that with all my heart."

Legislative leaders have yet to detail the specifics of any plan to clarify the law, or when the House and Senate might act on it.

No "religious freedom" fix was debated or voted on Tuesday.

The General Assembly next meets Thursday, but lawmakers then leave town until April 7 due to the NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament taking over their Indianapolis hotel rooms. The Legislature adjourns for the year April 29.

Pence said he does not believe the fix requires adding sexual orientation to Indiana's civil rights laws -- which would bar discrimination against gays in hiring, housing and other matters, in addition to public accommodations -- but refused to say that he would veto such a proposal if it made it to his desk.

"I've never supported that, and I want to be clear -- it's not on my agenda," Pence said. "But I do believe moving legislation this week that would make it clear this law does not give businesses a right to deny services to anyone would be appropriate."

Democratic leaders proclaimed only repeal of the "religious freedom" statute and passage of a law explicitly protecting gays from all forms of discrimination can undo the worldwide damage to Indiana's reputation.

"If the state of Indiana does not believe in discrimination, then let's put it in law and make a statement," said Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane, D-Anderson.

House Democratic Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, suggested Pence perhaps doesn't yet realize how truly horrible the reaction to the law has been for the state, especially since the governor is blaming the media instead of accepting that most Hoosiers don't share his 1950s vision for Indiana.

Pelath added that leaders of major corporations, such as Apple which has condemned the law, don't take their cues from the nightly news.

"I don't like running into my friends from Michigan and my friends from Illinois and the first thing out of their mouths is, "What are you doing in Indiana?'" Pelath said. "We have a national and international problem that requires a bold response in reaction to a major mistake."

There is precedent for the Democrats' proposal. Illinois revised its 1998 "religious freedom" law in 2013 to add civil rights protections for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender residents.

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Pence wants General Assembly to move this week to clarify "religious freedom" law
Evansville Courier & Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Mike Pence is calling on the General Assembly to send him a fix this week for the state's controversial "religious freedom" law that would make it clear the law does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone.

"We want to make it clear that Indiana is open for business," Pence said at a Tuesday press conference where the Republican governor offered insight into how he wants the law clarified.

As of Tuesday afternoon, proposed language by Republican legislative leadership to clarify the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act was still in the works. The law has become a topic of mounting criticism nationwide over fears it could be used to discriminate against gays and lesbians.

House Speaker Brian Bosma said lawmakers are working with the corporate and sports communities on language and said it's the goal to send Pence a clarification by week's end.

"We have to have consensus on language," said Bosma, noting the proposal has to go through a lot of hands.

Lawmakers also are exploring adding a preamble to give context as well.

"I think we all want to bring the misconception that now appears to be nearly factual nationally to a prompt close," Bosma said, "and we're united on that. I think the approach we're still discussing."

On Monday, Bosma said talk has centered on clarifying that the state's new law can't be used to deny services, facilities or goods to any member of the public.

Meanwhile, Democrats continued calls for the law's repeal following Pence's press conference.

Senate Democratic Leader Tim Lanane said he was disappointed by Pence's reaction. Democrats also have called for adding protections for sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's Civil Rights Law.

“What has happened here this situation created by this bill has gone from beyond just being about the bill and about whether or not the bill has a license to discriminate to the very question does Indiana discriminate,” Lanane said. “We know Indiana, the people of Indiana do not discriminate we need to put that into law – we need to make a bold statement.”

Pence acknowledged the week had been tough as Indiana came under the “harsh glare” of criticism from around the country, but said the state was going to “move forward.”

Pence said he would have vetoed the bill if he felt it would have legalized discrimination and that the law had been “grossly mischaracterized.”

“This law does not give anyone a license to deny services to gay or lesbian couples,” Pence said.

When asked if he’d support sexual orientation being a protected class in the state, Pence said he’s never supported that addition.

“It’s not on my agenda, but I think it’s a completely separate question,” Pence said.

Movement to clarify the law comes after Indiana has faced intense scrutiny over its passage. Organizations, including the NCAA, said the law could cause them to rethink holding events in Indiana in the future. Several mayors and governors from across the country have canceled publicly-funded travel to the state, and university and business officials expressed concern about the harm they believe the law has caused to the state’s reputation.

The law is a state-level version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by U.S. President Bill Clinton in 1993. Supporters say the law will better protect Hoosiers in state court if government intrudes on their ability to exercise their religion by adopting a judicial standard like the federal law. But opponents argue it could lead to Hoosiers denying services to others, especially gays and lesbians, on the basis of Indiana having such a law.

The law asserts a person’s right to practice their religion without a substantial burden by government. It also requires government to demonstrate a compelling interest to restrict religious expression.

Critics say Indiana's version is broader than comparable laws.

Proponents of the law say Indiana is adopting protections for "religious freedom" that have been on the federal books for more than 20 years and what some 30 other states have either by law or court decision.

However, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said Pence has "tried to falsely suggest" that the law is the same as the federal version, but he noted the law applies not just to individuals but businesses such as a partnership, a limited liability company and a corporation. Earnest said the law also applies to private transactions.

"So, this obviously is a significant expansion of the laws – of the law in terms of the way that it would apply. It leaves open the question what sort of religious views a joint stock company may hold, but that may be something for lawyers to ponder," Earnest said.

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Pence Seeks RFRA Followup Making Clear Indiana Does Not Discriminate
WIBC – Eric Berman

*Governor wants bill by end of week, but legislative calendar an obstacle.*
Governor Pence is calling on legislators to pass a clarification to Indiana's new Religious Freedom Restoration Act by the end of the week.

Pence echoed legislative leaders in declaring the controversial law does not and should not allow discrimination or denial of service, to gays and lesbians or anyone else. And he conceded he should have said so when asked Sunday in an appearance on ABC's "This Week" -- he says he was focused at the time on "setting the record straight" about what the law does do.

As he has since signing the law last week, Pence criticized "reckless" mischaracterization of the law by opponents and national media as a license to discriminate. The governor calls that a "smear" against the state, but says the perception of discrimination requires a legislative fix.

It's not only opponents who have contended the law would allow businesses to turn away gays and lesbians. The conservative group Advance America, which led the push for the law, celebrated the bill's signing on its website and in emails by proclaiming it would do exactly that. Pence declined to criticize the group directly, but repeatedly declared in a news conference that Indiana will not tolerate discrimination.

Pence wants a follow-up bill explicitly prohibiting denial of service or other discrimination. But he says he and legislators are still working on specific wording. And he notes it's ultimately up to the courts to balance state interests against religious beliefs, on a case-by-case basis. He says the law, like the 1993

federal version and similar laws in 19 other states, is designed to give judges guidance on the legal test that applies. The law prohibits "substantially burdening" religious beliefs unless the government can show a "compelling state interest" to do so.

Pence repeated earlier declarations to national media that he "abhors" discrimination. He recalled crossing Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge as a congressman in 2010 alongside Georgia Representative John Lewis, who was badly beaten during the original Selma protest march 45 years earlier.

House and Senate Democrats' leaders say they agree with Pence that Indiana does not discriminate. But Senate Minority Leader Tim Lanane contends merely saying so is no longer good enough. Democrats say only a full repeal of the law can restore Indiana's reputation.

House Minority Leader Scott Pelath charges Pence has recognized political peril to his governorship and Republican legislative majorities, but hasn't fully grasped the potential damage to the state. He says the governor "has moved from denial to bargaining."

Gay-rights groups, including Freedom Indiana and Lambda Legal, have called for an anti-discrimination statement similar to what Pence and Republican leaders have indicated, but coupled with the addition of sexual orientation to protected classes under Indiana civil rights law. Pence says that's a separate issue, and "not on (his) agenda."

The governor also won't say whether the followup bill will clarify the status of local ordinances in Indianapolis and other cities which offer such protections. Opponents charge the RFRA law overrides those ordinances, while supporters say they're misreading the law. Pence says his sole focus is on making clear that discrimination won't be tolerated.

Pelath and Lanane endorse the call to add gays and lesbians to the civil rights law, but they say it should be in addition to repeal of RFRA, not instead of. Lanane says Democrats would "take a look at" the proposal. But he says he has doubts about the religious-freedom bill even if protections for gays and lesbians were ironclad. He questions whether the law and its federal and state counterparts adequately define what constitutes religious belief. And he objects to Indiana's inclusion of protections for businesses, along the lines of last year's Hobby Lobby decision from the Supreme Court.

With the wording of the followup bill still undetermined, Pence's goal of passing a fix by the end of the week appears unlikely. Legislators' only remaining session day this week is Thursday -- it would require a two-thirds vote in both houses to suspend normal procedures and pass the bill in a single day. Calling the House and Senate into session Wednesday would conflict with committee hearings on other bills. And legislators had already announced a four-day Easter weekend, because out-of-town legislators are losing their hotel rooms to Final Four visitors.

Pelath and Lanane say unless Republicans change their mind and endorse repeal, the process shouldn't be rushed. Pelath says the followup bill needs careful review to ensure it doesn't have to be fixed a second time.

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White House disputes Pence's description of RFRA

Maureen Groppe

WASHINGTON – White House spokesman Josh Earnest on Tuesday disputed Gov. Mike Pence's claim that Indiana's controversial new law protecting religious freedom is similar to the federal protections signed into law by President Bill Clinton more than two decades ago.

Both laws say there has to be a compelling government interest to burden someone's guarantee under the First Amendment to freely exercise his or her religion.

But Earnest said that while the 1993 law was an effort to protect religious minorities from actions taken by the federal government, Indiana's law is much broader.

Indiana allows the law to be invoked in disputes between private parties, instead of only those involving a government entity. And it applies to more types of businesses than just the family-owned companies the Supreme Court recently ruled are covered under the federal version.

"Which means that this is a much more open-ended piece of legislation that could reasonably be used to try to justify discriminating against somebody because of who they love," Earnest said in his daily briefing with reporters.

Pence has said the law was not intended to allow businesses to discriminate against gays and lesbians in providing services. But some backers of the bill have said it's needed to protect businesses that don't want to provide services such as photography or flowers for wedding ceremonies of same-sex couples.

Pence on Tuesday called on lawmakers to pass legislation clarifying the law, but it's still unclear how it would be changed.

Earnest said the public outcry in response to the law "is indicative of how this piece of legislation flies in the face of the kinds of values that people all across the country strongly support."

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Pence wants changes to religious freedom law
FW Journal Gazette

INDIANAPOLIS -- Gov. Mike Pence said Tuesday lawmakers need to send him a fix to the controversial religious freedom law by the end of the week to address a misperception that is damaging Indiana.

"We will fix this and we will move forward. That's what Hoosiers do," he told a throng of state and national media. "I don't support discrimination against gays or lesbians or anyone else."

He stood behind signing the law last week but said it needs to be clear that it can't be used to deny services to anyone.

The language under consideration would say a person or business cannot use Indiana's religious freedom act as a defense for denying services, goods or facilities to anyone. But that would not provide protection against discrimination based on employment and housing.

A key advocate of the bill, meanwhile, sent an email to supporters warning of attempts to alter the law, which takes effect July 1.

"Because of this deluge of intolerance against Hoosiers of all faiths by liberal elites from outside our borders, Indiana House and Senate members are under intense pressure to water down and even roll back these 1st Amendment protections before the ink can even dry on the new law," the Indiana Family Institute said.

Senate Bill 101 provides a legal framework for judges to use when deciding conflicts between religious liberty and government regulation.
Indiana doesn't have statewide protections for gays and lesbians, but a handful of cities have local human rights ordinances that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodations. Many feel the new law would supersede those ordinances.

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Indiana Democrats repeat call for RFRA repeal
Indystar – Tony Cook

Indiana's Democrats on Tuesday said Republican Gov. Mike Pence has to take quick action and ditch the "religious freedom" law to undo the damage the measure has caused to the state's reputation.

House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said at a news conference that the remedy has to be clear, decisive and understandable and the fastest way to do that is to repeal the law. He said to push for anything less than a repeal would be incorrect.

Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said the reaction over the law has mushroomed, going from does the law discriminate to does Indiana discriminate?

Instead of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Lanane, the Senate Minority Leader, said that because of the backlash, the state now needs an "Indiana Reputation Restoration Act."

Lanane also said the state should take the opportunity now to make it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation. Adding such protections would be an acceptable compromise, he said.

The Democrats made their remarks in response to Pence's news conference Tuesday where he said he wanted a quick amendment to RFRA to make it clear that the law does not discriminate and that businesses should not be allowed to deny services to anyone.

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Gov. Mike Pence: Change RFRA law to make it clear discrimination won't be allowed
IndyStar – Tim Evans

Embattled Indiana Gov. Mike Pence attempted again Tuesday morning to "clarify" the state's controversial new "religious freedom" law.

Pence said it has been a tough week and said "we've got a perception problem" that needs to be fixed.

Pence said he concluded that it is necessary to move legislation to amend the law to make it clear that it does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone. He said he wanted legislation on his desk by the end of the week to accomplish that.

The governor also said:

-- There's been misunderstanding and confusion and mischaracterization about the potential impact of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

-- This legislation was intended to ensure the vitality of religious liberty in this state.

-- He has been working around the clock, talking to people around the state and nation, and "we've been listening."

He stressed that RFRA was about "religious liberty, not discrimination" and emphasized that the law does not give anyone the right to turn away customers on religious grounds.

"This law does not give anyone the right to discriminate...This law does not give anyone the right to deny services," he said.

When asked whether Christian businesses should be compelled to supply services to gay and lesbian weddings, Pence answered: "I don't support discrimination against anyone."

"I don't support discrimination against gays and lesbians or anyone else. I abhor discrimination."

However, Pence again said that adding protections for gays and lesbians is not on his agenda.

Pence also said he found "deeply offensive" the criticisms lodged against Indiana and its residents after the passage of the law last week. He blamed the national media and critics partly for those perceptions and any damage that may have done to the state's reputation.

"We want to make it clear that Hoosier Hospitality is not a slogan, it's our way of life," he said.

"Hoosiers are a loving, kind, generous, decent and kind people," Pence said.

Pence said he will work with the Indiana legislature this week to make the changes he is seeking to the RFRA law.

"We will fix this and we will move forward," he said.

Since Pence signed the law on Thursday, he has faced a barrage of criticism from top business executives, celebrities and civil rights groups who fear the law would allow discrimination against gays and lesbians. He attempted to "clarify" the law on national television Sunday, but was widely derided for repeatedly refusing to answer a yes-or-no question regarding whether the law would allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Pence acknowledged Tuesday that he had done not a good job of explaining the law.

Supporters have said the law is necessary to protect religious freedoms from government intrusion. Opponents say it will give businesses the right to deny services to customers on religious grounds.

*Star reporters Tony Cook and Tom LoBianco contributed to this story.*

This story will be updated.

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**NATIONAL**
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence Says Religious Freedom Law Doesn't OK Discrimination

NBC News

Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana said on Tuesday that he hopes to sign legislation by the end of this week making it clear that his state's controversial religious freedom law does not give businesses the right to deny service to anyone.

Pence, a Republican, said that it was a "smear" to suggest that the law, as written, justifies discrimination.

"Had this law been about legalizing discrimination, I would have vetoed it," he told reporters in Indianapolis.

But he cited the "harsh glare" of national criticism of the law, which opponents say could be used to justify anti-gay discrimination. That outcry has included objections from the NCAA, corporate leaders and other public figures.

Asked whether he would support a state law barring discrimination outright against gays, the governor said: "I've never supported that. I want to be clear. It's not on my agenda. But I think it's a completely separate question."

Republicans who control the state Legislature said on Monday that they would work quickly to clarify the law, and they insisted that it was not meant to sanction discrimination.

Those Republicans said they were motivated in part by Pence's performance Sunday on the ABC program "This Week." He sidestepped repeated questions about whether the law legalized discrimination against gays in Indiana.

Pence published an Op-Ed in The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday saying that the law is not a license to discriminate.

"If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple, I wouldn't eat there anymore," he wrote.

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Gov. Mike Pence continues to defend religious freedom law
MSNBC – Michele Richinick

The controversial “religious freedom law” that Indiana’s Republican Gov. Mike Pence passed last week is not discriminatory, he said Tuesday morning during a press conference. But, after a week of criticism for passing the measure, the governor thinks it would be helpful to clarify the measure.

“I want to clarify in the law that it doesn’t give businesses the right to deny services to anyone,” he said.

“This law does not give anyone a license to discriminate,” he added. “It is simply a balancing test used by our federal courts and jurisdictions across the country.”

COLUMN: George Takei: Boycott Indiana

He asked for the General Assembly to present clarified legislation to him by Friday.

“We need to focus on this perception that this creates some license to discriminate, and that’s what I’m calling on the Legislature to do,” he said, adding that the measure has been “grossly miscategorized by advocates that oppose the bill” and “sloppy reporting” in the national media.

“This law has been smeared,” he said.

Pence reportedly privately signed the contended bill last Thursday, surrounded by a group of anti-LGBT activists. He signed the measure amid intense criticism from residents, convention customers, tech

leaders, and celebrities. The new law will prohibit a governmental entity from substantially burdening a person's religious beliefs, unless that entity can prove it's relying on the least restrictive means possible to further a compelling governmental interest. The bill was modeled off of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), which gained notoriety in the U.S. Supreme Court's controversial *Hobby Lobby* ruling last year.

After signing the bill last week, Pence said he approved the legislation because he supports "the freedom of religion for every Hoosier of every faith."

The law, he said on Tuesday, doesn't give businesses the right to deny services to anyone. Rather, the intent "was to give the courts in our state the highest level of scrutiny in cases where people feel that their religious liberty is being infringed upon by government action," he added.

Opponents warn the measure will sanction discrimination against LGBT people on religious grounds and cost the Hoosier State millions in tourism revenue. The bill has reverberated throughout the country. The mayors of Seattle and San Francisco have all but barred the use of public funds to travel to Indiana. The CEO of Angie's List, an online concierge to find companies to perform various household maintenance, has halted a planned expansion to its campus in Indianapolis.

Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy signed an executive order on Monday to ban state-backed travel to Indiana.

"The reality is, the governor's not a stupid man, but he's done stupid things. Signing this law, and quite frankly promoting this law knowing exactly what it was going to do, was an incredibly stupid thing for him to do," Malloy said Tuesday on "Morning Joe."

Democratic Rep. Greg Porter of Indiana on Tuesday said the law brings back images of people being denied service at local restaurants because of their skin color.

"These are sad times in the state of Indiana. At a time when we should be looking forward, we find our leaders determined to take us back to a time when discrimination was the order of the day," he said.

Ex-NBA stars have put pressure on the NCAA to remove Indiana from the Final Four March Madness games. The NCAA final four basketball games are scheduled to be played in the shadow of the increasingly contentious civil rights fight.

Earlier on Tuesday, Fox News asked Pence if the law is discriminatory.

“It’s not. I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act last week because I support religious liberty,” he said during the interview. “Really, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is simply a framework for courts to balance the various interests of citizens in a way that respects our nation’s strong and longstanding commitment to the importance of religious liberty.”

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*The Indianapolis Star* newspaper published an editorial late Monday calling on Pence to address the backlash. “We urge Gov. Pence and lawmakers to stop clinging to arguments about whether RFRA really does what critics fear; to stop clinging to ideology or personal preferences; to focus instead on fixing this. Governor, Indiana is in a state of crisis. It is worse than you seem to understand. You must act with courage and wisdom. You must lead us forward now. You must ensure that all Hoosiers have strong protections against discrimination.”

“There is no license to discriminate in this law,” he told Fox on Tuesday. “For my part, I abhor discrimination, like every other Hoosier. I don’t think anyone should ever be mistreated because of who they are or who they love.”

Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma told msnbc’s Jose Diaz-Balart earlier on Tuesday morning that his state doesn’t discriminate.

“We’re simply going to fix the bill,” he said. “[The bill] doesn’t allow discrimination… mischaracterization has taken hold.”

*Emma Margolin contributed to this report.*

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Mike Pence Says Criticism of Indiana's Law Is a 'Smear.' But He'll 'Clarify' It Anyway.
National Journal – Nora Kelly

March 31, 2015 "It's been a tough week here in the Hoosier state."
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence—the target of much public criticism for his signing of Indiana's new "religious freedom" law—opened his press conference Tuesday morning with a meditation on how hurt his state has been by the "mischaracterization" of the new law, and how he hopes Indiana legislators will correct the record with amendments.

"I am calling on the General Assembly to send me a bill that focuses on the issue here—that focuses on the smear that's been leveled against the law and against the people of Indiana," Pence said. "And that

is that, somehow through our legislative process, we enacted legislation that created a license to discriminate."

It's been less than one week since the Republican governor signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which supporters say protects people, businesses, and organizations from being forced to act against their religious beliefs. But local and national opponents of the law claim the language tacitly permits discrimination of LGBT individuals on religious grounds.

"I don't support discrimination against gays or lesbians or anyone else. I abhor discrimination. I want to say this: No one should be harassed or mistreated because of who they are, what they love, or what they believe," Pence said Tuesday. "I believe it with all my heart."

Pence, saying that he represents the tolerance of Hoosiers, praised Martin Luther King Jr. and talked about how proud he was to walk with Rep. John Lewis across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on the 45th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. "This issue of discrimination has been an anthem through my life," he said.

Indiana state legislators said this week they'll seek to "clarify" that the law doesn't allow discrimination. Pence said additional legislation now being worked through by state lawmakers will correct the "perception problem" surrounding the law.

"It would be helpful to move legislation this week to clarify that this doesn't give businesses the right to deny services to anyone," Pence said, including gays and lesbians.

The specific language of the changes, Pence said, is still being worked out.

When asked if his state should introduce legislation that would specifically protect people from discrimination due to sexual orientation, Pence said he's never supported that idea, and he feels it's a completely separate issue from the debate over the new law.

Pence made connections between his state's law and religious freedom laws at the federal level and in 30 other jurisdictions across the country. Though Pence treated the laws as equals, there are key differences between Indiana's law and some of the others. For one,, the Indiana law places for-profit businesses on par with individuals and other organizations as having a right to express their religious convictions. For another, the statute can be used as protection against a lawsuit brought by a private citizen, not just one brought by the government.

"I thought it was an appropriate addition to Indiana's statutes," Pence said, describing how the bill moved through the legislative process with little controversy until last week.

Pence blamed the public outcry on misinterpretation of the law and "sloppy reporting" by the national media, especially in the controversy's early days.

Which isn't to say that his state media was particularly friendly: On Tuesday, *The Indianapolis Star* ran a front-page editorial calling on Pence and the legislature to "Fix This Now."

The governor published an op-ed Tuesday in *The Wall Street Journal* describing how the intent of the legislation was make sure religious freedom is respected in Indiana and to "apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty."

Echoing comments he made Tuesday morning on *Fox & Friends*, Pence said at the press conference that he doesn't regret signing the bill.
"I was pleased to have signed it, and I stand by the law," Pence said.

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Pence defends Indiana law, says state will 'fix' religious bill to say it will not allow discrimination
Washington Post – Mark Berman

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) vowed Tuesday morning that the state would alter a religious liberties bill that has drawn widespread criticism, even as he defended the law and insisted it was being unfairly portrayed in the media.

Pence urged lawmakers to pass legislation making it clear "that this law does not give businesses the right to deny services to anyone."

"We need to focus specifically on this perception that this creates some license to discriminate," he said at a news conference in Indianapolis.

The change is a "clarification, but it's also a fix," Pence said of the update he hopes to see in the bill, which has been pilloried as anti-gay and has prompted business leaders and organizations across the country to question the law.

While Pence promised that the bill would be updated, he did not support a repeal of the legislation, nor did he say that language would be added explicitly protecting gay or transgender people. He also spent a significant portion of the news conference defending the bill and criticizing the media, insisting that the current legislation did not allow for discrimination.

“This law has been smeared,” he said.

Rather than saying that the bill would be changed because it was problematic, he instead said that Indiana had to act because the state now has a “perception problem.”

The bill has been heavily criticized by business leaders like Tim Cook, chief executive of Apple, as well as the NCAA, the powerful collegiate sports organization that is headquartered in Indianapolis and is having the men’s basketball Final Four there this weekend. Mark Emmert, president of the NCAA, said Monday that if the law was not changed, the organization could reconsider whether to host future events in the state.

“People don’t want this,” Adam Talbot of the Human Rights Campaign said Monday of this legislation and a similar bill being considered in Arkansas. “People don’t need this. People think it’s dangerous.”

Nine chief executives of Indiana companies signed a letter Monday calling on Pence to update the law, saying that they were concerned about “the impact it is having on our employees and on the reputation of our state.”

The Indianapolis Star, in an editorial that ran on the front page of Tuesday’s newspaper, said that the law “has already done enormous harm to our state and potentially our economic future.”

Pence said he was proud to sign the act last week and stood by it, saying that the law is “about religious liberty, not about discrimination.”

“This legislation was designed to ensure the vitality of religious liberty in the Hoosier state,” he said. He added: “This law does not give anyone a license to discriminate.”

Still, Pence admitted Tuesday that he was “taken aback” by the way the story erupted into a national firestorm, pointing to similar (but different) laws that had been passed across the country and by then-President Bill Clinton in 1993.

“Was I expecting this kind of backlash? Heavens no,” he said.

As he has in recent days, Pence lashed out at what he called “sloppy” media reporting that he said mischaracterized the bill, decrying what he called a perception that the bill allows for discrimination. He called this “baseless,” but he also said that the state needs to make it clear that businesses will not be allowed to deny services.

“Early on, there was some really reckless and irresponsible reporting about this,” he said, adding later: “The perception of this has, you know, gone far afield from what the law really is.”

A day earlier, Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma (R) said the legislature could act as soon as this week to “clarify” the state’s new Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which grants individuals and businesses legal grounds to defend themselves against claims of discrimination. The fix, Bosma said, would make clear that the law does not allow people to discriminate against gays, as critics contend.

“It’s been a tough week for the Hoosier state, but we’re going to move forward,” Pence said Tuesday.

Pence said he had spoken to business leaders and organizations about the bill, though he did not go into detail about what these conversations had entailed. “Clearly, there’s been misunderstanding and confusion and mischaracterization of this law,” he said.

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Mike Pence: 'Was I expecting this kind of backlash? Heavens no.'
CNN – Eric Bradner & Jeremy Diamond

**(CNN)**Gov. Mike Pence pledged Tuesday to "fix" Indiana's controversial religious freedom law to clarify that it does not allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

But he insisted the problem isn't the law itself but how it's being perceived, saying a fix is needed only because of "frankly, the smear that's been leveled against this law." And he said the fix won't involve statewide anti-discrimination protections for LGBT Hoosiers.

The first-term Republican governor sought to tamp down the backlash Indiana has faced since he signed the law -- which its in-state supporters had claimed would allow businesses to turn away LGBT

customers -- last week. He said he's asking state lawmakers to send him a followup measure before this week's end to ensure that's not the case.

"It would be helpful to move legislation this week that makes it clear that this law does not give businesses a right to deny services to anyone," Pence said in a press conference in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

Pence's comments come amid intense criticism from major corporations like Apple, Walmart and tech giant Salesforce against Indiana's law and similar measures advancing in at least a dozen other states this year. The NCAA, which is set to host its men's basketball Final Four in Indianapolis, has said it could move events elsewhere in the future.

Republican contenders for the party's 2016 presidential nomination, meanwhile, have rallied to Pence's defense. Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and several other likely candidates said Monday evening that they support religious freedom laws.

The debate touched a raw nerve in Indiana, which is just a year away from an emotional battle over a Republican-driven proposal to amend the state's constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

Just months before the Supreme Court is set to rule on whether same-sex marriage is legal everywhere in the United States, the religious freedom debate has offered a look at the next front in America's culture clashes -- and the cross-currents facing the Republican Party, with social conservatives seeing religious freedom laws as sturdier ground and the typically pro-GOP business community and younger voters seeing those measures as veiled efforts at discrimination.

"Was I expecting this kind of backlash? Heavens no," Pence admitted Tuesday.

He'd waffled in recent days over whether or not he would support a legislative fix to the law before finally announcing that he wanted one -- but he didn't say what that fix would be.

Potentially complicating his effort to quell the criticism, Pence said he opposes adding sexual orientation to the list of Indiana's protected categories under state anti-discrimination law.

Democrats who'd seen their proposals to do just that rejected by the legislature in recent months said only a solution along those lines would suffice.

"You have to take affirmative action -- you can't just tinker with this language," state Senate Democratic leader Tim Lanane said.

Pence's statement came a day after Indiana's top state legislators announced they were working on a legislative fix to clarify the intent of the law and following an intense backlash against the law, especially from the business community in Indiana and across the country.

Pence and other Indiana Republicans have repeatedly insisted that the law was never intended to allow discrimination against anyone and have charged that, even in its current form, the law could not be used as a legal defense to discriminate against someone on the basis of sexual orientation.

Instead, Pence and his GOP allies have accused the media and opponents of the law of mischaracterizing the law and spreading misinformation. But opposition to the law was swift and broad-sweeping, with

large organizations and top companies ranging from the NCAA to Apple and Salesforce raising red flags over the law.

The state's House speaker, Brian Bosma, said he "didn't see that [reaction] coming" in the Monday press conference announcing work on a legislative fix.

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Pence, the Indiana Republican who has been floated as a potential 2016 presidential candidate, again repeated that he is unflinchingly opposed to discrimination.

He also noted that he joined civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis in a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when hundreds of activists fighting for civil rights for African-Americans were brutally assaulted by police officers.

Pence did get some beefy backup from the field of potential 2016 presidential contenders as former Gov. Jeb Bush, Sen. Marco Rubio, Gov. Bobby Jindal and others, including the only declared 2016 presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, rushing to defend the Indiana law.

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**From:** Curt Smith <curtsmith2@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:12 PM
**To:** Mike Pence;James Atterholt;Atterholt, Jim;Crabtree, Chris;Christopher Crabtree
**Subject:** Fwd: Possible wording...hopefully unneeded

Team Pence

Our brain trust offers the following two suggestions. We like no. 2 better as we want to preserve as much freedom for as many as possible. I am still intrigued by Executive Order, even with its limitations.

Curt

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> If we must have a "clarification" ADF recommends one of the following (we believe pro-religious freedom conservatives could support this...we like #2 better but both are good):
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> 1. The Indiana General Assembly hereby declares today the dignity of every person to be of the utmost priority, and recognizes that part of respecting every citizen is to respect their freedom to live according to their beliefs without government intrusion unless the intrusion is in the furtherance of a compelling government interest, and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest.
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> 2. Since the 1997 Supreme Court decision in City of Boerne v. Florence, many states have enacted statutes similar to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, 42 U.S.B. Section 2000bb, including: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia. The past two decades, in the cases that have been brought involving these states, and Federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, demonstrate that these laws should not be used as a license to harm others, but instead provide a reasonable check on unreasonably coercive government action. It is the intent of the Indiana Legislature to provide it's citizens with the same protection under state law other states have, as well as the same protections that citizens have enjoyed under federal law.
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**From:** Cleveland, Bridget
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:36 PM
**To:** 'Mike'
**Cc:** Brooks, Kara D;Hodgin, Stephanie;Atterholt, Jim;Pavlik, Jennifer L;Norton, Erin (Ladd);Crabtree, Chris;Bauer, Zachary C
**Subject:** REMINDER: 2:05 Radio via phone - Sean Hannity Show

2:05 – 2:15 p.m. EDT Radio – Sean Hannity Show
***Interview is pre-taped and will air between 4 and 6 today***
Re: RFRA

CALL: 212-[redacted]

*Bridget Cleveland*
Deputy Press Secretary
Office of Governor Mike Pence

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**From:** Ryan Streeter <ryantstreeter@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:36 PM
**To:** Denault, Christina
**Cc:** Mike;Pitcock, Josh;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Pavlik, Jennifer L;Atkins, Chris;Bill Smith (smith@sextonscreek.com);Crabtree, Chris;sje
**Subject:** Re: RFRA op-ed FINAL 3-30-15

More good stuff:
http://time.com/3764644/mike-pence-jeb-bush-indiana-gay-rights/?xid=tcoshare

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**Subject:** Re: RFRA op-ed FINAL 3-30-15

Making sure you all saw the Wall Street Journal's editorial to complement MRP's op-ed tomorrow: http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-new-intolerance-1427760183

On Mar 30, 2015, at 2:55 PM, Ryan Streeter <ryantstreeter@gmail.com> wrote:

My friend David Davenport at the Hoover Institution just sent this through. Use this in your outreach tomorrow. Good piece, helps reinforce the points you're making in the op-ed.

http://www.forbes.com/sites/daviddavenport/2015/03/30/bringing-a-little-clarity-to-indianas-march-religious-madness/?utm_source=followingimmediate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20150330

# Bringing A Little Sanity To Indiana's March (Religious) Madness

David Davenport
3/30/2015 @ 3:01PM

You would think the sky is falling in Indiana. Hundreds of protestors carried signs at the state capitol Saturday: "hate costs the state" and "liberty for all Hoosiers." The mayors of San Francisco and Seattle rushed to announce that city employees could not travel to Indiana on government money anymore. The new wise men of public policy—basketball analysts Charles Barkley and Reggie Miller and the Silicon Valley CEOs of

Apple, Salesforce and Yelp—all decried hate and discrimination in Indiana.

But wait. What really happened in Indiana? The state enacted a Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The U.S. Senate voted 97-3 for such a federal law in 1993 and President Clinton signed it. Forty percent (19) of states have such laws, and others are considering them. These laws—including Indiana's version—essentially do one thing: they set a legal standard in lawsuits where a defendant feels his or her religious freedom is being harmed by the application of a law or regulation. More specifically, these religious freedom laws require a showing that the government has a "compelling interest" in whatever regulation is in question and that it is meeting that interest in the "least restrictive way" to the individual's religious practice.

The words "gay" or "gay marriage" do not appear anywhere in the law. A classic case under the federal law was whether members of a New Mexico church might imbibe psychotropic tea as part of their religious ceremonies in the face of a law against such substances. The Supreme Court said that the state did not have a compelling interest in preventing that kind of private religious practice. Or in Minnesota where a court said that a law requiring vehicles including Amish buggies to use bright fluorescent lighting should have used an alternative less restrictive to Amish religious practice such as reflective tape or kerosene lanterns.

But, of course, the knee-jerk reaction is that this law was passed to allow Christians to discriminate against gays and gay marriage and it is therefore hateful, discriminatory and unacceptable. So far, however, no such bill has actually trumped local nondiscrimination laws, such as exist in Indianapolis and a dozen other Hoosier cities. And in both the states of Washington (where a florist refused to serve a gay wedding) and

Colorado (a baker did the same), courts have held that religious rights do not trump anti-discrimination laws against gays. Admittedly neither of these states had a religious freedom restoration law, but again that only provides a legal standard or balancing test, not necessarily implying any different outcome. How they are actually applied by courts vis-à-vis gay marriage is yet to be seen.

If the law on this is different than the protests suggest, so is the politics. The federal law was sponsored by then-Congressman Chuck Schumer, apparently in line to lead the Democrats in the U.S. Senate. And it was signed by Democrat Bill Clinton. Then state senator Barack Obama voted for Illinois' version of the bill. Of course this was before his views "evolved" but it at least suggests that historically these bills have not been about hate and discrimination.

In the current white-hot debates over gay marriage, I submit that what the Indiana and other bills actually do is help manage an important policy dilemma. As a society, do we value gay rights? Increasingly the answer is yes. Do we value religious freedom and practice? Historically the answer is yes. We value both, but they do not always live easily together. What this bill does is help courts manage the dilemma—while protecting against discrimination, also protecting religious rights where the state has no compelling interest in violating them or where alternative policies less restrictive to religious rights should be pursued.

In a sense, there's nothing to complain about in such a bill which sets up an appropriate constitutional balancing test. The proof of the test will be in its application in the courts, not in its enactment.

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**To:** Mike Pence
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim;Pitcock, Josh;Ahearn, Mark;McGrath, Danielle;Crabtree, Chris
**Subject:** Fwd: The New Intolerance - The Wall Street Journal.

Strong piece from WSJ.

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**Date:** March 30, 2015 at 9:42:49 PM EDT
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**Cc:** "Brooks, Kara D" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>
**Subject: RE: The New Intolerance - The Wall Street Journal.**

The New Intolerance
*Indiana isn't targeting gays. Liberals are targeting religion.*

In the increasingly bitter battle between religious liberty and the liberal political agenda, religion is losing. Witness the media and political wrath raining down upon Indiana because the state dared to pass an allegedly anti-gay Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The question fair-minded Americans should ask before casting the first stone is who is really being intolerant.

The Indiana law is a version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) that passed 97-3 in the Senate and that Bill Clinton signed in 1993. Both the federal and Indiana laws require courts to administer a balancing test when reviewing cases that implicate the free exercise of religion.

To wit: Individuals must show that their religious liberty has been "substantially burdened," and the government must demonstrate its actions represent the least restrictive means to achieve a "compelling" state interest. Indiana's law adds a provision that offers a potential religious defense in private disputes, but then four federal appellate circuits have also interpreted the federal statute to apply to private disputes.

The federal RFRA followed the Supreme Court's *Employment Division v. Smith* ruling in 1990 that abandoned its 30-year precedent of reviewing religious liberty cases under strict scrutiny. Congress responded with RFRA, which merely reasserted longstanding First Amendment protections.

In 1997 the Supreme Court limited RFRA's scope to federal actions. So 19 states including such cultural backwaters as Connecticut, Rhode Island and Illinois followed with copy-cat legislation, and Indiana is the 20th. Courts in 11 states have extended equally vigorous protections.

Indiana was an outlier before the new law because neither its laws nor courts unambiguously protected religious liberty. Amish horse-drawn buggies could be required to abide by local traffic regulations. Churches could be prohibited from

feeding the homeless under local sanitation codes. The state Attorney General even ruled Indiana Wesleyan University, a Christian college which hires on the basis of religion, ineligible for state workforce training grants.

In February, 16 prominent First Amendment scholars, some of whom support same-sex marriage, backed Indiana's legislation. "General protection for religious liberty is important precisely because it is impossible to legislate in advance for all the ways in which government might burden the free exercise of religion," they explained.

That hasn't stopped the cultural great and good from claiming Indiana added the religious defense in private disputes as a way to target gays. If this is Indiana's purpose, and there's no evidence it is, this is unlikely to work.

The claim is that this would empower, say, florists or wedding photographers to refuse to work a gay wedding on religious grounds. But under the RFRA test, such a commercial vendor would still have to prove that his religious convictions were substantially burdened.

And he would also come up against the reality that most courts have found that the government has a compelling interest in enforcing antidiscrimination laws. In all these states for two decades, no court we're aware of has granted such a religious accommodation to an antidiscrimination law. Restaurants and hotels that refused to host gay marriage parties would have a particularly high burden in overcoming public accommodation laws.

In any event, such disputes are rare to nonexistent, a tribute to the increasing tolerance of American society toward gays, lesbians, the transgendered, you name it.

The paradox is that even as America has become more tolerant of gays, many activists and liberals have become ever-more intolerant of anyone who might hold more traditional cultural or religious views. Thus a CEO was run out of Mozilla after it turned out that he had donated money to a California referendum opposing same-sex marriage.

Part of the new liberal intolerance is rooted in the identity politics that dominates today's Democratic Party. That's the only way to explain the born-again opportunism of Hillary Clinton, who tweeted: "Sad this new Indiana law can happen in America today. We shouldn't discriminate against ppl bc of who they love."

By that standard, Mrs. Clinton discriminated against gays because she opposed gay marriage until March 2013. But now she wants to be seen as leading the new culture war against the intolerant right whose views she recently held.

The same reversal of tolerance applies to religious liberty. When RFRA passed in 1993, liberal outfits like the ACLU were joined at the hip with the Christian Coalition. But now the ACLU is denouncing Indiana's law because it wants even the most devoutly held religious values to bow to its cultural agenda on gay marriage and abortion rights.

Liberals used to understand that RFRA, with its balancing test, was a good-faith effort to help society compromise on contentious moral disputes. That liberals are renouncing it 20 years after celebrating it says more about their new intolerance than about anyone in Indiana.

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 9:28 PM
**To:** Pitcock, Josh
**Cc:** Brooks, Kara D; Hodgin, Stephanie
**Subject:** Re: The New Intolerance - The Wall Street Journal.

Stephanie, can you send to me and I'll get to MRP. I'm at grocery store and only have phone, too.

Christy Denault

Communications Director
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**Subject:** Re: The New Intolerance - The Wall Street Journal.

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 6:03 PM
**To:** 'mpence1314@aol.com'
**Subject:** FW: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 6:02 PM
**To:** 'Bachelder, Kate'
**Subject:** FW: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

This is good. Thank you so much.
Can you please let us know when this will be posted online?
Thank you.

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**From:** Bachelder, Kate [mailto:Kate.Bachelder@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:54 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Thanks, Kara—please give this a very quick read to make sure we're all OK. Thanks again for all your quick work.

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Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA, which ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, the law has stirred a controversy and in recent days has been grossly misconstrued as a "license to discriminate."

I want to make clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the law is not a "license to discriminate," either in Indiana or elsewhere. In fact, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act reflects federal law, as well as law in 30 states nationwide. Indiana's legislation is about affording citizens full protection under Indiana law.

I abhor discrimination. I believe in the Golden Rule that you should "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple, I wouldn't eat there anymore. As governor of Indiana, if I were presented a bill that legalized discrimination against any person or group, I would not sign it. Indiana's new law contains no reference to sexual orientation. It simply mirrors federal law that President Bill Clinton signed in 1993.

As Prof. Daniel O. Conkle of Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, a supporter of gay rights, including same-sex marriage, wrote last week in the Indianapolis Star, "The proposed Indiana RFRA would provide valuable guidance to Indiana courts, directing them to balance religious freedom against competing interests under the same legal standard that applies throughout most of the land. It is anything but a 'license to discriminate,' and it should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis."

People have asked why this is necessary. After all, the U.S. Constitution and the Indiana Constitution provide strong recognition of freedom of religion. But RFRA is in many ways overdue in Indiana.

In 1990 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith* that the First Amendment's free exercise clause could not be raised as a defense to a generally applicable laws, even if the law infringed on a person's religious liberty. In response, Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993. This law limits federal government action that would infringe upon religion to only those acts that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion, absent a compelling governmental interest and in the least restrictive means.

For example, a public school in Texas in 2008 told a Native American kindergartner that he would have to cut his hair because of the school's grooming policies. But keeping his hair long was part of his religious practice, which allowed his parents to prevail in federal court under RFRA.

Many states have enacted RFRAs of their own; 19 states have passed such laws and 11 state courts have interpreted the law to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action. When President Obama was a state senator in Illinois, he supported Illinois's version of the law in 1998. Historically, this law has received wide bipartisan support.

But Indiana never passed such a law. Then in 2010 came the Affordable Care Act, which renewed concerns about government infringement on deeply held religious beliefs. Hobby Lobby and the University of Notre Dame both filed lawsuits challenging provisions that required the institutions to offer certain types of insurance coverage in violation of their religious views.

Last year the Supreme Court upheld religious liberty in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, based on the federal RFRA. With the Supreme Court's ruling, the need for a RFRA at the state level became more important, as the federal law does not apply to states. To ensure that religious liberty is fully protected under Indiana law, this year the General Assembly enshrined these principles in Indiana law. I fully supported that action.

Some express concern that Indiana's RFRA law would lead to discrimination, but RFRA only provides a mechanism to address claims, not a license for private parties to deny services. Even a claim involving private individuals under RFRA must show that one's religious beliefs were "substantially burdened" and not in service to a broader government interest—which preventing discrimination certainly is. The government has the explicit power under the law to step in and defend such interests.

As Thomas Jefferson noted, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of civil authority." I regret that false narratives and misrepresentations of the RFRA have taken hold.

The hospitality and character of Hoosiers are synonymous with everything that is good about America. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Indiana residents. With the passage of this legislation, Indiana will continue to be a place that respects the beliefs of every person in our state.

Mr. Pence, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.

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**From:** Bachelder, Kate
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:47 PM
**To:** 'Ahearn, Mark'; Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Can we be a little bit more specific?

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**From:** Ahearn, Mark [mailto:MAhearn@gov.IN.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:38 PM
**To:** Bachelder, Kate; Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Kate,
Calling shortly:

I think this language captures the matter:

"It is important to note that RFRA does not apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved. For those who would express concern that RFRA would lead to incidents of discrimination, it is important to recognize that RFRA only provides a mechanism to address claims, not a license to deny services between private parties. Even a claim by a private individual against another private individual under RFRA must allege a government action. If there is no government action, there is no RFRA claim."

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**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:16 PM
**To:** Ahearn, Mark; Brooks, Kara D
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Yes sir. Same number as before. 212.[redacted]

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**From:** Ahearn, Mark [mailto:MAhearn@gov.IN.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 5:15 PM
**To:** Bachelder, Kate; Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

May Kara and I call you in about 3 minutes?
Thank you

Mark

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**To:** Brooks, Kara D; Ahearn, Mark
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Hi there—
As I spoke with Kara about over the phone, we need something to address the concern that the individual defense clause makes the Indiana rfra bill different from those in other states/federal rfra. Could you add a sentence here elucidating? I'm not aware of a discrimination case that's been upheld, and there's still the substantial burden test, which might be worth pointing out? My editor simply feels we have to address this concern.

Some have claimed that since Indiana's RFRA law allows for an individual defense in cases that don't involved the government, say, a dispute between two private parties, that the bill condones discrimination. Not so. WHY??xxxxx For more than 20 years, the federal RFRA has never undermined federal antidiscrimination laws, and it won't in Indiana. I am currently working with leaders of the Indiana General Assembly to determine if there is a way to clarify the intent of the RFRA.

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**To:** Ahearn, Mark
**Cc:** Bachelder, Kate
**Subject:** Re: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Kate,
please confirm that you received this edit.

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On Mar 30, 2015, at 4:36 PM, "Ahearn, Mark" <MAhearn@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

> Kate,
> I think I see your point. But, Section 9 addresses whether the government is an actual party to the litigation, not whether the litigation is based on a government action. That is why the statute gives the government a chance to intervene (presumably to defend its ordinance or action) even if the governmental entity was not named as a party in the matter.
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> Kara,
> I don't see how that addresses the issue at hand.
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> **Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 4:29 PM
> **To:** Bachelder, Kate
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**Katie,**
**Here's our edit:**

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**For more than 20 years, the federal RFRA has never undermined federal antidiscrimination laws, and it won't in Indiana. I am currently working with leaders of the Indiana General Assembly to determine if there is a way to clarify the intent of the RFRA.**

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**To:** Brooks, Kara D
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Mucho thanks. Once we've ironed that out, we'll be ready to go.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 4:06 PM
**To:** Bachelder, Kate; Ahearn, Mark
**Subject:** RE: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Hi Kate,
We have received this email and we will respond soon.

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**To:** Ahearn, Mark
**Cc:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Hi—
Thanks for your changes. We're close, but one more issue here. We need to rework the sentence in the paragraph bolded below. Appellate circuits are split on whether RFRA creates an individual defense in the absence of government involvement and the Indiana rfra includes a section that explicitly does.

Could you suggest a change to reflect this? (language we're referring to is below.)

*Sec. 9. A person whose exercise of religion has been substantially burdened, or is likely to be substantially burdened, by a violation of this chapter may assert the violation or impending violation* ***as a claim or defense*** *in a judicial or administrative proceeding,* ***regardless of whether the state or any other governmental entity is a party to the proceeding****. If the* ***relevant governmental entity is not*** *a party to the proceeding, the****governmental entity has an unconditional right to intervene*** *in order to respond to the person's invocation of this chapter.*

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I want to make clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the law is not a "license to discriminate," either in Indiana or elsewhere. In fact, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act reflects federal law, as well as law in 30 states nationwide. Indiana's legislation is about affording citizens full protection under Indiana law.

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As Prof. Daniel O. Conkle of Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, a supporter of gay rights, including same-sex marriage, wrote last week in the Indianapolis Star, "The proposed Indiana RFRA would provide valuable guidance to Indiana courts, directing them to balance religious freedom against competing interests under the same legal standard that applies throughout most of the land. It is anything but a 'license to discriminate,' and it should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis."

People have asked why this is necessary. After all, the U.S. Constitution and the Indiana Constitution provide strong recognition of freedom of religion. But RFRA is in many ways overdue in Indiana.

In 1990 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith* that the First Amendment's free exercise clause could not be raised as a defense to a generally applicable laws, even if the law infringed on a person's religious liberty. In response, Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993. This law limits federal government action that would infringe upon religion to only those acts that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion, absent a compelling governmental interest and in the least restrictive means.

For example, a public school in Texas in 2008 told a Native American kindergartener that he would have to cut his hair because of the school's grooming policies. But keeping his hair long was part of his religious practice, which allowed his parents to prevail in federal court under RFRA.

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**It is important to note the Religious Freedom Restoration Act doesn't apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved. APPELLATE CIRCUITS ARE SPLIT ON THAT QUESTION & DOESN'T THE INDIANA BILL EXPLICITLY CREATE AN INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE?? For more than 20 years, the federal RFRA has never undermined federal antidiscrimination laws, and it won't in**

**Indiana. I am currently working with leaders of the Indiana General Assembly to determine if there is a way to clarify the intent of the RFRA.**

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Mr. Pence, a Republican, is the governor of Indiana.

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**From:** Ahearn, Mark [mailto:MAhearn@gov.IN.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:04 PM
**To:** Bachelder, Kate
**Cc:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** FW: RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

Kate,
As requested, attached are revisions and clarifications – red line version – from Kara Brooks.

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**From:** Pitcock, Josh [mailto:jpitcock@sso.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 2:58 PM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D; Ahearn, Mark; Craig, Lindsey M; Johnson, David (OSBI); Anderson, Christopher M
**Subject:** RFRA op-ed FINAL FINAL 3-30-15

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**Scott.A.Milkey**

**From:** Ryan Streeter <ryantstreeter@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:56 PM
**To:** Denault, Christina
**Cc:** Mike Pence;Pitcock, Josh;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Pavlik, Jennifer L;Atkins, Chris;Bill Smith;Crabtree, Chris;sje
**Subject:** Re: RFRA op-ed FINAL 3-30-15

My friend David Davenport at the Hoover Institution just sent this through. Use this in your outreach tomorrow. Good piece, helps reinforce the points you're making in the op-ed.

http://www.forbes.com/sites/daviddavenport/2015/03/30/bringing-a-little-clarity-to-indianas-march-religious-madness/?utm_source=followingimmediate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20150330

# Bringing A Little Sanity To Indiana's March (Religious) Madness

David Davenport
3/30/2015 @ 3:01PM

You would think the sky is falling in Indiana. Hundreds of protestors carried signs at the state capitol Saturday: "hate costs the state" and "liberty for all Hoosiers." The mayors of San Francisco and Seattle rushed to announce that city employees could not travel to Indiana on government money anymore. The new wise men of public policy—basketball analysts Charles Barkley and Reggie Miller and the Silicon Valley CEOs of Apple, Salesforce and Yelp—all decried hate and discrimination in Indiana.

But wait. What really happened in Indiana? The state enacted a Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The U.S. Senate voted 97-3 for such a federal law in 1993 and President Clinton signed it. Forty percent (19) of states have such laws, and others are considering them. These laws—including Indiana's version—essentially do one thing: they set a legal standard in lawsuits where a defendant feels his or her religious freedom is being harmed by the application of a

law or regulation. More specifically, these religious freedom laws require a showing that the government has a "compelling interest" in whatever regulation is in question and that it is meeting that interest in the "least restrictive way" to the individual's religious practice.

The words "gay" or "gay marriage" do not appear anywhere in the law. A classic case under the federal law was whether members of a New Mexico church might imbibe psychotropic tea as part of their religious ceremonies in the face of a law against such substances. The Supreme Court said that the state did not have a compelling interest in preventing that kind of private religious practice. Or in Minnesota where a court said that a law requiring vehicles including Amish buggies to use bright fluorescent lighting should have used an alternative less restrictive to Amish religious practice such as reflective tape or kerosene lanterns.

But, of course, the knee-jerk reaction is that this law was passed to allow Christians to discriminate against gays and gay marriage and it is therefore hateful, discriminatory and unacceptable. So far, however, no such bill has actually trumped local nondiscrimination laws, such as exist in Indianapolis and a dozen other Hoosier cities. And in both the states of Washington (where a florist refused to serve a gay wedding) and Colorado (a baker did the same), courts have held that religious rights do not trump anti-discrimination laws against gays. Admittedly neither of these states had a religious freedom restoration law, but again that only provides a legal standard or balancing test, not necessarily implying any different outcome. How they are actually applied by courts vis-à-vis gay marriage is yet to be seen.

If the law on this is different than the protests suggest, so is the politics. The federal law was sponsored by then-Congressman Chuck Schumer, apparently in line to lead the Democrats in the U.S. Senate. And it was signed by Democrat Bill Clinton. Then state senator Barack Obama voted for Illinois' version of the bill. Of course this was before his views "evolved" but it at least suggests that historically these bills have not been about hate and discrimination.

In the current white-hot debates over gay marriage, I submit that what the Indiana and other bills actually do is help manage an important policy dilemma. As a society, do we value gay rights? Increasingly the answer is yes. Do we value religious freedom and practice? Historically the answer is yes. We value both, but they do not always live easily together. What this bill does is help courts manage the dilemma—while protecting against discrimination, also protecting religious rights where the state has no compelling interest in violating them or where alternative policies less restrictive to religious rights should be pursued.

In a sense, there's nothing to complain about in such a bill which sets up an appropriate constitutional balancing test. The proof of the test will be in its application in the courts, not in its enactment.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 3:06 PM
**To:** MRP (mpence1314@aol.com);Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Denault, Christina;Craig, Lindsey M
**Subject:** FW: Purdue Statement - RFRA

Purdue statement. Daniels did not weigh-in on it but simply had the university reiterate their policy.

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**From:** Deborah Hohlt [mailto:debbie@[redacted]]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 2:51 PM
**Subject:** Purdue Statement - RFRA

## STATEMENT

March 30, 2015

Purdue issues statement regarding religious freedom restoration act

Purdue works hard every day to be an open and welcoming institution, and we stand by our university-wide policy on nondiscrimination, which prohibits "discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran."

We will continue our proactive and persistent efforts to ensure that all members of the University community feel welcome and supported.

While a longstanding Board of Trustees policy precludes Purdue taking institutional positions on matters such as the current controversy, we wish to take this opportunity to affirm our unwavering commitment to our principles and our opposition to any governmental measure that would interfere with their practice on our campuses.

— Office of the President,

Purdue University

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 2:23 PM
**To:** Ahearn, Mark;Pitcock, Josh;Mike
**Subject:** Fwd: WSJ, please confirm op-ed edits

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> **From:** "Bachelder, Kate" <Kate.Bachelder@wsj.com>
> **Date:** March 30, 2015 at 2:11:12 PM EDT
> **To:** "CDenault@gov.IN.gov" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>
> **Cc:** "kbrooks@gov.in.gov" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>
> **Subject: WSJ, please confirm op-ed edits**
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> Edited text below, with questions noted in CAPS. **Please mark all suggested changes in bold or using track changes, so I can be sure we're working with the same copy.**
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> We'll need to be ready by about **3:30 PM EST**. Please let me know when you've received my note; I'm happy to be of any assistance.
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> Thanks so much,
> Kate
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> Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA, which ensures that Indiana law will respect religious freedom and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, the law has stirred a controversy and in recent days has been grossly misconstrued as a "license to discriminate."
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**From:** Bachelder, Kate
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 1:54 PM
**To:** 'CDenault@gov.IN.gov'
**Cc:** 'kbrooks@gov.in.gov'
**Subject:** op-ed edits

Hi there,
In a few minutes I'm going to have edits/questions for you on Gov. Pence's op-ed. We'll need to move quickly, so I just wanted to get in touch with you both in advance. Thanks so much for your help & looking forward to working with you.

**Kate Bachelder**
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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Denault, Christina
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 1:24 PM
**To:** Mike
**Cc:** Pitcock, Josh;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Pavlik, Jennifer L;Ryan Streeter (ryantstreeter@gmail.com);Atkins, Chris;Bill Smith (smith@sextonscreek.com);Crabtree, Chris;sje
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**From:** Brooks, Kara D
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 12:49 PM
**To:** 'Lasswell, Mark'
**Subject:** RE: Gov. Pence

Hi Mark,
Below is the op-ed from Governor Pence. Please let me know when you plan to post it on-line. I will also forward the op-ed to you in Word in just a few minutes. Let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you.
Kara

Indiana is open for business. Our state is rightly celebrated for our pro-business environment, and we enjoy an international reputation for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance and kindness of our people. Hoosier hospitality is not a slogan, it is our way of life.

Last week I signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA") ensuring that the law in Indiana will respect freedom of religion and apply the highest level of scrutiny to any state or local governmental action that infringes on people's religious liberty. Unfortunately, in recent days the law has become the subject of controversy, resulting from a gross mischaracterization that it somehow is a "license to discriminate."

In the last few days I have been speaking to leaders in business, sports, tourism and other industries, and I want to make it clear to Hoosiers and every American that despite what critics and many in the national media have asserted, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is not a "license to discriminate" either in Indiana or across the country where it is federal law and the law in thirty other states. RFRA is about fully protecting religious liberty under Indiana law.

I abhor discrimination. Like most Hoosiers, I was raised to believe in the Golden Rule that you should "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If I saw a restaurant owner refuse to serve a gay couple I wouldn't eat there anymore. As governor of the state of Indiana, if I was presented a bill that legalized discrimination against any person, I would never sign it. Indiana's new law contains no reference to sexual orientation. It simply mirrors the judicial review standards that President Bill Clinton signed and are reflected in the laws of some thirty other states.

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Many people have asked me why this is necessary now. They recognize that the Constitution of the United States and the Indiana Constitution both provide strong recognition of the freedom of religion and question why a law could be needed in addition to the Constitution. RFRA is needed and in many ways overdue in Indiana.

At the federal level, in 1990 the Supreme Court issued a ruling that reduced the level of scrutiny courts could apply when someone thought the government had taken an action that infringed on their religious liberty. In the years following that decision, Congress responded and passed, and President Clinton signed, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act. This law limits federal government action that would infringe upon religion to only those acts that did not substantially burden free exercise of religion absent a compelling governmental interest and in the least restrictive means.

Many states followed with RFRAs of their own, including nineteen that passed state RFRAs and eleven whose courts interpreted their laws to provide a heightened standard for reviewing government action. When President Obama was

a state Senator in Illinois, he supported Illinois's version of the law. Historically, this law has received wide bipartisan support.

But for one reason or another Indiana did not pass one right away and a period of years passed. Then came the Affordable Care Act, which renewed concerns by many about the government infringing on deeply held religious beliefs. Litigation was filed by Hobby Lobby and the University of Notre Dame challenging provisions that required them to offer certain types of insurance coverage in violation of their religious views. Last year the Supreme Court of the United States upheld religious liberty in the Hobby Lobby case based on the federal RFRA.

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**From:** Lasswell, Mark [mailto:Mark.Lasswell@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:10 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Subject:** RE: Gov. Pence

Thanks, Kara, as you're probably aware, I've been in touch with Christina Denault. My hope is to run the piece in tomorrow's paper, online later today, and having it sooner rather than later will be helpful, but we don't commit to running op-eds until we've been able to read them.

Best,
Mark

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**From:** Brooks, Kara D [mailto:kbrooks@gov.in.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:06 AM

**To:** Lasswell, Mark
**Subject:** Gov. Pence
**Importance:** High

Hi Mark,
Governor Pence is writing an op-ed to clarify the Religious Freedom Restoration Act law and would like for it to appear in tomorrow's newspaper and of course, you could post online today as well. I expect to send you the op-ed in the next hour. Please confirm.
Thank you.

**Kara Brooks**
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**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Atkins, Chris
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 12:08 PM
**To:** Mike Pence;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Pitcock, Josh
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI [Tweets] RFRA and HIV outbreak

Wait doesn't Connecticut have RFRA?

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Cleveland, Bridget"
Date:03/30/2015 8:38 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Denault, Christina" ,"Brooks, Kara D" ,"Hodgin, Stephanie" ,"Ahearn, Mark" ,"Atterholt, Jim" ,"Espich, Jeff" ,"Simcox, Stephen" ,"Crabtree, Chris" ,"Atkins, Chris" ,"Pitcock, Josh" ,"Keefer, Sean (GOV)" ,"McGrath, Danielle" ,"Brookes, Brady" ,"Pavlik, Jennifer L" ,"Craig, Lindsey M" ,"Neale, Brian S"
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1. **Governor Dan Malloy** @GovMalloyOffice 46m46 minutes ago
   Because of Indiana's new law, later today I will sign an Executive Order regarding state-funded travel. -DM
1. **Abdul-Hakim Shabazz** @AttyAbdul 4m4 minutes ago
2. Jesse Jackson says he will boycott coming to Indy and the Final Four because of #RFRA. Hmm, maybe it's not all bad after all.
1. **Katie Heinz** @katieheinz6 10m10 minutes ago
   .@RahmEmanuel: "I urge you to look next door to an economy that is moving into the 21st century" with diversity, business climate. @rtv6
1. **Joseph Paul** @JosephPaulJC 26m26 minutes ago
   #Purdue University spokesperson: President Daniels will not comment on #RFRA. 3 Indiana univ. presidents have issued statements @jconline
1. **Brian Howey** @hwypol 4m4 minutes ago
   National press has descended on Indiana Statehouse. The Indiana brand is in for an unprecedented and rigorous week.

1. **Maureen Hayden** @MaureenHayden 7m7 minutes ago
   Why docs alarmed: IU HIV expert identifies HALF of IN's counties as at risk for #HIV outbreaks due to high hepatitis C rates @JeromeAdamsMD
1. **Maureen Hayden** @MaureenHayden 10m10 minutes ago
   Despite @GovPenceIN veto threat, House committee passes measure to expand needle exchange in at-risk HIV counties.@JeromeAdamsMD #HIV
1. **Maureen Hayden** @MaureenHayden 17m17 minutes ago
   IN House Public Health Comm. getting "Pence treatment" from Gov's rep on why he opposes needle exchange: Can't get a straight answer.#HIV
1. **Maureen Hayden** @MaureenHayden 21m21 minutes ago
   Question to @JeromeAdamsMD: As state's leading public health officer, do you support needle exchange in high-risk HIV/Hep C communities?

1. **Maureen Hayden** @MaureenHayden 23m23 minutes ago
   Docs dealing w/HIV crisis support what Gov Pence opposes: letting health experts implement needle exchange before crisis hits.@JeromeAdamsMD
1. **Shari Rudavsky** @srudavsky 25m25 minutes ago
2. Gov. still opposes needle exchange as anti drug policy but we're moving in right direction, @StateHealthIN rep says at house hearing.
3.
4. **Maureen Hayden** @MaureenHayden 26m26 minutes ago
   On IN's HIV crisis: Dept of Health staffer says Gov Pence still vehemently opposes needle exchange for other at-risk counties @JeromeAdamsMD

*Bridget Cleveland*
Deputy Press Secretary
Office of Governor Mike Pence



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**From:** Ryan Streeter <ryantstreeter@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:25 AM
**To:** Pitcock, Josh
**Cc:** Mike Pence;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Pavlik, Jennifer L;Denault, Christina;Atkins, Chris;Bill Smith;Crabtree, Chris
**Subject:** UVA prof

You've probably all seen this but in case not….a UVA law professor who supports marriage equality supports IN RFRA:

http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/uva-law-prof-who-supports-gay-marriage-explains-why-he-supports-indianas-religious-freedom-law_902928.html

To add to Conkle in talking points...

**Scott.A.Milkey**

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**From:** Atkins, Chris
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 9:59 AM
**To:** Mike Pence;Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Pitcock, Josh
**Subject:** Great article on IN RFRA discussion

http://thefederalist.com/2015/03/30/your-questions-on-indianas-religious-freedom-bill-answered/

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Tablet

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**From:** Pavlik, Jennifer L
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2015 7:47 PM
**To:** Atterholt, Jim
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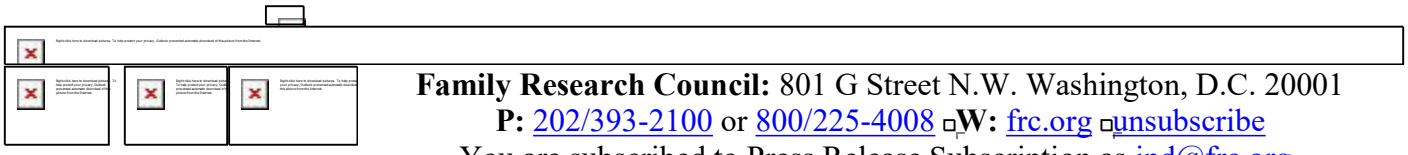
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"This morning Governor Mike Pence defended religious freedom; the ability to not only hold beliefs, but live by those beliefs. What is unfolding in Indiana reveals the source of true intolerance; those who want the government to punish people for freely living according to their beliefs.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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Evansville Courier & Press
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**AROUND INDIANA**
Ivy Tech trustees pass resolution in support of downtown med school
Evansville Courier & Press
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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.

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**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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**From:** Mike <mpence1314@aol.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:24 AM
**To:** Pavlik, Jennifer L
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim;Ahearn, Mark;Norton, Erin (Ladd);Brown, Hannah;Bauer, Zachary C;Crabtree, Chris;Denault, Christina;Czarniecki, Cary (Lani)
**Subject:** Re: I'm alive!

Jennifer
Karen and I are so relieved that you are feeling better!

I'm glad to hear you got the strength to catch up a little bit from home but please feel no obligation to come in before the first of the week. In fact- as your long time employer- I will insist that you take the balance of the week to rest and refresh I recover....!
;)

Erin and the team have done a nice job picking up the slack this week and .....as I will not be in on Friday....there is really no need for you to come in tomorrow.

Give yourself Time to recover and we will pray for you to be back to hundred and 110% by Monday!

Every blessing,
Mike and Karen
Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 12, 2015, at 8:55 AM, "Pavlik, Jennifer L" <JPavlik@gov.IN.gov> wrote:
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> After four days of feeling run over by a semi I woke to feeling like a
> somewhat normal person today. That said I am not 100% and do not want to get anyone sick. I am going to continue to rest this morning then if up to it try and dig out of email debt this afternoon from home. Thanks for all your prayers and thanks to everyone for pitching in, not being at work was just as stressful as being there :) I should be back I hope tomorrow.
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**From:** Mike <mpence1314@aol.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:09 AM
**To:** Pavlik, Jennifer L
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim;Norton, Erin (Ladd);Karen Pence
**Subject:** Re: Sick kid and mommy

No apology necessary Jenn
Take all the time you need to get well

Everything is under control

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 10, 2015, at 9:00 AM, "Pavlik, Jennifer L" <JPavlik@gov.IN.gov> wrote:
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Mar 9, 2015, at 10:20 AM, Mike <mpence1314@aol.com> wrote:
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>> Jen, sorry to bother you at home when you are not well. Please take good care and we will pray for you and Brooks to feel better. Get well soon. Mike
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:01 AM
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**From:** Cleveland, Bridget
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:59 AM
**To:** 'Mike'
**Cc:** Denault, Christina
**Subject:** RE: Morning Clips-March 5, 2015

Yes sir. Will do. We can pull a round of clips of last night's coverage and send those around this morning.

Thank you,
Bridget

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**From:** Mike [mailto:mpence1314@aol.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:58 AM
**To:** Cleveland, Bridget
**Cc:** Denault, Christina
**Subject:** Re: Morning Clips-March 5, 2015

Bridget
Could you ask Katie to make sure we check south bend media for daily clips?

It occurs to me that we are not checking southbend clips since there are no clips of last nights event and it is covered extensively on television and newspaper up there. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2015, at 8:46 AM, "Gilson, Katie" <KGilson@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

**GOVERNOR**
Pence makes multiple board, commission appointments
Inside Indiana Business
Governor Mike Pence recently named appointees to multiple boards and commissions.

Pence options with Supreme Obamacare decision
Washington Herald
CHARLESTON, S.C. - Last Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on King v. Burwell that could determine the fate of Obamacare. The law's survival could come down to the vote of Hoosier-bred Chief Justice John G. Roberts…Into this scenario walks presidentially ambitious Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a vociferous opponent of Obamacare, who repeatedly urges its repeal. Pence will make a decision following the Indiana General Assembly session on whether to seek reelection, or take a shot at a wide-open Republican nomination. The Supreme Court decision will be announced in June, which would be several weeks after Pence makes his political decision. Part of that decision could be based on issues that will propel the eventual nominee. And it is in the health care debate the first-term Hoosier governor has a fascinating set of talking points.

**LEGISLATURE**
Indiana Senate panel set to begin state budget work
NWI Times
The Indiana Senate is set to take its turn at working on the state's new two-year budget.

Faiths divided over Indiana's 'religious freedom' bill
Indy Star

For a Southern Baptist pastor bound to his Bible, the legal protections around religious freedom do not go far enough. Without further safeguarding, he fears he could be forced to wed a gay couple against his beliefs.

State appeals ruling blocking fenced hunting preserve rules
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Indiana attorney general's office is appealing a court ruling that state wildlife officials overstepped their authority in trying to shut down Indiana's high-fenced deer-hunting preserves.

Senate panel to consider banning plastic beads in soaps
NWI Times
An Indiana Senate committee is set to consider a bill that would ban the sale and manufacture of soaps and cosmetics containing plastic particles that environmentalists say are polluting water resources.

E-Liquids regulation bill nears state OK
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
State lawmakers are nearing first-time regulations for the growing trend of vaping, and the industry isn't too happy about it.

Senate panel considers 'right to try' trial drugs bill
Evansville Courier & Press
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Proposed teacher tax credit now in Indiana Senate
Evansville Courier & Press
A tax credit to help educators who use personal money to purchase classroom supplies is making its way through the General Assembly.
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**STATE AGENCIES**
Lawmakers honor Umbarger for 45 years of Indiana National Guard service
Evansville Courier & Press
Lawmakers recognized Adjutant General Martin Umbarger for his 45 years of service to the Indiana National Guard, describing him as a devoted and caring leader.

Indiana BMV suit on overcharges heads to mediation
Indy Star
A second class-action lawsuit alleging the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles overcharged Hoosier motorists millions of dollars is headed toward mediation.

Companies adding jobs in central Indiana
Inside Indiana Business
Three companies today announced new investment across central Indiana expected to create a combined 59 new jobs over the next few years.

**AROUND INDIANA**
'Father Ted' memorialized at funeral Mass
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, who transformed the University of Notre Dame into an academic power during his more than three decades as president, was memorialized Wednesday as a world leader in social issues but whose main goal was helping people connect with God.

Donors Push EDC Campaign close to Target
Inside Indiana Business
The Whitley County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) announced today key community supporters have stepped forward to commit two-thirds of the funding sought in its "Start Where You Are" investment campaign to continue the organization's economic development initiatives.

**JOBS/ECONOMY**
Strong local economy driving real estate sectors
Indianapolis Business Journal
Indianapolis' strong economy is helping drive the growth of most local real estate sectors to heights that outpace the city's Midwestern counterparts, a panel of commercial real estate experts said Wednesday.
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Officials to Cut Ribbon on Fort Wayne Center
Inside Indiana Business
Nearly seven months after Gov. Mike Pence joined executives from Lutheran Health Network and other local and state leaders to announce plans for an expansion of Shared Services Center Fort Wayne, almost a third of the 320 new jobs have already been filled.

Social media company lands funding, targets talent
Inside Indiana Business
Geofeedia, the pioneer in location-based social media intelligence, today announced the closing of a $3 million series A4 financing. Hyde Park Venture Partners led the financing round with follow-on participation from Tim Kopp, former CMO of ExactTarget; David Gupta, founder and CEO of SDI Enterprises; and Gene Delaney, former president at Motorola. The financing brings the company's total funding to $6.8 million and will enable Geofeedia to hire key talent, to invest in marketing, and to expand into additional vertical segments.

**EDITORIAL**
Tully: On pot, partnership goes up in smoke
Indy Star
Finally, we have something Democrats and Republicans agree on. At least young ones.

Overturning ACA counters conservative goal
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
If the Supreme Court rules against the government in the latest challenge to Obamacare, conservatives will have done more than undercut the Affordable Care Act. They will also have crippled a cause they have long supported: weakening the link between health insurance and employment.

At war over wages
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
In a session quickly marked by unexpected and divisive issues, a bid to repeal common construction wage stands out. The interest in pushing the measure through before the 2016 election is obvious, but the lack of concern for another hit on Indiana paychecks is puzzling.

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**Senate panel considers 'right-to-try' trial drugs bill**
An Indiana Senate committee is considering a bill that would give terminally ill patients easier access to experimental drugs that have not received full federal approval.
Senate health committee members heard testimony Wednesday about the measure. It would allow patients to opt in for experimental drug treatments that have passed at least Phase-1 of the Federal Drug Administration's approval process.
The "right to try" legislation passed through the state House last month.

Supporters say it would shorten the time patients wait for potentially life-saving drugs. No one spoke in opposition at the hearing, but lawmakers raised several questions, including how drug usage would be tracked and monitored.
Committee Chairwoman Patricia Miller, an Indianapolis Republican, decided not to hold a vote until next week so that changes can be made.

**Proposed teacher tax credit now in Indiana Senate**
Chelsea Schneider
3:50 PM, Mar 4, 2015
A tax credit to help educators who use personal money to purchase classroom supplies is making its way through the General Assembly.
A proposal, which already cleared the House and is now in the Senate, provides for as much as $200 per year in income tax credits for teachers to help offset the purchase of supplies that benefit students.
The bill's author, state Rep. Ben Smaltz, an Auburn Republican, said the proposal is "one small step" in helping attract the best and brightest teachers to work in Indiana's classrooms.
Smaltz told a Senate committee on Wednesday that teachers don't go into the field for money. They do it to help students learn, he said.
"They don't make a lot of money doing that. They go into it knowing they won't make a lot of money," Smaltz said.
John Barnes, a representative with the Indiana Department of Education, spoke in support of the legislation and recalled purchasing items, such as tissues, hand sanitizer and pencils, in his 33 years as a school teacher before working for the state.
"This is an awesome gesture and recognition of the fact they make that kind of sacrifice and put themselves into doing what they do every day," Barnes said.
More than 65,000 teachers spent an average of $250 apiece on classroom supplies in 2012, according to a fiscal analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency. However, the analysis also found about 60,000 teachers used an expense deduction in 2011, with the average claim amount at $950.
Along with classroom teachers, superintendents, principals and guidance counselors are eligible for the tax credit, Smaltz said.
The proposal passed the House unanimously in February, and now needs to pass the Senate before it can head to Gov. Mike Pence's desk for consideration.
House Republicans made the proposal part of their legislative priorities for this year, and say the credit is a way to support funding that goes directly to the classroom.

**Strong local economy driving real estate sectors**
March 4, 2015
Scott Olson
Indianapolis' strong economy is helping drive the growth of most local real estate sectors to heights that outpace the city's Midwestern counterparts, a panel of commercial real estate experts said Wednesday.
Leaders of the local office of the Chicago-based global real estate services firm DTZ (formerly Cassidy Turley) delivered the optimistic message at the company's annual State of Real Estate outlook.
The city last year ranked 35th in job growth out of roughly 280 metropolitan areas, while lowering its unemployment rate to about 5 percent, DTZ chief economist Kevin Thorpe said.
Ticking through the office, industrial and multifamily sectors, Thorpe described industrial as "on fire" while noting the more than 17 million square feet of space absorbed in the market in recent years.
"You're one of the few markets that absorbed space during the recession," Thorpe said. "It's because you're in the middle of the country. You have a great advantage there."
The job growth also is helping drive the huge surge in downtown apartment construction, as millennials enter the rental market. The number of apartment units (4,200) that came on line last

year downtown equaled the entire amount built throughout the rest of the metro area.
Another 4,000 units downtown are expected to be ready for occupancy this year. The building boom should last for another five to seven years, Thorpe predicted.
Though the downtown population is growing, the office market so far is failing to keep pace. The vacancy rate stands at an alarming 24 percent, mostly driven by disappointing occupancy in traditional towers, said Jon Owens, a DTZ managing director and office broker.
“But I’m optimistic about downtown,” he said. “It’s undergoing rapid change, a renaissance.”
More than half of the city's office towers were built before 1980 and still sport outdated interior designs that need to come out of the “dark ages,” Owens said.
Building owners are beginning to remodel common areas to help attract tenants, who in turn need more modern workspaces to recruit millennials.
White Plains, N.Y.-based True North Management Group, the owner of the troubled BMO Plaza, has added a trendy-looking tenant lounge. And the new owner of Market Tower, Chicago-based Zeller Realty, is embarking on a multi-million-dollar renovation of the building’s atrium, Owens said.
Just as the office market is changing, the retail sector is, too, shifting to make shopping experiences more experiential, said Jacque Haynes, a DTZ senior vice president and retail broker.
The change is driven by the recovering economy and the influence of millennials and their shopping demands and interests.
It’s occurring at high-end luxury malls where retailers like Tesla, Apple and Microsoft are tenants, Haynes said.
Despite the perception that millennials prefer to shop online, statistics show they actually enjoy visiting malls. That’s driving online retailers such as Amazon to open outlets. The company opened its first ever staffed store in February at Purdue University.

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**From:** Rose Thomas <tomrose@[redacted]>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:54 AM
**To:** Brooks, Kara D
**Cc:** Denault, Christina;Pence Mike
**Subject:** Re: Governor Pence Statement Regarding Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's Speech Before Joint Session of Congress

perfect— i look forward to hearing Scott Walker repeating this message verbatim

On Mar 3, 2015, at 10:49, Brooks, Kara D <kbrooks@gov.in.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Tom.
Here's what we sent out.

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**From:** Govcomm [mailto:govcomm-bounces@lists.in.gov] **On Behalf Of** Cleveland, Bridget
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:35 AM
**Subject:** [Govcomm] Governor Pence Statement Regarding Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's Speech Before Joint Session of Congress

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 3, 2015

Contact: Kara Brooks
kbrooks@gov.in.gov

**Governor Pence Statement Regarding Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's Speech Before Joint Session of Congress**

*Urges Indiana Delegation to Attend the Speech*

Indianapolis – Governor Mike Pence today issued the following statement regarding Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's speech before a joint session of Congress.

"As Governor of Indiana, I offer a warm welcome to Prime Minister Netanyahu as he speaks before a joint session of Congress today and encourage every member of the Indiana delegation to attend the address in order to demonstrate the continued bipartisan support for the U.S.-Israel relationship. The unfortunate talk of a boycott of the Prime Minister's speech only plays into the hands of Israel's enemies when this historic moment gives us the opportunity to demonstrate the deep and bipartisan support of the American people for the State of Israel."

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**From:** Pitcock, Josh <jpitcock@sso.org>
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 10:36 AM
**To:** MRP (mpence1314@aol.com)
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim;Neale, Brian S;Seema Verma (sverma@svcinc.org)
**Subject:** Phil Gramm nails it in WSJ on King v Burwell

# A Simple Cure for ObamaCare: Freedom

## The GOP needs a politically defensible alternative if the Supreme Court overturns federal-exchange subsidies.

By **PHIL GRAMM**
Feb. 23, 2015 6:26 p.m. ET

On March 4 the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in King v. Burwell, with a decision expected in late June. If the court strikes down the payment of government subsidies to those who bought health insurance on the federal exchange, Republicans will at last have a real opportunity to amend ObamaCare. Doing so, however, will be politically perilous.

The language of the Affordable Care Act states that subsidies should only be paid through state exchanges. The bill's authors perhaps believed that pressure from citizens and the health-care providers who would benefit would entice states to set up exchanges. But, faced with mounting technical problems in setting up the exchanges, the Obama administration decided—legally or illegally—to allow subsidies to be paid through a federally run exchange. Therefore, political pressure that might have convinced states to set up exchanges never developed.

The political pressures to set up state exchanges if federal subsidies are now struck down will be enormous. The Kaiser Family Foundation used Congressional Budget Office data to estimate that 13 million people will receive subsidies in 2016 through the federal exchange. If the Supreme Court strikes down these subsidies, 13 million people would lose an average of $4,700 a year, and health-care providers would certainly fight to protect some $60 billion a year in subsidies.

The president's most likely response to an adverse court decision would be to refuse to work with Congress to fix ObamaCare. Instead he will likely mount an effort to force the 37 states now using the federal exchange to set up state exchanges to qualify for the subsidies. His administration could make it easy for states to continue to use the federal exchange while nominally taking ownership through a shell state entity. Ten states already have some form of partnership with the federal exchange.

Absent a strong Republican alternative, the president's strategy would unleash powerful political pressure on Republican governors and legislators and force them to establish state exchanges. Such a result would saddle Republicans with a partial ownership of ObamaCare, alienating their political base and producing substantial fallout in the 2016 elections.

Republicans need a strategy that is easy to understand, broadly popular and difficult to oppose. It must unite Republicans and divide congressional Democrats, while empowering Republican governors and legislators to resist administration pressure. I believe that strategy is what I would call "the freedom option." Every American should have the right to decide not to participate in ObamaCare: If you like ObamaCare and its subsidies, you can keep it. If you don't, you are free to buy the health insurance that fits your needs.

The freedom option would fulfill the commitment the president made over and over again about ObamaCare: If you like your health insurance you can keep it. If Republicans crafted a simple bill that guarantees the right of individuals and businesses to opt out of ObamaCare, buy the health insurance they choose from any willing seller (with risk pools completely separate from ObamaCare), millions of Americans would rejoice and exercise this freedom. Such a proposal would be easy for Republicans to articulate and defend. And it would be very difficult for Democrats to attack.

Of all potential Republican proposals, the freedom option seems the most likely to garner the six Democratic votes in the Senate needed to break a filibuster, pass the bill and put it on the president's desk. If the freedom option were combined with a provision that allowed federal-exchange subsidies or state actions setting up state exchanges, existing providers and recipients of subsidies would not be threatened.

The opposition would come solely from those who understand that ObamaCare is built on coercion—and that unless young, healthy Americans are forced into the program to be exploited with above-market insurance rates, the subsidies will prove unaffordable. That will be an exceedingly difficult case to make to the public.

By extinguishing coercion, the freedom option would put ObamaCare on the path to extinction. Without the ability to exploit the young and healthy, the Affordable Care Act will collapse under its own funding weight, all but guaranteeing a 2017 revision of the entire law.

Whether in large states like Florida and Texas—with 2.5 million and 1.7 million people receiving subsidies through the federal exchange, respectively—or in small states like North Dakota and Iowa—with 26,000 and 70,000 recipients—Republican governors should have the political high ground in demanding that their citizens be given the right to opt out of ObamaCare.

Restoring this freedom would be what Republicans demand for setting up state exchanges or supporting the restoration of federal-exchange subsidies. Public opinion would strongly favor the Republican position and put pressure on the Obama administration to relent.

Adopting the freedom option will require a level of discipline that Republicans have yet to show in this Congress. It is imperative that the message not be muddled with other amendments that Democrats and Mr. Obama could use as an excuse for opposing it. The leadership that will be required in this effort will test the courage of a Republican congressional majority and Republican governors across the country; victory will require a determination to govern. The alternative will almost certainly be a long or a short path to capitulation.

*Mr. Gramm, a former Republican senator from Texas, is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute*

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**Sent:**
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**Cc:** Leah McGrath <lmcgrath@citiesandtowns.org>, Justin Swanson <JSwanson@citiesandtowns.org>, Jennifer Simmons <jsimmons@citiesandtowns.org>, Rhonda Cook <RCook@citiesandtowns.org>
**Subject: SB 436**

Micah/Chris,

Is the Governor going to weigh-in on SB 436? It provides for an automatic property tax exemption for taxpayers with less than $20k of total business personal property in a county and lowers the 30% floor for pool 3 & 4 equipment. Neither provision provides for replacement revenue.

Thanks,
Matt

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**From:** Mike <mpence1314@aol.com>
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**To:** Pitcock, Josh
**Cc:** Pavlik, Jennifer L;Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** Re: Speaker Boehner Mourns the Passing of Rep. Alan Nunnelee

I'm very saddened by this
I spoke to him in December
Jennifer please send flowers

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 1:23 PM
**To:** Mike
**Cc:** Atterholt, Jim
**Subject:** FW: Warsaw Chemical
**Attachments:** image001.png

David Kane is en route to the scene.

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** Kane, David
**Sent:** 2/6/2015 1:21 PM
**To:** Carter, Doug; Hill, John (DHS)
**Cc:** Mike
**Subject:** Re: Warsaw Chemical

EMA is reporting two, seemingly minor inhalation injuries to responding firefighters. They are being on treated on scene currently.

On Feb 6, 2015, at 1:16 PM, Carter, Doug <DCarter@isp.IN.gov> wrote:

> Info ref Warsaw Chemical.
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Bilkey, Matt" <MBilkey@isp.IN.gov>
> > **Date:** February 6, 2015 at 12:56:49 EST
> > **To:** "Carter, Doug" <DCarter@isp.IN.gov>, "French, Mark" <MFrench@isp.IN.gov>, "Hill, John (DHS)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>, "Karns, Allison" <AKarns@gov.IN.gov>
> > **Subject: RE: Warsaw Chemical**
> >
> > Sir- here is what we have on the chemical fire at Warsaw Chemical.
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> > Helicopter is NOT available until after 4pm. Ref: presidential detail.
> >
> > ISP is assisting with traffic control at this time.
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> > **From:** ISP Operations Center
> > **Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 12:53 PM
> > **To:** Bilkey, Matt
> > **Cc:** Bundy, Clint
> > **Subject:** Warsaw Chemical
> >
> > 1104-Troopers enroute to Warsaw Chemical to assist with a business fire.

1105-24-55K advised several explosions from the business, shutting down the area.

1142-Evacuating area due to chemical fumes.

1200-ISP Operations contacted IERC Ian Ewusi for additional information regarding chemicals. He advised that Warsaw Chemical had contacted IDEM reference methanol leak in underground tank believed to be leaking into lake. No additional at this time but he will update us when he learns more.

1214-Elkhart HAZMAT contacted for assistance.

According to their website, Warsaw Chemical makes misc. different “green” cleaners and disinfectants.

ISP Currently has six Troopers on scene including Sgt. Brandon Mcbrier with one additional enroute.

**Indiana State Police**

*Operations Center*

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