

# Week 3: Complete



## Week 3 Summary

Another busy week at the state house has come to an end. There have been just under 900 bills filed for this session and the last couple bills were released earlier this week. Even though that it was a short week, the House and Senate are wasting no time passing bills. Here are a few highlights from the week:

**HB1001: Education Funding** has successfully passed third reading with 97 yeas and 0 nays. HB 1001 Permits the budget agency to transfer funds from the K-12 tuition reserve account to the state general fund when the actual cost of K-12 tuition exceeds the appropriated amount for that year.

**HB1002: Reorganization of Workforce Funding and Programs** was heard in the Ways and Means Committee this week and held. Indiana has a workforce problem, having more jobs than qualified employees, that needs to be addressed and many legislators agree this bill can begin to solve those problems. However, they understand that it is important not to rush through the bill and make the best effort, on the first try, to fix the issues in our state. As stated in committee, this is a very important issue and needs to be handled appropriately and with adequate time. The bill will be held until the committee feels that they can amend it and give HB1002 the best chance for success.

**HB1003: Streamlining Agency Reporting Requirements:** Repeals the requirement that the office of management and budget OMB perform a cost benefit analysis of certain rules for the three year period following the rules' effective date. This bill was amended in committee 10-0 and moved to second reading. The bill will be heard next week for third reading on the floor and looks to pass on to the Senate.

## Important Dates

### February 5, 2018

Third Reading Deadline in the House

### February 6, 2018

Third Reading Deadline in the Senate

### March 5, 2018

Third Reading Deadline in the House

### March 6, 2018

Third Reading Deadline in the Senate

### March 14, 2018

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HBI004: Various State and Local Government Matters: Provides that the journals, the enrolled acts, the session laws, and the Indiana Code may be distributed in paper or electronic format. This bill was referred to Select Committee on Government Reduction and has been scheduled for hearing on 01/23/18.

HBI005: Township Government Matters: Allows a participating unit in a newly formed fire protection territory to phase in the unit's property tax levy over a period not exceeding three years. This bill would eliminate more than 300 townships. HBI005 has been referred to Government and Regulatory Reform.

In the Senate, a major focus this week has been on Sunday Sales and Cold Beer Sales. SBI: Sunday Carryout Sales: Allows stores to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout on Sunday from noon until 8 PM. The bill has been moved to off second reading and is pending final passage by the Senate.

As you may know, SB26, which would allow cold beer sales at a grocery did not have much success this week. The bill was moved to committee last week and heard two days ago. It was voted down 9-1. Senator Tim Lanane of Anderson was the only member who voted in favor of this bill.

Finally, yesterday was a big day for the state and central Indiana. Indiana moved one-step closer to being named the location for the second global Amazon Headquarters, HQ2. Amazon announced, that out of 238 communities, there are only 20 remaining, Indianapolis being one of them. Governor Holcomb has made taking Indiana to the "Next Level" his top priority and its opportunities like this that make that goal possible. According to Amazon's website, "the location will see incredible benefits including: 50,000 new, high-paying jobs, thousands of new construction jobs, and tens of billions of dollars in additional investments throughout the surrounding community." Amazon is looking to invest over five billion dollars into their future location and we, as Hoosiers, should be thrilled to have made it into the top 20 for this investment.

Happy Friday, and have a great weekend!

## Surveyor Bill Moves Forward

A bill introduced by Sen. Blake Doriot, who served as a county surveyor prior to being elected to the senate, introduced SB 197 addressing several issues in support of the ISPLS. SB 197 amends Indiana's State Plane Coordinate statute to recognize and allow for current survey practice and technology. For example, the use of GS in surveying is pervasive today, yet the existing statute does not contemplate even the existence of GPS, not to mention how surveyors use it in contemporary practice. The bill also addresses long-considered loopholes in the state adverse possession statute.

The bill was heard Wednesday in the Senate Civil Law Committee and was passed by a vote of 4-1. Jason Coyle and Bryan Caitlin were both in attendance and spoke in support of the bill. It will be considered by the full senate next week.

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