GOVERNOR MIKE PENCE’S 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Provided over $1 billion dollars for the preservation of state roads and local roads over the next two years without raising taxes and makes immediately available $418 million in Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) reserves to local government to help improve local roads and bridges across the state. [HEA 1001 & SEA 67]
- Provided the Department of Administration the ability to certify veteran-owned businesses and expanded who can be certified as a veteran-owned small business. [HEA 1312]
- Fully funded all three Regional Cities proposals ($126 million total) instead of two. [HEA 1001]

EDUCATION

- Ensured schools would be held harmless for their A-F accountability grade for the 2014-2015 year [SEA 200]
- Ensured teacher bonuses and evaluations are not negatively impacted to accommodate the transition to more rigorous academic standards [HEA 1003]

HEALTH CARE & COMBATTING DRUG ABUSE

- Established the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse to address drug abuse issues at the state and local level [SEA 271]
- Allowed immunity for certain individuals who call emergency personnel and administer Naloxone when an individual is at risk of a drug overdose [SEA 187]
- Put HIP 2.0 in law to protect the more than 370,000 individuals currently enrolled [SEA 165]
- Increased penalties on drug dealers convicted of serious and aggravated offenses [HEA 1235]
- Ensured that lifesaving overdose intervention drugs (Naloxone) are available statewide [SEA 187]
- Added human trafficking to the Department of Child Services statute to ensure children who are victims can be served [SEA 305]
- Passed the ABLE act to create a savings account program for Hoosiers to better provide for their loved ones with special needs [SEA 11]

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