

GOVERNANCE					
Bill Number	Bill Title	Author	Summary	Current Status	Notes
HB1609	SBOE Chair	Rep McMillin	Requires SBOE Chair to be elected by members. Does not make changes to SBOE appointments/membership. Amended on 2nd Reading to move the effective date from upon passage to July 1, 2015.	Passed House 58-40	Senate Sponsor: Holdman Assigned to Senate Education Committee
SB1	SBOE Chair & Appointments	Sen Holdman	Requires SBOE Chair to be elected by members. Allows the SBOE to hire Executive Director and staff. Changes the composition of the SBOE to 4 members appointed by the Gov and 4 members appointed by the Legislature (Speaker and Pro Tempore). Superintendent maintains a seat on the SBOE. Effective July 1, 2015. Removes requirement that appointments must be geographically balanced. Governor appointments would no longer have to be politically balanced.	Passed Senate 33-17	House Sponsor: McMillin

EQUITABLE FUNDING					
Bill Number	Bill Title	Author	Summary	Current Status	Notes
HB1001	Budget Bill	Rep T. Brown	Amended House budget bill includes the following: (1) Removal of grade 1-8 \$4,800 voucher cap; (2) Increases the Tax Credit Scholarship cap from \$7.5M to \$12.5M and adds a 20% automatic escalator; (3) a charter facilities grant program (\$20M each year and the max a school can receive is \$1,500 per pupil); (4) \$64M performance funding; (5) funds virtual charters at 100%; (6) a \$469M or 4.7% increase in K-12 funding over the biennium; (7) \$2M each year for the Freedom to Teach Fund; and (8) \$5M each year for Turnaround Support.	Passed House 69-29	Senate Sponsor: Kenley Assigned to Senate Appropriations
HB1579	School Accounting	Rep VanNatter	Requires school corporations to comply with GAAP as opposed to their current cash basis accounting system through State Board of Accounts, beginning in 2018. (Charters already meet GAAP requirements and have independent audits.)	House Education heard testimony but took no vote	Testimony indicated high level of concern from schools regarding the amount of time and money needed to transition from current accounting system to GAAP.

SB 446	Local Government Financial Reporting	Sen Holdman	Prohibits large public schools and other units of local government from issuing bonds unless the annual financial report is prepared in accordance with all GAAP requirements. Requirements only apply after August 15, 2018 for schools with enrollment greater than 25,000, and after August 15, 2019 for schools with enrollment greater than 15,000.	Passed Senate 42-8	The current enrollment restrictions means this bill only applies to 6 school corporations currently. House Sponsor: Rep Koch
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EMPOWERING TEACHERS					
Bill Number	Bill Title	Author	Summary	Current Status	Notes
HB1009	Freedom to Teach	Rep Behning	Increases flexibility and removes barriers from local school corporations by allowing local school boards to work with educators to develop plans that could improve student outcomes while also paying great teachers more. Very similar to HEA1321 (IPS Innovation Network bill from 2014).	Passed House 95-2	Senate Sponsor: Kruse Assigned to Senate Education Committee
SB566	Education Matters	Sen Mishler, Kenley	Allows for the statewide expansion of HEA1321 and gives the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board (IEERB) authority to ensure teacher contracts meet the requirement of the law. Includes a number of other provisions that are not part of HQE's agenda, such as requiring the state to tweak standards and use a national assessment beginning in 2017.	Passed Senate 46-3	House Sponsors: T.Brown, Ober
SB500	Deregulation	Sen Pete Miller	Reduces burdensome reporting requirements and regulations from all types of schools. The contents of this bill come from recommendations from more than 25 public schools across the state.	Passed Senate 31-18	House Sponsor: Cook
SB234	Automatic Dues Deduction	Sen Smith	Allows union dues to be taken out of an employee's paycheck only if the employee opts in.	Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor	Not given a committee hearing DEAD
SB302	Non-Union Teacher Contracts	Sen Pete Miller	Provides non-union teachers the ability to become at-will employees and discuss and negotiate their employment contracts if they choose.	Committee heard testimony Jan 14th.	Chairman Boots did not allow a committee vote on this bill.

SB538	Teacher Collective Bargaining and Teacher Bill of Rights	Sen Yoder	Requires IEERB to create and provide all teachers with an easy to understand handout that explains what their rights are as an employee to counter misinformation from ISTA. Allows IEERB to conduct a hearing (that could potentially lead to a recertification vote) if they believe union membership falls below 51%.	Passed Senate 30-19	House Sponsors: Torr, McMillin
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OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST					
Bill Number	Bill Title	Author	Summary	Current Status	Notes
HB1438	Adult High Schools	Rep Devon	Clarifies that funding for adult high schools can flow to the organizer. Allows the mayor of Indianapolis to authorize new adult high schools (current law only allows the Indiana Charter School Board to authorize).	Passed House 96-0	Senate Sponsor: Kruse Assigned to Senate Education Committee
HB1636	Charter Schools	Rep Behning	Strengthens Indiana's charter school authorizer laws to futher crack down on authorizer shopping.	Passed House 82-12	Senate Sponsors: Kruse, Yoder Assigned to Senate Education Committee
HB1638	School Turnaround	Rep Behning	Governor's Turnaround/Transformation Zone bill. Recommended by the SBOE. Increases SBOE flexibility and authority for turnaround schools. Shortens accountability timeline from 6 years as a consecutive F to 4 years.	Passed House 66-31	Senate Sponsors: Kruse, Yoder, Pete Miller
HB 1072	SBOE Legislative Recommendations	Rep Thompson	Language from 1486 was amended into HB 1072. This bill includes numerous legislative request from the SBOE including: technical fixes to how the SBOE shall calculate student growth for accountability purposes and SBOE authority to obtain data from the DOE.	Failed House 42-51	The Speaker and others have stated they will work to revive important provisions during the 2nd half of session.
HB 1639	Various Education Matters	Rep Behning	Includes language to prevent DOE from defaulting voucher schools to an F if they have too few students to obtain an accountability grade. Also includes language to combat ISTEP cheating.	Passed Education Committee 10-0 and amended on 2nd Reading but not called down for a 3rd Reading vote	The bill is dead, but language can be amended into other bills during the 2nd half of session.

