



May 13, 2020

**To:** EMS Commission Members  
**From:** Kraig Kinney, Director and Counsel of EMS  
**Re:** Final 2020 Legislation Report

Here is a quick link to all the bills from the 2020 session, you can either check updated status or more information of any of these below by clicking the bill number or name:

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/>

HB 1174 Youth helmet safety

Provides that: (1) the executive director of the department of homeland security with assistance from the state emergency medical services medical director; and (2) the state fire marshal; shall partner with state agencies, including the state department of health and state educational institutions, to develop public safety education and outreach programs. Provides that the fire prevention and public safety fund may be used to support: (1) fire safety and prevention programs; and (2) public safety education and outreach programs, including, but not limited to, youth helmet safety.

Status: **Public Law 43 as of March 20, 2020**

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HB 1198 Indiana First Responders

Designates an Indiana first responder to include the following employees and volunteers of state and local public safety agencies: (1) Law enforcement officers. (2) Firefighters, including volunteer firefighters. (3) Corrections officers. (4) Public safety telecommunicators. (5) Providers of emergency medical services. (6) Providers of emergency management services. (7) Any other individuals whose duties in serving a public safety agency include rapid emergency response. Provides that the designation of an individual as an Indiana first responder does not affect an individual's terms of employment or volunteer service with the public safety agency.

Status: **Public Law 113 as of March 30, 2020.**

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HB 1209 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Requires Medicaid, policies of accident and sickness insurance, and health maintenance organization contracts to reimburse, on an equal provider basis, certified providers of emergency medical services.

Status: [Public Law 115 as of March 30, 2020.](#)

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HB 1225 Failure to yield to emergency vehicles.

Provides that, in certain instances, a person who: (1) fails to yield to an emergency vehicle; and (2) causes serious bodily injury or death to any person operating, occupying, or affiliated with the authorized emergency vehicle; commits a Level 6 felony.

Status: [Public Law 116 as of March 30, 2020](#)

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HB 1372 Various insurance matters.

Provides that an individual who is covered by an insurance policy or health maintenance organization contract and who receives emergency services provided by an out of network provider shall not be required to pay more for the emergency services than the amount of compensation that would be allowed under the network plan for emergency services of the same type provided in network by the same type of provider, minus any copayment, deductible, or coinsurance amounts that apply.

Status: [Public Law 130 as of March 30, 2020. Note that all EMS reimbursement language was removed.](#)

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HB1400 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR COUNTIES.

Provides that a county shall: (1) establish, operate, and maintain emergency medical services; or (2) enter into an agreement with a city, town, township, or a provider of emergency medical services; to provide adequate emergency medical services to its constituents in areas determined to be underserved or underrepresented in emergency medical services. Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee the task of studying the topic of the ability of the governing bodies of all counties to: (1) provide advanced life support for their constituents; and (2) determine the potential fiscal impact of such advanced life support.

Status: [Did not advance from Committee](#)

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SB 61 EMS PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACTs.

Implements the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact.

Status: Public Law 3 as of March 11, 2020. Takes effect July 1, 2020. Kraig and Dr. Kaufmann have been in contact with the Compact and we are ready to be enrolled on the effective date. Kraig will be the State Compact representative.

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