

Abbreviated Bill Summary from 2014 session of Indiana General Assembly

Healthy Hoosiers

- Negotiations between Governor and federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continue.
- Study on psychiatric intervention services ([SEA248](#))
- Concussions in high school athletics ([SEA222](#))
- Neonatal abstinence syndrome study and pilot ([SEA408](#))
- Tanning bed restrictions under 16-yr-olds ([SEA50](#))
- Monitors pregnant women with addictions and develops a treatment program ([HEA1360](#))
- Mental health pilot project to reduce recidivism ([SEA235](#))
- Guardianship issues in divorce ([SEA59](#))
- CHOICE program & FSSA reports ([HEA1391](#))
- Drug treatment and reporting - opioid treatment standards ([HEA1218](#))

Working Hoosiers

- Lowering burden of proof on employers and changing drug testing provisions for Unemployment benefits ([HEA1346](#)) though changed
- Transit bill ([SEA176](#))
- PERF and TRF were protected through 2017 and payout was reduced from 7.5% to either 4.5% or the prevailing market rate over 2 yrs ([HEA1075](#))
- Tax credits such as EITC were maintained without a sunset.
- [HEA1380](#) requires FSSA to study and report on the benefits provided to individuals whose income does not exceed 200% of the federal income poverty level.

Early Care and Education

- Early education vouchers for low-income 4-5 year olds to attend high-quality pre-k pilot with matching funds AND pre-K study cmsn ([HEA1004](#))
- Child care requirements for providers that accept Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) ([HEA1036](#))
- Property tax exemption for for-profit Level 3 or Level 4 early education providers for 4-6 yr-olds ([SEA158](#))
- Referendum language ([SEA207](#))

Education

- Common Core paused with DOE to write new standards by July, 2014; defines college and career readiness ([SEA91](#))
- Teacher qualifications ([HEA1388](#))
- School discipline study committee and more ([HEA1319](#))
- Loan repayment for STEM degrees ([SEA330](#))
- Drop out academy / adult high school provisions ([HEA1028](#))
- Changes restrictions on child labor law ([HEA1083](#))
- Career and technical education & study ([HEA1213](#))
- [HEA1003](#) provides EDGE credits to biz hiring students w/ certifications; longitudinal data; Indiana Network of Knowledge
- Gun bill – gun buyback restrictions and guns on school property ([SEA229](#))

Child Services

- Adds fictive family to the definition of relatives and other provisions ([HEA1110](#))
- Adoption tax credit and creation of an adoption study committee ([HEA1222](#))
- Cannot be granted adoption until after parent-child relationship is terminated ([SEA27](#))

Thriving Communities

- Demand side management, energy efficiency program to be eliminated ([SEA340](#))
- Surveillance by cameras, drones, etc. are now limited without warrant ([HEA1009](#))
- Local Government Fiscal Transparency Requirements ([SEA106](#)) and Government Reduction ([HEA1005](#))
- Criminal Code Reform ([HEA1006](#)) creates minimum sentences for violent crimes and aligns nonviolent offenses

Tax Credits and Interim Study Committees

- [SB80](#) consolidates study committees, placing many human service related committees into Human Services
- HEA1020 outlines a format for studying tax credits (without sunset language)
 - Earned Income Tax Credit and Unified Tax Credit for the Elderly
 - 529 College Savings, IDA
 - Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), School Scholarship, 21st Century Scholarship and College Contribution Credit
 - Economic Development incentives

Tax changes

- [SEA1](#) – reduces corporate income tax from 6.5% to 4.9% through 2022; gives local gov't option to eliminate business personal property tax and exempt business personal property below \$20K; establishes Blue Ribbon Commission to examine all local gov't financing and business taxation; special sales tax credit for propane sales
- [SEA367](#) – many specific provisions; circuit breaker definitions; loans to schools from rainy day fund; DLGF must approve school referendum language; sales tax on motor vehicles for other states; sales tax and use exemption for aircraft and related; NAP for orgs that provide services to ex-offenders; OCRA to administer historic rehab after 2015; OMB to provide studies, including about ways to enhance public access and security of statehouse activities.
- [HEA1020](#) Requires comprehensive review of state and local tax incentives, defined as exemption, deduction, credit, preferential rate, or other tax benefit that is intended to alter, reward, or subsidize a particular action or behavior by the tax incentive recipient. The State Tax and Financing Commission shall conduct the review.
- [HEA1266](#) local government finance issues; DLGF issues
- [HEA1380](#) –motor sports benefits; repeals prison investment, riverboat building, blended biodiesel, ethanol production, voluntary remediation, energy savings and new employer tax credits; other special tax provisions; FSSA to study all benefits to people below 200%FPL

What did NOT happen...(bills that died or were not heard)

- Expansion of Medicaid and state-based exchange bills were not heard
- Pseudoephedrine by prescription died
- Tax credits for caregivers did not receive a hearing
- Nursing home moratorium was removed in final hours
- Drug testing for welfare benefits died in final hours with 24-24 in Senate, lack of constitutional majority
- In-state tuition for dreamers
- Teacher choice where teachers could be rewarded for transferring to low-performing schools
- Cursive writing passed Senate but did not get a hearing in the House
- Sunset of key tax credits
- Land banking
- Energy efficiency plan
- Nuclear energy
- Complete streets
- Study on the economic vitality of communities

This list highlights new laws related to human services. All bills are listed on the [Indiana General Assembly site](#). For more information, contact Indiana Association of United Ways, Lucinda Nord, Lucinda.nord@iauw.org or 317-921-1394.