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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

October 2, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Brian Slodysko
Indiana State Capitol Correspondent
The Associated Press
bslodysko@ap.org

Re: Public Records Request 17-18

Dear Mr. Slodysko:

Enclosed herewith are copies of records responsive to the public records request you sent pursuant to Indiana's Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), which requested the following:

All emails addressing the subject of religious freedom or RFRA, sent to or from the address mpence1314@aol.com between the dates 2/01/2015 and 7/31/2015, and also include any of the following people on the chain: Jim Atterholt, Eric Doden, Matt Lloyd, Curt Smith, Bill Smith, Eric Miller, Micah Clark, Josh Pitcock, Kara Brooks, and Christy Denault.

As a courtesy, we are providing responsive records to you free-of-charge. To clarify, the Governor's Office is in receipt of emails produced electronically by the former governor from his email accounts and searched those accounts for documents to/from/cc Jim Atterholt, Eric Doden, Matt Lloyd, Curt Smith, Bill Smith, Eric Miller, Micah Clark, Josh Pitcock, Kara Brooks, and Christy Denault, in the relevant time, period containing the terms "RFRA" and "religious freedom."

Certain records, and/or portions thereof, have been withheld from disclosure, and are not being produced in this response, in accordance with, and as permitted by, the laws of the State of Indiana, as follows: (i) Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4(b)(6), records that are advisory or deliberative material; and (ii) Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4(a)(8), records declared confidential under rules adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court, specifically attorney-client privilege documents pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 26(B)(1) and Indiana Rule of Professional Conduct 1.6(a). The person responsible for the denial and/or withholding of records, or portions thereof, is Mr. Joseph R. Heerens, General Counsel.

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In the interest of time and providing you with records as soon as reasonably possible, the enclosed copies of emails are being produced to you on a rolling basis as our office's review of these records is completed; and this production may be supplemented as additional responsive records are located and/or reviewed.

Our office is continuing its work to respond to the unusually large number of records requests pending at this time, and we appreciate your continued patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Wilson".

Stephanie Wilson
Press Secretary

Enclosures
cc: File

From: Matt Lloyd
Sent: Wed 5/20/2015 9:52 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "MRP_home" <mpence1314@aol.com>
Cc: "Josh Pitcock" <joshpitcock@[REDACTED]> "Bill Smith" <smith@[REDACTED]> "Robert Vane" <robertvane@[REDACTED]>, "Jim Atterholt COS" <jatterholt@gov.in.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Jindahl

You may get question on this from Indy Star:

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/gov-bobby-jindal-resurrects-louisiana-religious-freedom-bill>

From: MPENCE1314@aol.com
Sent: Sat 4/11/2015 8:34 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>, <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Star story

why?

In a message dated 4/11/2015 8:29:54 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, CDonault@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
317/7 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Thu 3/26/2015 2:04 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Mike" <mpence1314@aol.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: Statement
Attachments: image00100001.jpg; image00200002.jpg; image00300003.png

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hodgin, Stephanie" <SHodgin@gov.in.gov>
Date: March 26, 2015 at 2:04:19 PM EDT
To: "Brooks, Kara D" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>
Subject: Statement

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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From: Zach Bauer
Sent: Wed 3/25/2015 3:42 PM (GMT-04:00)
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Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: New Recording 4
Attachments: New Recording 400001.m4a

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From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Mon 3/30/2015 12:49 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Lasswell, Mark" <Mark.Lasswell@wsj.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
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.

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 RFRA's of their own, including nineteen that passed state RFRA's 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.

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.

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Cc: "Denault, Christina" <CDenault@gov.IN.gov>; "Brooks, Kara D" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: WSBT Interview Recording
Attachments: Image00100001.png; Image00200002.png; Image00300003.png; Image00400004.png; WSBT_Gov China00005.m4a

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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Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Check out this RFRA article in The Weekly Standard

http://m.weeklystandard.com/blogs/indianas-religious-freedom-restoration-act-explained_900641.html

Sent from my iPhone=

From: Gilson, Katie
Sent: Mon 5/04/2015 8:53 AM (GMT-04:00)
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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.

*Subscription required, full text below

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

Iristate

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

Slymied 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.

*Subscription required, full text below

Beverage bottler plans \$6.3M local distribution center

IBJ

American Bottling Co. plans to develop a \$6.3 million distribution center on the northwest side of Indianapolis, leaving behind a site it has occupied in nearby Park 100 for 40 years.

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.

Commission to study "baby boxes"

April 30, 2015 | Filed under: [Issues, Social Issues, Top stories](#) | Posted by: [Aubrey Helms](#)

By Aubrey Helms

[TheStatehouseFile.com](#)

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

April 30, 2015 | Filed under: [Taxes & budget](#), [Top stories](#) | Posted by: [Lesley Weidenbener](#)

By Lesley Weidenbener

[TheStatehouseFile.com](#)

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawmakers handed Gov. Mike Pence wins on nearly every piece of his legislative agenda during the 2015 session that ended 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.

Beverage bottler plans \$6.3M local distribution center

May 4, 2015

IBJ Staff

American Bottling Co. plans to develop a \$6.3 million distribution center on the northwest side of Indianapolis, leaving behind a site it has occupied in nearby Park 100 for 40 years.

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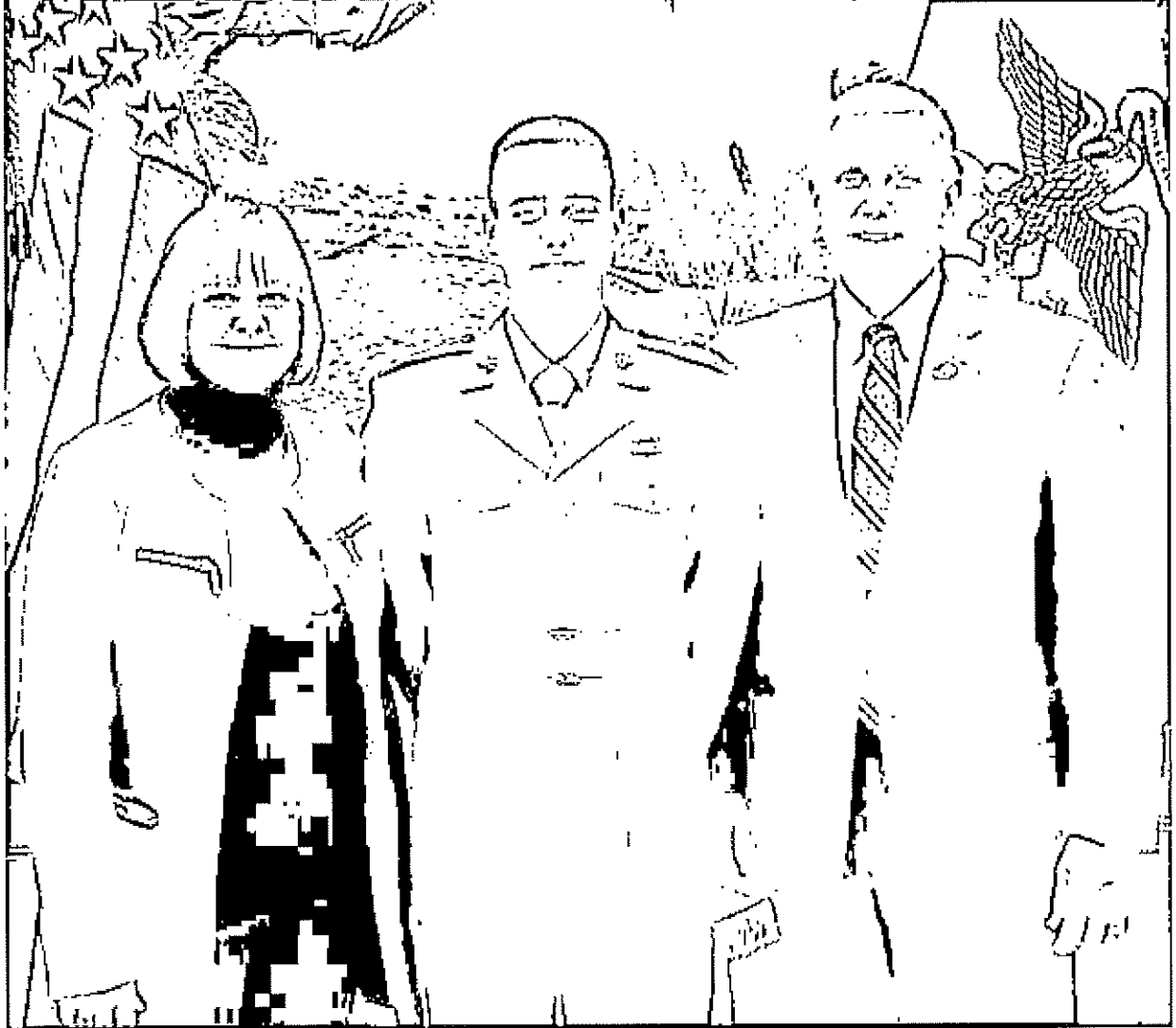
We watched our son become Second lieutenant Michael J. Pence in the United States Marine Corps today.

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

WRIW

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.

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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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Evansville Courier & Press

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

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JOBS/ECONOMY

Lowe's holding hiring event

Inside Indiana Business

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

EDITORIAL

Connections raise questions about incentives

Courier & Post

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

Electronic sunshine

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

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

New signups for Indiana health care program reach 100,000

The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

Chief Justice to speak at equality day luncheon

Abbey Doyle

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

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

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

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

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

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

She is married and has four children.

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

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

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

A big part of the August event is recognizing a local woman with the Albion Fellows Bacon award.

Those interested in nominating a local woman, or to purchase a ticket, should visit

womensequalitydayevansville.com.

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

State superintendent requests shift in House budget funds

LAURYN SCHROEDER Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

Indiana school district bans energy, supplement drinks

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

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

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

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

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

Ivy Tech trustees pass resolution in support of Downtown med school

Megan Erbacher

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

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

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

"Having this multidisciplinary building in Downtown, the heart of Evansville ... the excitement to have all these disciplines 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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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-matic commercial, 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/LT. GOVERNOR

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.

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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.

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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 Greg Zoeller 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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INDIANAPOLIS — 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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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 if they turn 21 under new law

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INDIANAPOLIS — 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.

"I'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.

"It'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:**

- o 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.

- o 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.

"It'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.

"If 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.

"I 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.

"It'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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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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Evansville Courier and Press

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STATE WIDES

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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 are available at a low cost from the Health Department.

Indiana saw jump in recreational boating deaths during 2014

Evansville Courier & Press

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

Discovery halts construction at part of the transit center

Indy Star

An unexpected underground find has forced a halt to construction on part of the new transit center Downtown.

Officer Perry Renn's widow talks with Fox 59 in Washington D.C.

Indy Star

The widow of a fallen Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer is in Washington, D.C., to remember her husband and officers across the country who were killed in the line of duty.

EDITORIAL

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

Indy Star

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

Where is data on school vouchers?

Evansville Courier & Press

How many low-income children have been enrolled and sustained in schools accepting Indiana voucher or SGO grants? On May 2 a Courier & Press article said, "(Gov. Mike) Pence said the two-year state budget makes 'a historic investment in education in every form, at every level,' including ... charter schools and vouchers enabling economically poor children to attend private schools."

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Howey: Historic damage to Pence Brand

The Herald Tribune

Over the past several years, we have witnessed a dramatic change in polling on social issues. It has happened nationally on gay marriage, with a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll showing 59 percent now approve of it.

Exemption on equipment tax for small businesses about to take effect

Chelsea Schneider

Small business owners in Indiana soon won't have to pay a tax on their equipment.

For those businesses, the Indiana General Assembly made permanent during this year's legislative session an exemption from the business personal property tax. The move comes a year after lawmakers approved giving counties the option to remove the tax for businesses acquiring less than \$20,000 in machinery or equipment in a given year.

Negotiations over the option to lower the business personal property tax became a large talking point for lawmakers in 2014. The exemption passed this year will cover approximately 150,000 business filers. State Sen. Brandt Hershman, who authored the legislation, said talk of eliminating the tax for small business owners got entangled in the larger debate over the tax during last year's General Assembly session.

"When they are first brought up, there is a concern about new ideas in general, and so it takes some time to socialize the issues and work through the potential concerns, and I think we did that," said Hershman, a Buck Creek Republican.

Several local government leaders, whose communities receive revenue from the tax, had decried attempts to reduce the tax without providing an option to replace the revenue. This year lawmakers, sought to soothe those concerns by allowing counties to adopt a \$50 fee for small business filers as a way to recoup some of the lost revenue.

Hershman said the exemption is aimed at helping small businesses that pay a small tax burden for their machinery and equipment, but face significant accounting fees to prepare their returns.

The change to exempt small businesses from the tax would result in about a \$7 million revenue loss to counties, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency. The analysis completed last year found Vanderburgh County would lose an anticipated \$455,930; with Warrick County would lose \$8,080.

Matt Greller, executive director and CEO of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, said his group was pleased to see the replacement revenue option. He said the \$50 fee won't replace all lost revenue, but it will come close.

"It's still a tremendous reduction in what small business folks will have to pay and pay a CPA to prepare their return," Greller said.

The change for small business owners goes into effect for assessment dates after Dec. 31, 2015.

New options also kick in this July for counties seeking to further reduce the tax for businesses. One option exempts new investment in a county, over time leading to a full phase-out of the tax as equipment is retired. The other option expands a tool already in use by local governments across the state that allows the tax to be abated for up to 20 years.

AG Zoeller creates victim services and outreach division

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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.

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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

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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's 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

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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

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Howey: Restless Democrats eye Pence in '16

Lafayette Journal & Courier

Democrats John Gregg and state Sen. Karen Talian 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.

"No evidence was presented to justify criminal charges, and prosecution on each of these issues is declined," Curry said in a statement. "This matter has been the subject of significant rumor and innuendo. However, the conduct in question has been appropriately addressed as ethical violations, resulting in sanctions against Mr. Bennett by the State Ethics Commission."

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.

The AP also reported that Bennett had ordered his staff to dissect a speech by Ritz for inaccuracies — in apparent violation of Indiana election and ethics laws.

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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INDIANAPOLIS — 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 IBI: 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

Chelsea Schneider

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 require 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.”

But at least for the summer of 2015, a day in Indianapolis for the General Assembly isn't on the schedule.

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GOVERNOR

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."

RHRA, other challenges await Pence in '16 run
Evansville Courier & Press

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LEGISLATURE

Congress growing more partisan, index shows
Indy Star

Members of Congress are working across the aisle on legislation less often than they used to, according to a new measure that supports other assessments of increasing partisanship in Congress.

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

Evansville Courier & Press

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.

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STATE WIDES

AG's office warns residents as scams in Indiana escalate

IBJ

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.

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State still working on details of tax amnesty program

The Statehouse File

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.

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AROUND INDIANA

Indiana college to admit first male undergrads

Indy Star

A private western Indiana liberal arts college open to women only for 175 years will enroll its first male undergraduates on campus this fall.

Officials: Westfield school employee built stage that collapsed

Indy Star

Westfield police and school officials on Tuesday morning blamed last month's dramatic stage collapse at the high school on a school employee acting on his own.

Mayor declares today David Letterman Day in Indianapolis

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

David Letterman is closing out his career on what's being proclaimed as David Letterman Day in his hometown.

Seniors in state lag in health race

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Older Hoosiers are among the least healthy seniors in the country, according to a report released today.

JOBS/ECONOMY

Giant Eagle seeking 500 workers for Carmel supermarket

IBJ

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.

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Do it Best Corp. Expands to Saudi Arabia

Inside IN Business

Do it Best Corp. announced an agreement with its newest overseas affiliate to develop its first locations in Saudi Arabia.

EDITORIAL

Tully: Can we afford another four years of Mike Pence?

Indy Star

The big personnel news involving Hoosiers this week is that David Letterman is retiring and Gov. Mike Pence wants another four years on the job.

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. "It'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.

"I 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 Indiana.

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?

"I 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 kind of a convergence of all these things," Bosma continued. "I 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 already 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.

"I 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 medical campus was a disappointment for local officials, who have also praised the Legislature for including funding for the IU and USI programs, enabling construction of the campus 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 Indiana, 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, medical 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 \$1,566 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 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

INDIANAPOLIS — 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 \$139 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 is expected 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

Solstice 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 hire seasonal workers

Inside IN Business

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

EDITORIAL

Donnelly's military mental health legislation moves forward

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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 all 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.

Newed board will get new executive director

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INDIANAPOLIS — 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.

"It 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 24, 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 nominations

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

IRJ

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.

IndyCar racing into Boston for 2016 Labor Day weekend

May 21, 2015

Anthony Schoett's

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 Hulmar & 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

Wane

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 Talian 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.

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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 costs 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

Hcosler reputation rebuild

Evansville Courier & Press

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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.

“It’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 \$195,000 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.

"It'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 Indiana.

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 Indiana, 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 last 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 this 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

IBJ

A former television news producer and veteran public relations executive has been named communications director for Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Shelley Triol will take over the role formerly held by Christy Denault, who resigned citing family reasons, The Indianapolis Star reported.

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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

Ind. lawmaker wants to make booze cheaper-for distillers

Evansville Courier & Press

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.

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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 has visited more than 80 of Indiana's 92 counties in almost two and a half years in office.

Announcement from Glenda Ritz about political future may come soon

WFYI

State superintendent Glenda 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.

INDO 1: next section of I-69 to open by end of year

Evansville Courier & Press

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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.

Pence picks ex-TV news producer as communications chief

A former television news producer and veteran public relations executive has been named communications director for Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Shelley Triol will take over the role formerly held by Christy Denault, who resigned citing family reasons, The Indianapolis Star reported.

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.

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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 led 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.

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Chelsea Schneider

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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 IAG 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 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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AROUND INDIANA

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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.

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 IIP 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 womenequalitydayevansville.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 disciplines come together in one school — EMTs, doctors, CNAs, nurses — we get to come together and work together," Reed, 20, said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GOVERNOR/FIRST LADY

First Lady Pence coming to Goshen

Goshen News

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

Unemployment rate falls to eight year low

Greensburg News

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

IPS approach to school improvement could expand statewide

WFYI

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

Indiana Toll Road under new management

WFYI

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

Major Bicentennial project to be unveiled

Inside IN Business

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

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Chalkbeat

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Getting ready to kick the coal habit at IPL's Harding Street Station

Indy Star

Gov. Mike Pence has joined 10 other GOP governors in asking the EPA to stick with the current rules, calling the proposed standards "job-crushing."

LEGISLATURE

Unfazed by boycotts, Indiana won't even study LGBT protections

Governing

Lawmakers on Thursday released some 40 topics they plan to study before the General Assembly returns to the Statehouse in 2016. Senate President Pro Tem David Long, a Fort Wayne Republican, said he still anticipates a legislative proposal on those protections during the 2016 General Assembly. He said lawmakers will talk about and analyze the matter in the interim.

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

The Statehouse File

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

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BMV, smoking, student testing among topics for study committees

The Statehouse File

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

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State names ethics office Chief Counsel

Inside IN Business

Rudolph currently serves in the Office of Bill Drafting and Research for the Legislative Services Agency. He has served the state as a licensed attorney since 1989.

STATE WIDES

Lmbarger reflects on more than 45 years in the military

Wish TV

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

More than 1,000 school safety specialists graduate program
Statehouse File

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AROUND INDIANA

IUPUI to host 'Girls in STEM' conference

Inside IN Business

More than 100 high school girls from 10 Midwestern states will attend an inaugural conference at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis designed to inspire them to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics in college and pursue a STEM career.

Best Bloomington businesses honored

Inside IN Business

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

Butler adds to board of trustees

Inside IN Business

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

Indianapolis teachers get OK to intervene in school fights

NWI Times

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

Presidents of 2 Indiana universities stepping down

NWI Times

The presidents of two of Indiana's universities are heading into retirement after more than a decade on the job.

Indiana's first church of pot

The Daily Beast

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

EDITORIAL

Howey: Indiana's farewell to Andrew Jackson?

Lafayette Journal & Courier

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

More than 1,000 School Safety Specialists graduate program

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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 exceeds 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."

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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 HRA 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."

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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. "Interim 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 overcharging 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.

"I 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 will be studying three issues, he said:

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

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

The committee will also consider the subject of e-cigarettes, how they affect smokers' health and whether they should be included as part of the smoking ban.

"The topic was assigned for them to make their case, which they did unsuccessfully during the session," said House Speaker Brian Bosma about the tobacco companies.

Earlier in the session, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller wrote a letter to e-cigarette marketing and advertising company Altria Group Inc. emphasizing his concern that e-cigarettes are following in the footsteps of traditional cigarettes. He said nearly 2 million middle and high school students had tried the product, which has raised concerns among some lawmakers.

The Interim Committee on Education will be focusing on school testing, and in particular, whether the ISTEP program should be replaced with a new standardized exam.

The discussion comes as the state is implementing new curriculum standards and revamping the current ISTEP test. The committee will weigh the options of revising or creating a whole new test for the state. In addition, the Interim Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources will be talking about the local farm and food product economy – and how to prevent food deserts.

"A food desert is a part of any community where people don't have easy access to such things as fresh fruit, produce and meats, fish and poultry," said Rep. Justin Moed, D-Indianapolis, in a statement Thursday.

And he said that affects Hoosiers' health. "Indiana ranks 8th in the nation in levels of obesity among its population," he said.

The study committee will provide an opportunity to take positive steps for providing nutrition in urban communities, he said.

The Interim Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code has several key issues.

Lawmakers will look at the struggle offenders face when they are released from prison and the hardship they experience when searching for a job. The committee will study the possibility of establishing a program to encourage employers to hire them. They will also discuss retrieving DNA samples from anyone arrested for a felony.

The Committee on Government will study body camera videos on police officers and whether the resulting video should be subject to public records requests.

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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

WLF1

Gov. Mike Pence has appointed Sara Gonso Tall 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 SBOC 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

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The Statehouse File

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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

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Evansville Courier and Press

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New board has fresh eyes for schools

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Students and teachers appreciate the start of a new school year – new faces, new challenges, renewed commitment to learning. The same fresh start awaits the Indiana State Board of Education, where a newly constituted board could – and should – put political battles aside to renew its commitment to Hoosier students.

Credit where credit is –and is not- due

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Tuesday was a big day for Fort Wayne. It was also a big day for the nearly 4,000 members of UAW Local 2209 – the folks who made it a wise business decision for General Motors to invest \$1.2 billion in upgrades to its truck assembly plant in southwest Allen County. It should also serve as a teachable moment about economic development strategies that actually work.

Pence works hard to attract new jobs

No matter what song you're singing, today's a great day to be a Hoosier ["Time for Indiana to sing a new song," May 23].

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

For example, before GE Aviation decided on a location last year for its \$100 million jet engine assembly facility, Pence met with GE executives multiple times. With his commitment to the innovation sector, GE Aviation chose Lafayette for 200 jobs.

Or let's look at Pence's visit with Kent Corp. subsidiary Grain Processing Corp. at its headquarters last

year, where he made the case in person for why the company should invest \$70 million in Indiana. The company has since decided to grow its 600-acre operations in Washington, Indiana.

Last week, General Motors announced that it is investing \$1.2 billion in its Fort Wayne Assembly facility, which proudly employs 3,800 Hoosiers. To help win this competitive project, Pence met with Mary Barra, GM's CEO, at the company's headquarters in Detroit during the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January.

Pence's leadership and hands-on approach in securing jobs for Hoosiers hasn't been limited to just domestic success.

Last year, international companies committed to creating 2,785 jobs in Indiana. That includes global companies like Italy-based Simax 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 Indiana 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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INDIANAPOLIS — 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."

The 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.

"It'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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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 cohs and aaahs, 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 Word 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 on ISTEP 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

[BJ]

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"

New law: Budget authorizes new state park lodge

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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.

"Legislative 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.

"It'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.

"If 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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By John Krull

TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS – 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 drum beat 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 declared 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 abused 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. "Instead 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

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Burns Harbor 'On target' for another big year

Inside IN Business

In a monthly shipping update from the J.S. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corp., Helmann 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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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 Superintendent 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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INDIANAPOLIS — 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.

"I 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.

"It'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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INDIANAPOLIS— 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 Deloitte, 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.

"It 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 agenda 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 quality 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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Staff Report

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INDIANAPOLIS— 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 Cootee

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 be a decision that I would be facing."

Suburban cities may form regional group to fund transit route

June 9, 2015

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: Yougo, 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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Kate

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 the judicial-review standards that President Bill Clinton signed in 1993 and now prevail in a majority of the states. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT "JUDICIAL-REVIEW STANDARDS" MEANS.

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.

Many people have asked why this is necessary. After all, the U.S. Constitution and the Indiana Constitution both provide strong recognition of freedom of religion. But RFRA is in many ways overdue in Indiana.

In 1990 the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling in *Employment Division v. Smith* that reduced the level of scrutiny courts could apply when someone thought the government acted in a way that infringed on that person's religious liberty. CHANGED FROM WHAT TO WHAT? WHAT COURTS ALLOWED TO DO THAT THEY WEREN'T AFTER THE DECISION? In response, Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993. This law limits federal government action LIKE WHAT? AN EXAMPLE 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. ADD AN EXAMPLE HERE OF HOW THIS PLAYS OUT IN REAL LIFE? OTHERWISE TOO ABSTRACT.

Many states have enacted RFRA 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. LIKE ALLOWING WHAT KIND OF REVIEW? When President Obama was a state senator in Illinois, he supported Illinois's version of the law IN WHAT YEAR?. 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. Therefore, 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.

It is important to note the Religious Freedom Restoration Act doesn't apply to disputes between private parties unless government action is involved. 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.

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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Governor Pence,

Mr. Simcox requested I forward the attached article to you.

Blessings,
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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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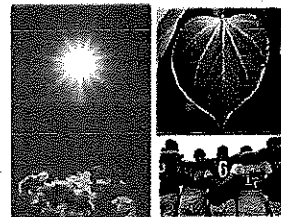
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And yet, an intolerant clique with their media partners would deny millions of Americans this right and excoriate Mike Pence for upholding it. As Eric Metaxas said in a recent email to me about this, we are at a tipping point. It's game on. And we 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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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

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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 identity laws 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 identity 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."

Alliance Defending Freedom is an alliance-building, non-profit legal organization that advocates for the right of people to freely live out their faith.

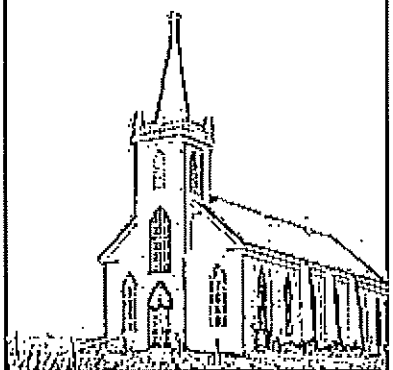
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CL's call to action in Indiana

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 BUILDING A STRONGER FAMILY POLICY ALLIANCE		
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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		

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- 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."

Alliance Defending Freedom: "Proposed 'fix' to Indiana's religious freedom law unjust, destructive.

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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."

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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."

- Douglas Wilson

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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.

*Subscription required. Full story at end of email.

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 Apparatus

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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WSJ op-ed

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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Tentative step toward safer 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 Indiana 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 of 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 Indiana Business

Anita Sarkeesian, a feminist video game blogger and media critic, and Patrick Byrne, the founder 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 Indiana 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

USA 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

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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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House committee saves ISTEP, calls for study of replacement options

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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 Indiana 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 Indiana 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 Indiana 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 P 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 Indiana Business

Senator Dan Coats (R-Ind.) today encouraged Hoosier veterans to attend the ninth annual "Operation Hire a Hoosier Veteran" Job Fair on Wednesday, April 15 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Nearly 200 employers will be in attendance and looking to hire qualified applicants. Last year's event resulted in at least one job offer for 25% of participants.

EDITORIAL

Expand needle exchange program

South Bend Tribune

A needle exchange program that began last weekend to help end the HIV epidemic linked to intravenous drug use in southeastern Indiana was the right call.

What America thinks: Does the media make the news or just report it?

Rasmussen reports

A so-called religious freedom law in Indiana has prompted the latest media firestorm. Although laws like this have been on the books for several years in nearly 20 other states, many worry it can lead to potential discrimination toward gays and lesbians, though Indiana Governor Mike Pence has now called for further clarification. Is this kind of coverage really called for or is this just media business as usual? We decided to find out what America thinks!

Religious Freedom Restoration Act revisions and Pence's actions

Indiana Daily Student

After the recent heat Gov. Mike Pence was under due to signing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, many people are relieved these new revisions were implemented.

Hoosier State reviving its reputation for intolerance

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

It took Indiana generations to rid itself of the Ku Klux Klan image indelibly etched in the 1920s and '30s by a murderous bed sheet salesman who declared "I am the law" in the state. Even now a residue of that bigotry unfairly clings to the Hoosier reputation.

Religious freedom act is an act of intolerance

The Herald

INDIANA has come a long way in understanding and correcting discrimination. Now, when it is least expected, a setback creeps into state law that has significant legal and economic consequences.

Governor's balanced budget amendment heads to full House

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By Alec Gray

TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mike Pence's proposed balanced budget amendment passed a House committee on Tuesday after two members were allowed to vote after arriving late.

The House Judiciary Committee initially voted 5-5, which would have kept the bill from passing. Because the vote tied, the bill did not fail, but instead did not pass, meaning that other committee members could be allowed to vote.

The committee chairman, Rep. Greg Steuerwald, R-Avon, allowed Reps. Casey Cox, R-Fort Wayne, and Jud McMillin, R-Brookville, to vote after missing the discussion. They both voted yes.

Democrats objected to the chair's decision and said that the debate was crucial and members who missed it should not be given a vote.

But Steuerwald said he has always let committee members who missed parts of the meeting to come back in and vote.

"This committee has always allowed people to come in and vote," Steuerwald said. "I've been consistent over the years allowing people to vote. I don't think anybody can say I've not done that."

Senate Joint Resolution 9 would prohibit state budget appropriations from exceeding state revenues.

However, the restriction could be lifted with a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate.

Pence made the amendment a part of his legislative agenda, although Indiana lawmakers have generally passed balanced budgets, except during economic downturns or when trying to cut taxes to reduce a big state surplus.

The amendment has already passed the Senate.

Steuerwald said both McMillin 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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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 McMan, 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 2015.