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Team

He made it.

We watched our son become Second lieutenant Michael J. Pence in the United States Marine Corps today.

Thanks so all of your for your support and prayers. We feel truly blessed.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

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

GOVERNOR

Governor's son set for commissioning as Marine officer

SFGate

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

Gov. Pence picks every Indiana hoops team to win NCAA

Indy Star

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

Students recognized at JAG State Finals

WBIW

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

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000

Evansville Courier & Press

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

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New GOP chief brings people together

Indy Star

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

Public Transportation budget finally breaks four-year cap

The Herald Tribune

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

Regional Cities fund doubt

South Bend Tribune

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

Terror and the heartland

Washington Times Herald

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

LEGISLATURE

Bad legislation that will choke our cities

Kokomo Perspective

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

GOP rejects amendments to religion bill

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

House Republicans turned back attempts Monday to clarify how "religious freedom" protections could be used – setting up a full House vote on the measure as early as Monday.

'Right-to-try' terminal illness bill heads to Governor

NWI Times

Hoosiers with terminal illnesses are one signature away from gaining access to new drugs that have yet to be fully approved by the federal government for general use.

STATE AGENCIES

Multi-language Web created for global businesses

The Batesville Herald Tribune

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

Funds to boost school tech programs

Inside Indiana Business

The Indiana Department of Education awarded more than \$1.8 million in Digital Learning Grants to select Hoosier school corporations today.

Replacing hundreds of manhole covers with safer ones could take years

Indy Star

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

Chief Justice to speak at equality day luncheon

Evansville Courier & Press

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

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AROUND INDIANA

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Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks

Evansville Courier & Press

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

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JOBS/ECONOMY

Lowe's holding hiring event

Inside Indiana Business

The event runs 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Glendale Public Library on Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis.

EDITORIAL

Connections raise questions about incentives

Courier & Post

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

Electronic sunshine

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

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

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000

The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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Jenn
Did you reach out or am I cold calling the sheriff?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2015, at 4:56 PM, "McGrath, Danielle" <DMcGrath@gov.IN.gov> wrote:

Governor Pence –

Provided below is the contact information for Sheriff Dan McClain of Scott County and Senator Patricia Miller.

Sheriff Dan McClain
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Recent article quoting Sheriff McClain:

- March 24th - http://www.rushvillerepublican.com/news/rural-sheriff-fears-losing-a-generation-to-drugs-hiv/article_9c535608-7353-5f90-87df-f5d7afb8fa93.html

Senator Patricia Miller
Cell phone: 317-6[REDACTED]
Home phone: 317-894-7023

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Danielle

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As a direct result of the lawful interception done by ISP, Arizona DEA also seized large quantities of powder cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine all destined for Greenwood and Indianapolis, along with \$7.9 million USD.

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Good call

Good bust

Thanks for the heads up

Sent from my iPhone

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Christy

Small item:

Can you review our process on clips?

Not sure what search engine or parameters she is using

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

Thanks

Mike

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

GOVERNOR

[Pence to talk education with Congress](#)

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Gov. Mike Pence will be in Washington today to talk about education, and President Barack Obama will visit Indianapolis on Friday to speak to educators and students.

[Which states allow exemptions for vaccines](#)

The Washington Post

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

[Data analytics helps Indiana change its approach to infant mortality](#)

Gov Tech

Since the spring of 2014, Indiana has been using data analytics to reduce the state's historically dismal infant mortality rate -- and the results of those efforts have been announced in a new report. The primary discovery? There is a subgroup of mothers whose infants face a steep risk for dying and birth-related issues.

[Study reveals three contributions to infant death](#)

Fort Wayne News Sentinel

On Jan. 14, first lady Karen Pence and the state health department announced the launch of a new infant mortality public awareness campaign called Labor of Love - Helping Indiana Reduce Infant Death. This campaign, using the report's findings, encourages women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant to learn more about early and regular prenatal care and other

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

State releases data analytics report on infant mortality

Terre Haute Tribune Star

This study, which began in 2013 as a priority project for the Governor's Management and Performance Hub (MPH) initiative, is the result of a collaboration between the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT), Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and KSM Consulting (KSMC).

Gov. Pence urges Hoosier families to vaccinate kids as measles spreads

Fox 59

In a statement released Tuesday, Gov. Mike Pence urged Hoosier families to get their kids vaccinated.

Manufacturing tax cut at center of Pence tax plan

Indy Star

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

Signups underway for expanded Healthy Indiana Plan

Indianapolis Business Journal

The conversion of tens of thousands of people to Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has gone well during its first week, the top state official overseeing the program said Tuesday.

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House panel passes bill adding oversight to state agencies

Indianapolis Indiana Business Journal

State government agencies could face greater scrutiny when proposing new regulations under a measure an Indiana House committee approved Tuesday. State executive agencies are currently required to submit new policy proposals to the attorney general's office. If approved, they are then signed by Gov. Mike Pence. The bill would instead, require agencies to first submit proposals to an office within the Legislative Services Agency for review. The office would then alert the Attorney General's office if any suggested policy falls outside of an agency's legal limit.

JustIN is Just Out; Pence aborts plan for state run news agency

Crothersville Times

That may have been the thinking of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence who was planning to start a state-run news organization that would have offered pre-written articles to smaller news outlets (such as this newspaper), as well as breaking stories about his administration, The Indianapolis Star reported on Monday, Jan. 26.

LEGISLATURE

Statehouse roundup: Bills tackle audits, religious hiring, massage therapy, divorce waiting times

Indianapolis Business Journal

State lawmakers on Monday advanced or considered legislation regarding religious hiring decisions, massage therapy, divorce waiting times, audit frequency, death benefits for emergency workers and how to treat school board members convicted of felonies. Following is a rundown:

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Senate passes bill allowing religious hires

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Some faith-based employers could consider religion in hiring decisions under a bill passed 39-11 by the Indiana Senate on Tuesday.

Ind. Senate OKs bill allowing religious discrimination

Indy Star

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

Should terminally ill patients be able to use experimental drugs?

Indy Star

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

Indiana House backs new rules after nursing home scandal

Evansville Courier & Press

The Indiana House has adopted tighter rules on the conduct of lawmakers following an ethics investigation of a top Republican who fought privately to defeat legislation that would have hurt his family's business.

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Senate backs allowing religion-based hiring by contractors

NWI Times

Religious institutions that receive state and local government contracts would be allowed to make hiring decisions based upon religion under a bill approved by the Indiana Senate.

Court rules against DNR in high fence hunting fight

Indy Star

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

Will Indiana lawmakers create Office of Marriage Promotion?

Indy Star

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

Work Force bill passes through House

Inside Indiana Business

State Representative Greg Beumer (R-Modoc) has authored a bill which would allow the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to provide further reemployment services and

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

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STATE AGENCIES

State unveils site to court foreign business

Inside Indiana Business

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Tech company growing

Inside Indiana Business

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

Indiana to get \$21.5 million share of multi state S&P settlement

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

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

Indiana part of S&P settlement

Inside Indiana Business

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

Criminal probe underway into Muncie contracts

Indy Star

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

AROUND THE STATE

Obama budget would hit IU, Purdue athletic departments

Indy Star

The athletic departments at Indiana University and Purdue, like others nationally, tout the tax benefits of "donations" that are tied to purchasing premium game tickets.

First-ever staffed Amazon store opens at Purdue University

Indy Star

This semester, the freshman mechanical engineering major decided to rent his books from

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

Former congressman dies

Indiana Daily Student

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

EDITORIALS

Nate LaMar: Documentary must give NCLB (dis)credit

Pal-Item

A documentary about the state of education in Indiana, "Rise Above the Mark," was recently shown in New Castle. For a Friday evening non-athletic event, I was pleasantly surprised by the large turnout. We should be thankful that State Sen. Jean Leising and State Rep. Tom Saunders spoke afterward.

House panel passes bill adding oversight to state agencies

February 3, 2015

State government agencies could face greater scrutiny when proposing new regulations under a measure an Indiana House committee approved Tuesday.

House government reform committee members voted 7-4 to advance the proposal, which would add another layer of oversight to the policy-making process in Indiana.

State executive agencies are currently required to submit new policy proposals to the attorney general's office. If approved, they are then signed by Gov. Mike Pence. The bill would instead, require agencies to first submit proposals to an office within the Legislative Services Agency for review. The office would then alert the Attorney General's office if any suggested policy falls outside of an agency's legal limit.

"It gives us a red flag up front, as opposed to correcting things after the fact," said Rep. David Wolkins, R-Warsaw, who is sponsoring the bill.

The additional "thin layer of government" would keep agencies from imposing unnecessary and expensive regulations, he said.

Critics of the bill called it unnecessary, since Indiana law already has nine separate legal provisions that require regulators to develop responsible, science-based, statutorily-constrained, and cost-effective policies. The review office also has fairly minimal authority and won't prevent an agency's proposal from moving forward.

Jessie Kharbanda, from the Hoosier Environmental Council, said he's concerned that the oversight is just "a new layer of bureaucracy" and "government red tape" on the taxpayer's dime. According to the bill's fiscal note, the new review agency will cost about \$500,000 a year to operate.

The bill would also stop new policies from going beyond state and federal requirements, sparking criticism from environmentalists who said it would prevent regulators from tailoring federal laws to fit Indiana's circumstances.

Wolkins said the bill provides some flexibility for this. Agencies would still be able to go beyond federal law if the regulation specifically allows state discretion, but Kharbanda said the flexibility is more of a discrepancy and could be open to misinterpretation.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Signups underway for expanded Healthy Indiana Plan

February 3, 2015

The conversion of tens of thousands of people to Indiana's expanded health care program for low-income residents has gone well during its first week, the top state official overseeing the program said Tuesday.

The Family and Social Service Administration has also started accepting new applications for the expanded Healthy Indiana Plan and is preparing an advertising campaign to encourage signups, agency Secretary John Wernert said.

Federal officials last week approved the state-run plan submitted in July from Republican Gov. Mike Pence dubbed HIP 2.0. It uses Medicaid funding to possibly extend coverage to an estimated 350,000 uninsured residents.

"The rollout has been very smooth, mainly because we've been up and ready for several months now," Wernert told the House Ways and Means Committee during an agency budget hearing.

Some 180,000 people who were already part of the previous HIP or Hoosier Healthwise programs have been converted to the new plan and applications are being processed from 6,000 people who were on the HIP waiting list, he said.

HIP 2.0 includes health savings accounts, which involves state contributions based on income levels, and will cover those with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or the equivalent of a family of four that has an annual income of about \$33,000.

The basic level for those below 100 percent of the federal poverty level does not require payments from enrollees. But they are required to make co-pays for all services. A second tier of improved coverage is available if enrollees pay a monthly fee ranging from \$1 to \$25 into a health savings account.

Indiana House Minority Leader Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said he welcomed the expansion of health care coverage under the state program, but cautioned that not all would likely go perfectly with it.

"If there are problems, let's not use that as a cause to instantly condemn the entire system," Pelath said. "Let's try to fix it."

Wernert said an awareness campaign with television commercials was planned to start next month to encourage HIP 2.0 signups. The program is also being promoted through doctors and hospitals, which can have staff members help patients prepare applications.

"We're already getting lots of calls from providers who weren't participating in our Medicaid program who are now saying, 'Can I get in?'" Wernert said.

Statehouse roundup: Bills tackle audits, religious hiring, massage therapy, divorce waiting times

February 3, 2015

State lawmakers on Monday advanced or considered legislation regarding religious hiring decisions, massage therapy, divorce waiting times, audit frequency, death benefits for emergency workers and how to treat school board members convicted of felonies. Following is a rundown:

Religion-based hiring

The Indiana Senate could soon vote on a bill allowing religious institutions that receive state and local government contracts to make hiring decisions based upon religion.

Senators could vote as soon as Tuesday on whether to approve the proposal and advance it to the House for consideration.

Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said he sponsored the measure to restore the ability of Indiana Wesleyan University to receive state workforce training grants. The state attorney general's office determined last year that the university's religious lifestyle mandate violated state-contracting requirements against employment discrimination.

The Republican-dominated Senate voted 37-6 on Monday to defeat a proposed amendment from Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, that would have added sexual orientation to the state's anti-discrimination law.

Massage therapy regulation

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

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

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

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

Audit frequency

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

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

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

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

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

School board felons

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

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

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

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

Special death benefit

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

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

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

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

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

Divorce waiting periods

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

Joseph Zakas, R-Granger, presented Senate Bill 564 to the Family and Children Committee on Thursday but asked the group to postpone a vote to allow more discussion.

The bill would extend the waiting period before a couple finalizes a divorce if children under age 17 are involved. The waiting period would also be extended if one spouse objects to the divorce. Cases involving domestic violence would be exempt from the changes.

Currently, state law imposes a 60-day waiting period for divorces to be finalized. The bill would extend that to 180 days for couples with minor children and 120 days when one spouse objects. Advocates of the bill say that the extended waiting period will help direct couples to resources that can preserve the marriage and spare children the challenges that are associated with a divorce.

Indiana House backs new rules after nursing home scandal

The Indiana House has adopted tighter rules on the conduct of lawmakers following an ethics investigation of a top Republican who fought privately to defeat legislation that would have hurt his family's business.

House members voted 97-0 on Tuesday to approve the revised ethics code.

Major changes in the code include instructions that House members should avoid the appearance of impropriety. It also directs House members to not carry out any public or private advocacy on issues in which they have a personal financial interest.

The tightening follows December's resignation of former House Speaker Pro Tem Eric Turner after The Associated Press reported he privately lobbied to kill a proposed ban on nursing home construction that could have cost his family's business millions of dollars.

From: Mike
Sent: Sat 5/09/2015 11:42 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "SMMB (OS/IOS)" <SMMB@hhs.gov>
Cc:
Bcc: "Jim Atterholt COS" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: Re: Just Checking In

Sylvia,

Thank you for the email and the call. I appreciate all the support which CDC and HHS have provided. Our team has informed me of good support and collaboration from the outset of this epidemic and I am grateful for your personal attention and your prayers.

We are encouraged by the progress in identifying and treating those affected in Scott County but there is much work to be done.

I am enroute to China on a trade mission for the next week but am available by email if you need to reach me. I just wanted to drop you a note to express my appreciation on behalf of the people of Indiana.

Thanks again.
Mike Pence

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 25, 2015, at 12:56 PM, "SMMB (OS/IOS)" <SMMB@hhs.gov> wrote:

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> Governor,

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> I have been staying close to CDC and their work to support your team in Indiana on the HIV issue and I thought I would just check in with you to make sure that you all have all the support you need. Let me know if there is more that might help.

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> Holding the team that is working on this and those that have contracted HIV in my prayers.

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> Best,

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> Sylvia

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> Sent from my iPad

From: Mike
Sent: Thu 2/19/2015 4:10 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Smith, Curt" <JCSmith@taftlaw.com>
Cc: "jatterholt@gov.in.gov" <jatterholt@gov.in.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Per The Governor's Request

Thanks Curt
Very helpful

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 19, 2015, at 11:21 AM, "Smith, Curt" <JCSmith@taftlaw.com> wrote:

Dear Governor –

So great to say “hi” today and briefly catch up.

Per your request, here is a brief blurb on IFI’s “Hobby Lobby” bill, followed by a few talking points. We believe it will pass through the full Senate on Tuesday (Feb. 24). As I mentioned, we have strong indications it will be fairly and favorably considered in the Indiana House as well. Finally, I also attach an op-ed I wrote for the Indy Star published Feb. 3rd. It gives some more context and an example involving the Amish. We have IN specific examples if you wish.

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“Last summer, in what has become known as the Hobby Lobby case, the US Supreme Court ruled that individuals do not surrender their religious rights when entering the marketplace. The court said closely-held businesses ultimately are comprised of people, and under a federal law called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the court said the Green family,

as owners of Hobby Lobby, need not provide abortion-causing and pregnancy-preventing prescriptions mandated under Obamacare. Notice the court used RFRA, passed by huge bipartisan majorities in 1993 and signed by President Clinton. The Court did not rely on the Constitution's First Amendment. So we concluded last summer Indiana needs a similar law to fully guarantee Hoosiers' religious rights. It is progressing nicely through our Legislature, and if it passes in its current form, I look forward to signing it into law.

Key provisions of the law include:

- Applied by Federal courts, including US Supreme Court, many times in many settings (such as Hobby Lobby) since passed in 1993.
- Bi-partisan restoration of First Amendment religious freedoms restricted by a 1990 and then a 1997 Supreme Court decision.
- This bill does not pre-judge cases – it merely makes certain that there is a high bar for any and all *state action* that could restrict an individual's sincerely held religious beliefs.
- It is generally applicable and does not address the issue of same-sex marriage or sexual preferences.
- It does not legislate or codify discrimination and it only applies to sincerely held religious beliefs.
- The Indiana proposal is a civil rights bill that strengthens every Hoosier's rights.
- It would not permit sharia law, illegal drug use, or speeding to get a religious service, for example, as the State retains its full police powers to address compelling public needs such as order, safety and safeguarding personal freedoms.

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From: Mike Pence
Sent: Wed 5/13/2015 7:20 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Hill, John (GOV)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Johnson county fatality

Thanks for the update

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 13, 2015, at 10:29 PM, Hill, John (GOV) <jhill@gov.in.gov> wrote:

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> Governor: Here is the latest information concerning the death in Johnson County. I'm clear on your direction for future notifications and have alerted the ISP.

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> On May 12, 2015 an autopsy was performed by the Johnson County Coroner and the results were inconclusive. It was noted there was no trauma to the body. Toxicology results are expected to provide more information related to the cause and manner of death. (I alerted the Toxicology lab to this and they will expedite as soon as it arrives.)

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> The state police investigation will be submitted to the Johnson County Prosecutor when concluded.

> At this point of the ongoing investigation there is no indication of inappropriate action by personnel with the Greenwood Police or Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

> Thus far the death investigation of Kyler Myers has determined the following:

> · At approximately 4:19 p.m. on May 10, 2015 officers from the Greenwood Police Department were dispatched to the residence of Mr. Myers on the report of a person running around in the yard naked

> · Greenwood officers arrived and were greeted by an unclothed man later identified as Mr. Myers.

> o It is not illegal to be undressed in the privacy of a person's home and officers advised Mr. Myers to be dressed if he leaves his home

> · At approximately 2:30 a.m. on May 11, 2015 Greenwood PD received a second call to the residence from Mr. Myers stating unauthorized persons attempted to break into his home

> · Greenwood officers arrived and were asked by Mr. Myers to search his home for the unauthorized suspects

> o The officers found no one in the home but observed drug paraphernalia over the course of being invited to search Mr. Myers' home

> o Mr. Myers was presently on house arrest and was arrested the result of finding the drug paraphernalia in his home

> · Mr. Myers was arrested for two counts of possession of paraphernalia and one count of disorderly conduct

> · His authorized house guest was cited on a summons for possession

ssion of paraphernalia

> · Based on Mr. Myers erratic behavior the Greenwood officers summoned an EMT to the scene to evaluate Mr. Myers and were advised Mr. Myers could be taken to the Johnson Co. Jail.

> · A Greenwood PD transport van responded to the residence and picked up Mr. Myers and picked up a second prisoner at the Community Hospital South and then transported both persons to the Johnson County Jail

> · At approximately 5:41 a.m. Mr. Myers arrived at the Johnson Co. Jail and was processed into the jail

> · While at the jail Mr. Myers exhibited erratic and aggressive behavior over the course of the morning

> · At approximately 11:40 a.m. Mr. Myers was evaluated by the Johnson Co. Jail Nurse who recommended he be taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital for evaluation

> · At approximately 12:09 p.m., under his own power, Mr. Myers boarded a jail transport van for the trip across the street to Johnson Memorial Hospital

> · At approximately 12:12 p.m. the transport van arrived at Johnson Memorial Hospital and Mr. Myers was found unresponsive in the back of the transport vehicle

> o Efforts to revive Mr. Myers were unsuccessful and he was declared deceased

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> Dave Bursten held a media advisory last evening and kept Christy Denault aware of this information. While the media would like to draw some nexus with the Baltimore situation, there does not appear to be such a connection. It sounds very much to me like a drug problem but we will know more when we get the toxicology report back.

> John

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> From: Mike Pence <mpence1314@aol.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 12:34 AM

> To: Hill, John (GOV); Atterholt, Jim

> Subject: Johnson county fatality

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> John

> I saw this story in the clips and note ISP has been engaged.

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> Let me know status tomorrow

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> Also, Given the national environment re Baltimore etc,...next time, make sure I get a heads up anytime ISP is called in on a suspicious death in custody

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> <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2015/05/11/19-year-old-dies-in-police-custody/27147897/>

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> Sent from my iPhone