

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB 2019 NEXT LEVEL AGENDA

ECONOMY

*MODERNIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS TO INCREASE
COMPETITIVENESS, ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND FLEXIBILITY*

- Approve 8th straight Balanced Budget and maintain at least 11 percent in reserves
- Update the Industrial Recovery Tax Credit to a Redevelopment Tax Credit that incentivizes private investment, adds flexibility to meet more redevelopment needs and has long-term sustainability
- Make Indiana a more attractive place to locate a business by moving Indiana to a market-based sourcing state
- Make the Venture Capital Investment tax credit transferable to attract more private investment dollars and infuse entrepreneurship momentum
- Update the Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credit (HBI) to enable businesses to make better investments in modern manufacturing equipment
- Provide innovation grants to small businesses to purchase expertise from Indiana higher education institutions for research services that support innovation
- Update the Headquarters Relocation Tax Credit to allow targeted incentives to small companies with high growth potential
- Exempt military pensions from state income tax to attract and retain more veterans



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INFRASTRUCTURE

NEXT LEVEL INDIANA CONNECTIONS

- Provide high-speed broadband Internet access to unserved areas
- Build out statewide hiking, biking and riding trails network
- Accelerate the completion of I-69 Section 6 and make major improvements on U.S. 20 and U.S. 30 and interchanges on U.S. 31 in northern Indiana
- Establish more international nonstop flights to/from Indianapolis
- Continue due diligence on developing a fourth port near Lawrenceburg
- Move forward with West Lake and South Shore rail projects

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WORKFORCE = EDUCATION & CAREER TRAINING

MOVING MORE HAVE NOTS TO HAVES

- Increase the number of On My Way Pre-K students served annually by at least 500 and improve the quality and capacity of pre-K and early childhood programs
- Increase K-12 school funding
- Identify resources and actions that will increase teacher salaries in the next two bienniums to boost recruitment and make Indiana competitive with surrounding states
- Increase the schools supplies tax credit from \$100 to \$500
- Provide funding for computer science training so every Indiana school meets the goal of providing computer science education by 2021
- Move the date to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction from 2025 to 2021
- Adopt the Engage>Explore>Experience career navigation system to help students think about future careers. Fund local grants to help regional stakeholders deliver more direct career advising
- Introduce every high school student to different career pathways with a course that helps them prepare for post-secondary options
- Give schools more flexibility to develop partnerships with employers and higher education. Change CTE funding to be weighted to courses that lead high school students to earn postsecondary credential attainment before they graduate



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- Pursue more federal Pell Grant flexibility
- Expand use of the Workforce Ready Grant
- Double funding for the Employer Training Grant and require that approved training includes credential attainment
- Initiate the 21st Century Talent Region pilot in 12 communities to bring a systems approach to attract, connect and retain talent
- Tie a percentage of educator Professional Growth Points to activities that broaden their understanding of local and state career opportunities
- Expand flexibility under the Workplace Specialist Permit to increase the number of CTE instructors
- Move operation of the HIRE program from DWD to DOC to align with current DOC initiatives to prepare offenders to re-enter the workforce
- Work with federal partners to explore opportunities to enhance HIP so members who achieve workforce success and earn higher salaries have support in their transition to private health insurance



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PUBLIC HEALTH & ATTACKING THE DRUG EPIDEMIC

TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Adopt recommendations in the August 2018 school safety report that include more mental health tools, physical safety enhancements, and policy changes
- Department of Child Services will implement recommendations from The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group's June 2018 report
- Establish an obstetrics navigator pilot program in the zip code areas with the highest infant mortality rates
- Reduce perinatal substance use disorder and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome by requiring providers to use a verbal screening tool to assess substance use disorder in pregnancy
- Expand recovery housing for Hoosiers who are dealing with opioid use disorder
- Establish a medication-assisted treatment pilot program for jail inmates
- Provide \$2 million to initiate development of more evidence-based Family Recovery Courts, implement best practices, and serve more families in existing courts
- Ensure access to quality treatment by implementing standard requirements for office-based opioid treatment providers
- Improve the health care of state employees through a new partnership with OurHealth that offers more access to care and emphasizes engagement in wellness and clinic services



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GOOD GOVERNMENT

*MODERNIZE GOVERNMENT TO BETTER SERVE CITIZENS AND
BUSINESSES ALIKE*

- Approve a bias crimes law

- Realign, restructure, consolidate and standardize membership on boards and commissions affiliated with the Professional Licensing Agency and Department of Homeland Security

- Use more technology to enable government to offer better customer service for Hoosier taxpayers