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Pillar I

Cultivate a Strong & Diverse Economy

- Prepare for the next generation of transportation by authorizing testing and operation of autonomous vehicles on our roads and creating an environment that attracts research and economic development
- Support our growing tech sector by clarifying the sales tax treatment of software as a service
- Market Indiana's story to expand economic development opportunities and attract new talent to the state's workforce
- Support the best elements of the Regional Cities and Stellar Communities programs to encourage communities to continue to plan for their future and ensure these collaborative efforts are sustainable
- Work with community partners to expand veteran recruitment efforts to attract and relocate more veterans to Indiana when they transition out of service; use new Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority mortgage product to help veterans purchase a home or relocate in Indiana

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Pillar II

Maintain & Build the State's Infrastructure

- Increase economic development and expand our global presence by pursuing a fourth port
- Establish a multi-agency working group to develop strategies for management of the state's water resources and infrastructure, and support development of asset management plans for high-need water and wastewater utilities
- Increase the availability of and access to affordable broadband services for underserved Hoosiers and institutions
- Continue efforts to connect Indiana to the world by adding more direct domestic and international flights
- Move forward with priority infrastructure projects

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Pillar III

Develop a 21st Century Skilled & Ready Workforce

Indiana must build the 21st Century talent required to sustain our prosperity and competitive edge as the world economy changes. Here are outcomes our plan to align workforce and education should produce:

- Every Hoosier student should receive an effective baseline education infused with STEM, intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and other attributes that prepare them for lifelong learning
- Students should graduate from high school ready to go to college, pursue meaningful training and employment in a field of their choice, or with skills to go directly into a quality job
- Working age adults should be connected to education and career training that is aligned to industry needs and leads directly to employment
- The state will build the framework for the new system through the Governor's Education to Career Pathway Cabinet, enabling plans, resources and operations to be locally determined and managed
- Local and regional communities – and their businesses, elected officials, education institutions and other stakeholders – should have the flexibility and funding to design education and workforce training programs that make sense for their economic foundations and employment needs and aspirations

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Steps for 2018 that will lead to more systemic change in 2019 and beyond

- Establish the Governor's Education to Career Pathway Cabinet to create a framework so local leaders can build and align education and training to local needs
- Require every Indiana school (K-12) to offer at least one computer science course by 2021 and offer teachers professional development in computer science
- Create career pathways for high school juniors and seniors that prepare them for postsecondary options such as apprenticeships, work-based learning, technical preparation, dual credit, college prep and courses that lead to industry credentials and certifications
- Create the state Office of Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning to increase opportunities for high school students and adults
- Work with the Department of Education, industry sectors and others to strengthen K-12 STEM curricula

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- Increase license flexibility for K-12 teachers in technology, STEM and career curricula
- Put people in jobs by aligning the state's Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) directly to job placement and wage outcomes
- Direct the Commission for Higher Education to work with higher education institutions to assure mechanisms are in place to incentivize and measure career planning and placement
- Assist adults who need additional training to succeed by expanding impactful programs such as Workforce Ready Grants, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), Excel and You Can. Go Back. as well as encouraging more employers to directly hire and train Hoosiers for sustainable employment
- Launch new DOC workforce training programs to reduce recidivism and prepare offenders for opportunities in today's economy, such as more high-demand credential training and implementation a new coding program for female offenders

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Pillar IV **Attack the** **Drug Epidemic**

- Strengthen enforcement efforts by establishing a felony charge for drug-induced homicide and a felony murder charge for those who illicitly manufacture drugs that result in drug-induced death
- Improve health outcomes by requiring physicians to check the state's prescription drug monitoring program, INSPECT, before issuing first prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines
- Improve the state's reporting of drug overdose deaths to increase consistency and knowledge about the scale of the problem
- Increase the number of FSSA-approved opioid treatment locations so Hoosiers have better access to treatment
- Increase drug treatment options by initiating a state referral process that links patients directly to available inpatient and residential treatment
- Lower the infant mortality rate by implementing Levels of Care certification for perinatal programs at hospitals and birthing centers to ensure that babies are born at a facility with a level of care that matches their risk

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Pillar V **Deliver Great** **Government Service**

- Streamline and simplify citizens' interactions with government by establishing a single sign-on where they can easily conduct their business with the state
- Improve the management and delivery of large-scale information technology projects with more rigorous project reviews and assessments
- Implement a new parent leave policy for state government employees that assists with retention and recruitment of employees and supports family formation and involved parents
- Continue strong fiscal management and maintain our reserves at a prudent level
- Work with elementary students to adopt the Say's Firefly as the state insect