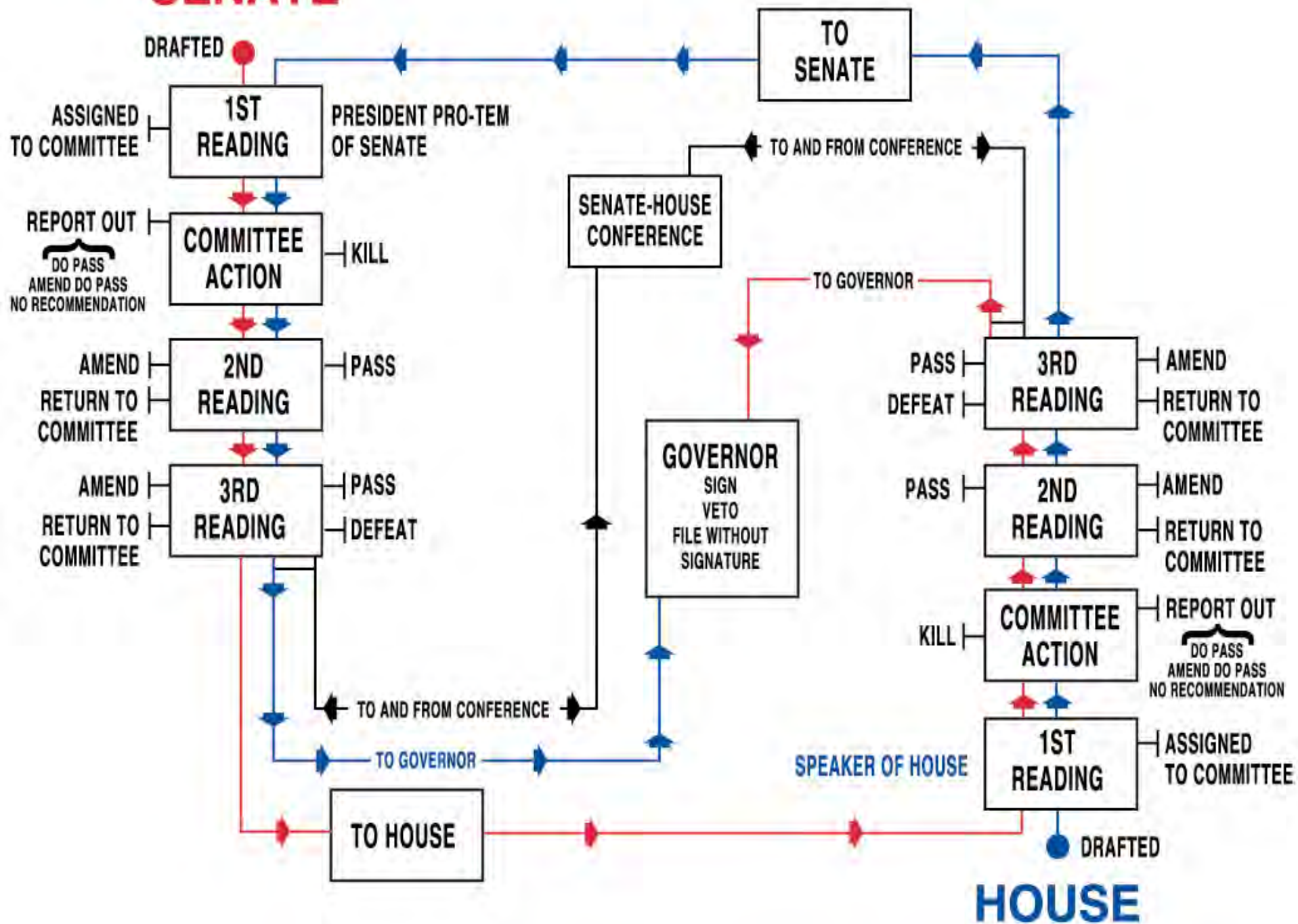


2015 Legislative Review



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2015 General Assembly

- **Start – First week of January 2015**
- **End – April 29, 2015**
- **50 Senators – Republican “Super” Majority; 40 Rs; 10 Ds**
- **100 Representatives – Republican “Super” Majority; 71 Rs; 29 Ds**

Da Facts

- **Introduced Bills: 1257;
House 669; Senate 588**
- **Passed First Chamber: 394 =
31%**
- **Passed Both Houses: 259 =
20%**

Items That Gave Vince **“Cover”**

- **Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)**
- **Glenda Ritz**
- **Common Construction Wage**
- **The State Fossil**
- **Needle Exchange**
- **Spice**
- **Law Suit Lending**
- **Allow motorcycles to have a steering wheel**

- **Sunday Liquor Sales**
- **Microbeads**
- **4/20 (Legalize Cannabis)**
- **Vape**
- **Human Casino Dealers**
- **Land Based Casinos**
- **Beer Barrel Limit Increase**
- **Legal to Ship Wine**
- **UBER**

- **Uninspected “Processed” Poultry at Restaurants/Roadside/Farmers Markets**
- **“Canned Hunt”**
- **Cursive Writing in Schools**
- **Indy Eleven (Soccer Stadium)**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **“Kill Solar/Wind Energy”**
- **Trespass**
- **The state’s official “War Plane”**



800 Pound Gorilla Issues

- **\$32,000,000,000 Budget**
- **An “Education Session”**

General Fund Appropriations 2016/2017



Capital
Projects
\$577M
2%



General
Government
\$1.8B
6%



Corrections
\$1.4B
4%



Public Safety
\$516M
2%

Health & Human
Services
\$2.7B
9%



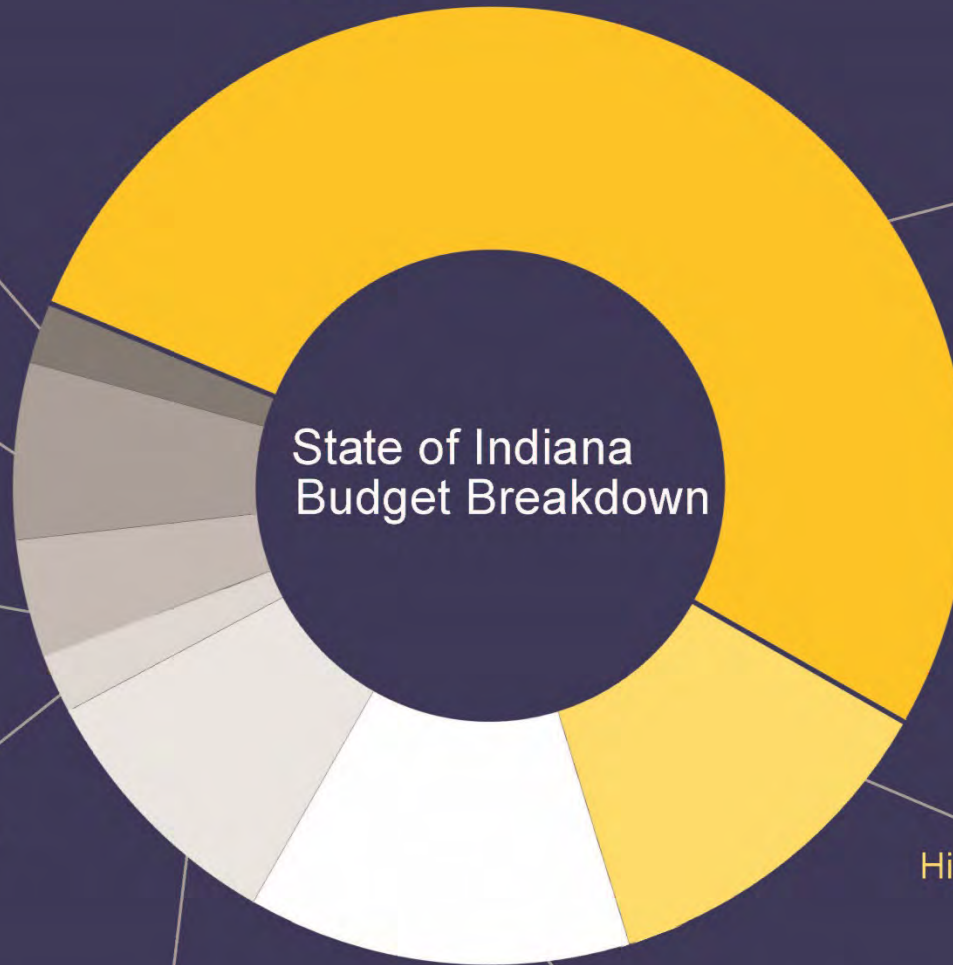
Medicaid
\$4B
13%



K-12 Education
\$16B
52%



Higher Education
\$3.7B
12%



Taxation / Public Finance

- **Passed the \$32,000,000,000 Biennial Budget**
- **“Throwback Rule”(Not tax out of state sales)**
- **“De Minimus” Personal Property Exemption**
- **5% Increase in Education Budget**

Education

- **State Board to elect it's chair in 2017**
- **Vice-chair and Chair share agenda setting (2015)**
- **Governor appoints 8 members (2015)**
- **Speaker and Senate Pro-Tem one appointment each (2015)**
- **5% increase in their budget**

Labor

- **Repeal Common Construction Wage (CCW)**
- **Wage Payment and Wage Assignment**

ED/ Infrastructure

- **Allows I-69 construction in Perry Twp.**
- **Regional Cities; Funded thru a “tax amnesty” program i.e. no money in the budget**
- **No taxation of Internet use**
- **\$100M/year in budget**

Environmental

- **HB 1350: IDEM “catch-all” bill; contains authorization for “in lieu” mitigation**
- **(Defeated) HB 479: SWMDs Evaluation**
- **SB 312: Above Ground Storage Tanks**
 - **No duplicate reporting**
 - **25 Mile “Critical Zone of Concern”**
 - **Threat Minimization Plans**
 - **ERB to Develop Rules**

Promote Water Plan

- **SB 473: Allow DNR to receive ground and surface water data from volunteers; work with USGS (amended into 1319)**
- **SB 474: IFA deep dive of 15 most populous cities (>50k) and five small water utilities; survey state “water” agencies**

Water/Sewer Utilities

- **HB1319: Allows purchase of “distressed utilities”**
- **SB 177 and SB 516: Increases the DSIC cap from 5% to 10%; only for aging infrastructure; if >10% = rate case**

Electric Power

- **SB 309: Creates “negotiation” rules for municipalities annexing areas serviced by electric power utilities**
- **SB 412: Establishes an “energy efficiency” program**
- **(Defeated) HB 1320: “Distributed Generation” aka “Net Metering”**