I. Domestic Violence

SB249  EXPLOITATION OF DEPENDENTS AND ENDANGERED ADULTS (YOUNG M, Crane, Leising, Becker, Koch, Randolph, JD Ford) Defines "person in a position of trust" and "self-dealing". Provides that a: (1) person commits exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult if the person recklessly uses or exerts control over the personal services or property of an endangered adult or dependent; and (2) person in a position of trust commits exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult if the person recklessly engages in self-dealing with the property of the dependent or endangered adult. Increases the penalty if the person has a prior unrelated conviction. Removes: (1) provisions relating to the Social Security Act; (2) a sentencing enhancement that applies if the victim is at least 60 years of age; and (3) a sentencing enhancement based on the value of the property.

1/27/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Pressel, Heine
1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 61: yeas 50, nays 0

SB267  ADMINISTRATION OF 211 SERVICES (BOHACEK M) Transfers responsibility for the 211 human services information dialing code from the Indiana housing and community development authority (authority) to the office of the secretary of family and social services. Eliminates provisions: (1) regarding recognized 211 service providers; (2) prohibiting state agencies or departments from establishing telephone lines or hotlines to provide human services information or referrals without first consulting a recognized 211 provider and notifying the authority; (3) prohibiting dissemination of information to the public about the availability of 211 services except in conformity with rules adopted by the authority; (4) limiting disbursements from the 211 services account to $50,000 annually; (5) requiring consultation with the board of directors of Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc., for purposes of preparation of the annual plan for expenditure of funds from the 211 services account; and (6) requiring an annual report to the general assembly regarding 211 services and deposits to and disbursements from the 211 services account.

1/21/2020 - House sponsor: Representative McNamara
1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 61: yeas 50, nays 0

SB335  CRIMINAL LAW ISSUES (YOUNG M) Provides that, if certain criminal penalties are increased (or, in the case of an infraction, imposed) due to a prior conviction or infraction committed by a defendant, the new offense must have been committed not later than fifteen years from the later of the date: (1) of the conviction or infraction judgment; or (2) the person was released from incarceration, probation, or parole. Excludes certain crimes and classes of crimes from the fifteen year lookback period. Specifies the duties of an operator of a boat who is involved in an accident or collision resulting in injury. Adds strangulation and domestic battery to the definition of "crimes of violence". Specifies that references to a conviction for Indiana offenses include: (1) an attempt to commit the offense; (2) a conspiracy to commit the offense; and (3) a substantially similar offense committed in another jurisdiction. Provides that credit earned by a person on pretrial home detention does not include accrued time. Makes it a crime to possess a firearm with an obliterated serial number (under current law, it is only a crime to possess a handgun with an obliterated serial number). Provides a defense to possession of "smokable hemp" if the hemp is carried in continuous transit from a licensed producer in another state through Indiana to a licensed handler in another state. Specifies that a conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor is an offense of the same class as the misdemeanor. Makes technical corrections.

2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Steuerwald
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 166: yeas 40, nays 9

SB424  ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (ROGERS L) Allows a victim of harassment, human trafficking, intimidation, or invasion of privacy to participate in the address confidentiality program (program) of the office of the attorney general (office). (Currently the law allows only victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to participate in the program.) Removes the requirement that a victim must have obtained a protective order to participate in the program. Provides, with certain exceptions, that if a program participant provides written notice to an individual, state or local government agency, business, or other legal entity: (1) the entity shall use the address designated by the office; (2) the entity may not disclose the program participant's address; and (3) if the entity is a landlord, the entity may not display the program participant's name at the protected address. Allows the office to revoke a person's participation in the program if the program participant: (1) uses the program in furtherance of a crime; or (2) violates the statutory provisions governing the program or the terms of the program as established by the office. Establishes the circumstances under which a program participant's address may be disclosed in a court proceeding and requires the court to issue
an appropriate order to limit any further disclosure. Repeals a statute providing that a program participant who provides false
information on a program application commits perjury.
1/30/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Engleman
1/30/2020 - Third reading passed;
1/30/2020 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

SB47  EXPUNGEMENT ISSUES (FREEMAN A, Boots, Randolph, Bohacek) Provides that if a court reduces a Class D or Level 6 felony
to a misdemeanor, the five-year waiting period for expungement begins on the date of the felony conviction and not on the date the
felony was converted to a misdemeanor. Establishes a procedure for the automatic expungement of a petition for a protection order
if the petition was denied, and conforms the automatic expungement provisions to existing civil protection order expungement
provisions. Requires companies that provide background checks to periodically review their records and remove records relating to
expunged protection orders (in the same manner as expunged convictions are removed). Provides that, if a person whose records
have been expunged seeks employment with a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency may: (1) inquire about the
person's expunged records; and (2) refuse to employ the person. Specifies the procedure to expunge records of a collateral action
entered in a different county than the county which issued the expungement order.
2/4/2020 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
1/27/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Young J
1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 54: yeas 47, nays 3

HB1306 FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR TRIBAL COURT ORDERS (DELANEY E, Dvorak, Steuerwald)
Requires that, under certain circumstances, a court of record in Indiana shall give full faith and credit to judgments and orders of a
tribal court affiliated with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.
2/3/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Koch, Ford Jon, Niezgodski
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 162: yeas 92, nays 0

Bills that did not pass:
HB1098 PUNITIVE DAMAGES (STEUERWALD G)
HB1152 FALSE INFORMING AND RED FLAG LAW ORDERS (LUCAS J)
HB1297 SURRENDER OF FIREARMS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES (SMITH V)
HB1355 MARITAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS (HATCHER R)
SB35 PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND EMPLOYMENT (RANDOLPH L)

Sexual Assault
SB109  STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (CRIDER M) Provides that an otherwise barred offense may be commenced not later than five
years from the earlier of the date on which: (1) the state first discovers DNA evidence sufficient to charge the offender; (2) the state
first becomes aware of a recording that provides evidence sufficient to charge the offender; or (3) a person confesses to the offense.
Removes the statute of limitations for civil causes of action alleging child sexual abuse, and provides that a person who alleges an
injury resulting from child sexual abuse may file an action in an otherwise time barred case any time before the date the alleged
injured person reaches 31 years of age. Provides that, if the injured person is 31 years of age or older, an civil cause of a ction alleging
child sexual abuse may only be revived if: (1) the cause of action is brought against the alleged perpetrator; and (2) certain new
evidence is discovered.
2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Steuerwald, Cherry, VanNatter, Engleman
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 112: yeas 44, nays 2

SB146  SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS' RIGHTS (DORIOT B) Provides rights to sexual assault victims, including the right to: (1) speak
with a sexual assault counselor before a forensic medical exam or during the course of an investigation; (2) the collection of sexual
assault forensic evidence; (3) the analysis of the sexual assault forensic evidence; and (4) notice.
2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Schaibley, DeVon, McNamara, Miller
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 140: yeas 49, nays 0

SB206 DEPOSITIONS OF CHILDREN (MESSMER M) Defines "deposition" to include interviews, recorded statements, and
depositions. Creates certain procedures and protections in a deposition for a child less than 16 years of age who is the victim of a sex
crime. Provides that the term "defense counsel" includes the defense counsel, the defendant, or an agent of the defendant or
defense counsel.
2/10/2020 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:30 AM, Rm. 156-D
1/30/2020 - added as cosponsors Representatives Torr, Schaibley, Kirchhofer, DeLaney
1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 76: yeas 49, nays 1

Guns
SB9 TARGET SHOOTING (TOMES J) Provides that a person who goes to a shooting range that is, or whose instructors and range safety officers are, certified by a nationally recognized shooting organization, and that posts and maintains signage concerning liability for the purpose of target shooting does not have an assurance that the premises is safe for that purpose.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Judiciary
1/27/2020 - House sponsor: Representative May
1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 52: yeas 41, nays 9

SB16 JUVENILE DELINQUENTS AND FIREARMS (BOHACEK M) Prohibits a person who has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act with a firearm that would be a serious violent felony if committed by an adult (serious delinquent) from possessing a firearm unless the person is at least: (1) 26 years of age, in the case of less serious acts; or (2) 28 years of age, in the case of more serious acts. Makes possession of a firearm by a serious delinquent a Level 5 felony, and increases the penalty to a Level 5 felony for a second or subsequent offense. Requires a juvenile court to transmit certain findings to the office of judicial administration for transmission to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) upon a finding of delinquency for an act that would be a serious violent felony if committed by an adult.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
1/14/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Pressel, Negele
1/14/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 11: yeas 43, nays 6

SB69 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (SANDLIN J) Exempts certain retired law enforcement officers described in the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) from the prohibition against carrying a firearm on school property. Makes conforming amendments.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Public Policy
1/14/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Speedy
1/14/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 15: yeas 42, nays 7

SB263 SPECIALIZED WEAPONS TRAINING (HOLDMAN T) Provides that, before an employee or any other staff member of a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school, may carry a firearm in or on school property as authorized by a school board of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school, the employee or staff member shall do the following: (1) Successfully complete certain specialized weapons training or other firearm training. (2) Provide proof to the school board that the employee or other staff member has successfully completed the training. (3) Complete the Minnesota multiphasic personality inventory 2 (MMPI-II) and provide the results from the inventory to the school board of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Establishes requirements for specialized weapons training. Requires an employee or any other staff member of a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to successfully complete sixteen hours of weapons training each year that the employee or staff member is authorized and intends to carry a firearm in or on school property. Provides that the specialized weapons training must be provided by a person or entity approved by the school board of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Allows a school to barricade or block a door during an active shooter drill or during an active shooter emergency occurring in a school building.

2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Judy
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 153: yeas 42, nays 7

SB291 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND HANDGUNS IN A CASINO (GROOMS R, Koch, Sandlin) Defines "licensed facility" to include gambling game facilities, satellite facilities, riverboats, and property that contains both a gambling game facility and a racetrack with live horse racing. Defines "law enforcement officer" to also include an off-duty law enforcement officer and a qualified retired law enforcement officer under 18 U.S.C. 926C. Requires the gaming commission (commission) to adopt rules: (1) permitting a law enforcement officer to carry a handgun in a licensed facility; (2) requiring a law enforcement officer who is carrying a handgun to notify an enforcement agent or the commission that the law enforcement officer is carrying a handgun; (3) requiring the licensed facility to provide the law enforcement officer with a wristband or other identifiable item that will inform the licensed facility and its agents that the law enforcement officer is carrying a handgun; and (4) implementing a reasonable method to enforce the new rules. Provides that the commission is not prohibited from adopting its own rules or policies concerning the carrying of handguns by its employees or enforcement agents.

2/4/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Clere, Engleman, Eberhart, Goodin
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Clere
Pregnancy Accommodation/infant mortality/Job supports

SB342  PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATION (ALTING R, Bohacek, Grooms, JD Ford, Becker, Crider, Jon Ford, Walker, Donato, Melton, Taylor, Tallian, Randolph, Stoops, Breaux) Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of studying pregnancy and childbirth accommodations and the fiscal impact on businesses within Indiana.

2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 157: yeas 40, nays 9

Homelessness and Housing

HB1104 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CLERE E, Representatives Pressel, Miller, Bartlett) Repeals the laws governing the microenterprise partnership program fund and microenterprise partnership program. Requires the governing body of an eligible entity to notify the Indiana housing and community development authority of the creation of an affordable housing fund. Replaces the member of the low income housing trust fund advisory committee appointed by and representing the Indianapolis Coalition for Neighborhood Development with one member appointed by and representing the Indiana housing and community development authority.

2/5/2020 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology
1/23/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Garten, Messmer, Rogers, Taylor
1/23/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 45: yeas 95, nays 0

HB1191 LAND CONTRACTS (CLERE E, Burton, Fleming, Pryor) Defines "principal dwelling land contract" (contract) as a land contract for the sale of real property: (1) designed for the occupancy of one to two families; and (2) that is or will be occupied by the buyer as the buyer's principal dwelling. Provides that the seller under a contract must provide the buyer with certain disclosures at least 10 days before the contract is executed. Sets forth disclosures that must be included in a contract. Provides a three day cancellation period for the buyer. Specifies certain recording provisions for principal dwelling land contracts. Provides that a violation of disclosure provisions constitutes a deceptive act under the deceptive consumer sales act.

2/3/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Ford Jon and Ford J.D
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 159: yeas 84, nays 9

SB67  TOWNSHIP HOMELESS ASSISTANCE (SANDLIN J, Koch, Grooms, Merritt, Breaux, Randolph, Stoops, Taylor) Provides that a township trustee of a township that has a population of more than 10,000, shall, if the trustee considers it advisable, place in the county home or provide township assistance to a homeless person whose legal residence: (1) is not in the township; or (2) cannot be ascertained. Provides that a township trustee of a township that has a population of less than 10,000, may, if the trustee considers it advisable, place in the county home or provide township assistance to a homeless person whose legal residence: (1) is not in the township; or (2) cannot be ascertained. Requires each township trustee in a county to collaborate and prepare a list of public and known private resources that is: (1) available to the homeless population for each township in the county; and (2) distributed and published on the county's Internet web site not later than March 1 of each year.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform
1/21/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Karickhoff
1/21/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 25: yeas 50, nays 0

SB115  DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (CRIDER M, Holdman Randolph) Provides a property tax deduction to the owner of real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property if: (1) the property is occupied by relative of the owner who is blind or is an individual with a disability; (2) the occupant principally uses the property as the occupant's residence; and (3) the occupant's gross income for the year preceding the year for which the deduction is claimed does not exceed $17,000.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Ways and Means
1/27/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Cherry
1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 58: yeas 50, nays 0

SB123  AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING INCENTIVES (HOLDMAN T) Allows the Indiana housing and community development authority (authority) to establish a program (program) to incentivize investment in affordable and workforce housing projects in Indiana. Provides that an eligible applicant who wishes to obtain an incentive under the program must apply to the authority after June 30, 2021. Requires the authority to provide a report to the interim study committee on fiscal policy concerning: (1)
affordable and workforce housing incentives offered in other states; and (2) a recommendation on the type of incentive that should be offered in Indiana.

2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Pressel, Negele
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 138: yeas 48, nays 1

SB148  ZONING AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (DORIOT B) Provides that a comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance: (1) may not prohibit a proposed residential structure solely because the proposed residential structure is a manufactured home; and (2) may require a manufactured home to be located and installed according to the same standards that apply to a site-built, single family dwelling on the same lot, including a permanent foundation system, setbacks, minimum square footage, and aesthetic appearance. Provides that, subject to certain conditions an industrialized residential structure may be located in a mobile home community. Provides that units of local government may not adopt or enforce certain ordinances, regulations, requirements, or other restrictions that mandate size requirements for a manufactured home that is placed in a mobile home community. Makes conforming changes.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Miller D, Pressel, Stutzman
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 113: yeas 32, nays 15

SB292  COUNTY OPTION CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT (SANDLIN J) Authorizes a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to provide a credit against property tax liability for qualified individuals. Defines a "qualified individual" for purposes of the credit. Provides that the ordinance may designate: (1) all of the territory of the county; or (2) one or more specific geographic territories within the county; as an area in which qualified individuals may apply for the credit. Provides that the credit amount is equal to the amount by which property taxes on the property increased by more than 2% from the prior year. Requires a qualified individual who desires to claim the credit to file a certified statement with the county auditor. Provides that the county auditor shall apply the credit in succeeding years after the certified statement is filed unless the auditor determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the credit or the county fiscal body rescinds the ordinance. Provides a penalty for wrongly receiving the credit that is the same as the penalty for wrongly receiving the homestead standard deduction.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Brown T, Manning and Pryor
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 123: yeas 39, nays 8

Immigration None moved.

Anti-Poverty

HB1009  VARIOUS WELFARE MATTERS (GOODRICH C, Huston, Devon, Pryor) Provides that money earned by a child or a member of the child's family as a student participating in a paid internship, a work based learning course, or a paid postsecondary work experience that allows the individual to apply for a related apprenticeship is: (1) disregarded for purposes of determining eligibility for assistance or the amount of assistance for a child under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (2) disregarded for certain Medicaid category populations in determining eligibility for Medicaid; and (3) factored by applying a reasonable method to include a prorated portion of reasonably predictable future income in determining Medicaid eligibility for certain Medicaid category populations. Specifies that income earned by an individual employed in a temporary job as a census worker is not counted for purposes of: (1) TANF; (2) SNAP; (3) Medicaid; (4) a school lunch program; and (5) determining eligibility for certain scholarships, grants, or awards. Changes the amount of equity value in a motor vehicle disregarded for purposes of eligibility in the TANF program from $5,000 to $10,000.

2/5/2020 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services
2/13/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 41: yeas 94, nays 0

SB356  HEALTHY FOOD FINANCE (MERRITT J, JD Ford, Melton, Breaux) Establishes the healthy food financing fund (fund) and healthy food financing program (program) under the administration of the Indiana housing and community development authority (IHCDA). Provides that the purpose of the fund is to provide financing in the form of loans or grants for projects that increase the availability of fresh and nutritious food in underserved communities. Defines an "underserved community" as a census tract determined to be an area with low supermarket access: (1) by the United States Department of Agriculture; or (2) as identified through a methodology used by another healthy food initiative. Provides that the IHCDA may contract with one or more nonprofit organizations or community development financial institutions to administer the program through a public-private partnership. Provides that an applicant for a grant or a loan must demonstrate the capacity to successfully implement the project and the ability to repay the loan. Provides that an applicant for a grant or a loan must agree to satisfy certain conditions. Requires the IHCDA to monitor projects receiving financing and submit a report annually to the legislative council that includes the number and types of jobs created, and the health initiatives associated with the program.

1/28/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Shackleford; 1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 87: yeas 46, nays 4
Payday – loan sharking, and other consumer credit related bill
HB1353 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER CREDIT (BURTON W, Mailton, Heaton, Chying) Makes various changes to the statutes concerning: (1) first lien mortgage lenders; (2) persons licensed under the Uniform Consumer Credit Code (UCCC); (3) civil proceeding advance payment providers; (4) debt management companies; (5) banks; (6) credit unions; (7) pawnbrokers; (8) money transmitters; and (9) licensed cashers of checks. Repeals a provision in the statute governing credit unions that concerns loans made by a credit union to the credit union's individual directors and committee members. Amends a provision in the statute governing credit unions that concerns loans made by a credit union to the credit union’s individual officers to: (1) include extensions of credit made to the credit union's individual directors and supervisory committee members (and to the immediate family members and related interests of the credit union's individual directors and supervisory committee members); and (2) specify that such extensions of credit shall be made in accordance with Regulation O of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
2/4/2020 - Referred to Senate
2/3/2020 - Senate sponsor: Senator Bassler
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 167: yeas 92, nays 0

SB43 FRAUD CONSOLIDATION (YOUNG M) Repeals and consolidates various fraud, deception, and mischief offenses. Defines “financial institution” for purposes of crimes involving financial institutions. Defines "item of sentimental value" and enhances the penalties for mischief, theft, and fraud if the offense involves an item of sentimental value. Defines "pecuniary loss" for purposes of fraud in connection with insurance. Makes conforming amendments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on corrections and criminal code.)
2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Steuerwald
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 136: yeas 27, nays 22

SB327 REPORTING OF CONSUMER LOANS BY UNLICENSED LENDERS (ZAY A) Requires a person, with certain exceptions, that is not required to be licensed with the department under the Uniform Consumer Credit Code to report to the department certain information concerning each consumer loan made to a debtor who is a resident of Indiana by the person after June 30, 2020. Authorizes the department to adopt rules to implement these provisions.
2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Carbaugh, Heaton, Burton
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 165: yeas 47, nays 2

SB395 UNIFORM CONSUMER CREDIT CODE (BASSLER E, Ruckelshaus) Amends the Uniform Consumer Credit Code (UCCC) as follows: (1) Changes: (A) from July 1 of each even-numbered year to January 1 of each odd-numbered year the effective date for the adjustment, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index, of various dollar amounts set forth in the UCCC; and (B) the corresponding date that precedes the adjustment date and by which the department of financial institutions (department) must issue an emergency rule announcing the adjustment. (2) For an agreement for a consumer credit sale entered into after June 30, 2020: (A) authorizes a seller to contract for and receive a nonrefundable fee based on the amount financed, in addition to the credit service charge and any other authorized charges and fees; and (B) prohibits precomputed consumer credit sales. (3) Repeals a provision concerning the credit service charge for revolving charge accounts and relocates the language to the provision concerning the authorized credit service charge for consumer sales. (4) For an agreement for a consumer loan entered into after June 30, 2020: (A) redesignates the authorized "nonrefundable prepaid finance charge" as an authorized "nonrefundable fee" and changes the amount of the authorized fee from $50 to an amount based on the amount financed, in the case of a consumer loan not secured by an interest in land; and (B) prohibits precomputed consumer loans. Changes from $1.50 to $3.00 the amount of the fee that a lessor in a rental purchase agreement may impose for accepting rental payments by telephone. Makes conforming technical amendments throughout the UCCC to reflect the bill's changes.
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Burton
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 178: yeas 40, nays 9

Family Law
HB1278 GRANDPARENT VISITATION (BAUER B, Torr, Macer) Amends statutes regarding: (1) standing to seek grandparent visitation; and (2) survival of judicially granted grandparent visitation rights; to specify that standing to seek visitation survives adoption of the grandchild. Provides that a petition for grandparent visitation must be filed not later than six months after the date a decree of adoption of the child is entered. Provides that a paternal grandparent of a child does not have standing to seek grandparent visitation if the child's father has not established paternity in relation to the child. (Under current law, such a grandparent has standing to seek grandparent visitation, but may not be awarded grandparent visitation.) Provides conditions under which standing
to seek grandparent visitation survives: (1) establishment of the paternity of the child; and (2) the adoption of the child by certain family members.

2/3/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Houchin and Lanane
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 161: yeas 92, nays 1

HB1418 MINIMUM AGE TO MARRY (ENGLEMAN K) Amends the definition of "adult" for purposes of the Indiana Code to include: (1) a married minor who is at least 16 years of age; and (2) a minor who has been completely emancipated by a court; subject to specific constitutional and statutory age requirements and health and safety regulations that remain applicable to the person because of the person's age. Raises the minimum age to marry from 15 years of age to 17 years of age. Provides that an individual 17 years of age may marry only if: (1) the individual's intended spouse is not more than four years older than the individual; (2) a juvenile court has issued an order allowing the individual to marry; and (3) the individual: (A) completes any premarital counseling required under the order; (B) applies for a marriage license not earlier than 15 days after the order is issued; and (C) includes a certified copy of the order with the individual's application for a marriage license. Repeals provisions requiring an individual less than 18 years of age to obtain consent to marry from the individual's parent or guardian. Specifies a process an individual 17 years of age must follow to petition a juvenile court for an order allowing the individual to marry, and specifies conditions necessary for approval of the petition and conditions requiring denial of the petition. Provides that a court that issues an order allowing an individual 17 years of age to marry must also issue an order completely emancipating the individual. Amends the list of records or documents an individual may submit to a court clerk as proof of the individual's date of birth for purposes of applying for a marriage license. Amends the law regarding petitions by minors for emancipation as follows: (1) Provides that a court hearing a minor's petition for emancipation must appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor. (2) Provides that the guardian ad litem shall investigate the statements contained in the minor's petition and file a report of the investigation with the court. (3) Provides that a court may grant a minor's petition for emancipation only if the court finds that emancipation is in the child's best interests. (4) Provides that if the court completely emancipates the child: (A) the child has all the rights and responsibilities of an adult; and (B) the emancipation order may not specify terms of emancipation. Provides that an emancipated child remains subject to: (1) Indiana law concerning minimum age for marriage; and (2) other specific constitutional and statutory age requirements applicable to the emancipated child because of the emancipated child's age. Specifies certain provisions concerning the relocation of a child. Makes conforming amendments. **Died on second, but may be amended into HB1278 in the Senate.**

Joint custody bills were not heard.

**Juveniles/Youth/DCS**

HB1249 KINSHIP CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SUMMERS V) Establishes the kinship care oversight committee (committee). Requires the committee to study all aspects of kinship care. Specifies other duties of the committee. Authorizes the committee to meet at any time at the call of the chairperson. Specifies other policies governing the committee. Establishes a kinship care oversight advisory board to advise the committee in carrying out its duties. Specifies the policies governing the kinship care oversight advisory board.

1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 61: yeas 94, nays 3
1/27/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Becker and Breaux

HB1265 DRINKING WATER TESTING (JACKSON C) Requires each person or entity having authority over a school building to test the drinking water in the school building before January 1, 2023, for compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper. Provides, however, that the testing requirement is satisfied if the drinking water of the school building has already been tested for compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations at least once since 2016. Provides that if a test of the drinking water of a school building indicates the presence of lead in the water equal to or greater than the federal lead action level of 15 parts per billion, the person or entity having authority over the school building is required to take action to reduce the lead levels in the drinking water to less than 15 parts per billion. Provides that the person or entity having authority over a school building that is subject to drinking water testing is required to seek state and federal money that is available for lead sampling or testing.

1/30/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 135: yeas 90, nays 2
1/30/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Randolph Lonnie M and Niemeyer

SB62 PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION IN FOSTER CARE STUDY COMMITTEE TOPIC (GROOMS R) Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the topic of the supervision and distribution of psychotropic medication to children that are in foster care.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Clere, Davisson, Engleman, Fleming
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 110: yeas 47, nays 0

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SB64  INDIANA YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAM (RUCKELSHAUS J) Provides that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis shall develop a proposal to establish the Indiana youth service program (program) to provide high school students with the opportunity to learn various skills and participate in service at host sites throughout Indiana. Provides that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis may seek input on the program from the department of workforce development, the commission for higher education, and the legislative services agency. Provides that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis shall present the proposed program, including costs of administration, to the budget committee and the general assembly for review and consideration not later than December 1, 2020.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Education
1/28/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Cook
1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 66: yeas 40, nays 10

SB144  KIDS FIRST TRUST FUND BOARD SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION (ZAY A) Provides that the members of the Indiana kids first trust fund board (board) serve terms of four years (rather than two years under current law) and provides for the terms of the appointed members of the board to be staggered. Provides that at least two meetings of the board each year must be conducted with at least a quorum of the members of the board. Provides that not later than 10 days after a meeting of the board, the board shall post a draft of the minutes of the meeting on the board's Internet web site. Requires the board to study to the topic of establishing a nonprofit subsidiary corporation and provide a report to the general assembly with the board's findings. Allows the board to create a nonprofit subsidiary corporation to solicit and accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises, and contributions.

1/21/2020 - House sponsor: Representative DeVon
1/21/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 28: yeas 50, nays 0

SB259  CHILD SERVICES REPORTS (SPARTZ V) Requires the department of child services (department) to prepare a report containing the following information for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020: (1) Information regarding the department’s expenditures, categorized according to the case type to which the expenditures are attributable. (2) Any other available information relevant to identifying cost drivers and trends for the department. Requires the department to submit the report, not later than November 1, 2020, to: (1) the members of the interim study committee on fiscal policy; (2) the members of the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services (study committee); and (3) the legislative council. Before November 1, 2020, requires the department to report to the study committee concerning the department’s development, timeline, and implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act. Requires the report to include information on state expenditures and federal funding.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - House sponsor: Representative DeVon
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 121: yeas 47, nays 0

SB289  CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK OF CHILD SERVICE PROVIDERS (GROOMS R) Provides that certain individuals can begin work at a child caring institution, group home, or child placing agency if: (1) an in-state child protection index check; (2) a national sex offender registry check; (3) an in-state local law enforcement records check; and (4) a fingerprint based check of national crime information data bases; have been completed and an out-of-state child abuse registry check and out-of-state local law enforcement records check have been requested. Limits an individual’s employment, before the out-of-state abuse registry check and out-of-state local law enforcement records check have been completed, to employment training without direct contact with a child and if accompanied by an employee who meets certain requirements.

2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Lindauer, Mayfield, Cook, DeVon
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 156: yeas 49, nays 0

SB345  CHILD SERVICES OVERSIGHT (HOUCHIN E) Establishes the child services oversight committee (committee). Requires the committee to review case decisions of the department of child services (DCS) and the juvenile courts in certain cases with negative outcomes, make recommendations to the DCS and the legislative council, study topics assigned by the legislative council, and study any other issues relevant to the activities of the DCS and improving child safety. Authorizes the committee to meet at any time at the call of the chairperson. Provides that records reviewed by the committee are confidential and may not be disclosed. Requires a local office or the department to redact any identifying information from any record provided to the committee. Specifies other policies governing the committee.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - House sponsor: Representative DeVon, Lindauer
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 129: yeas 47, nays 0
SB312  PARENTS WITH A DISABILITY (NIEZGODSKI D) Specifies that it is the policy of the state to recognize the importance of family and children, including the parenting rights of a parent, regardless of whether the parent has a disability. Provides that the right of a person with a disability to parent the person's child may not be denied or restricted solely because the person has a disability. Establishes procedures to be used in proceedings concerning: (1) custody; (2) parenting time; (3) adoption; (4) foster care; and (5) guardianship; when a parent, prospective parent, prospective foster parent, or prospective guardian is a person with a disability. Requires the department of child services to implement disability awareness training. Provides for the expungement of information relating to the unlawful removal of a child from the home of a person with a disability. Makes conforming amendments.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Ziemke, Clere, Porter, Wright
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 124: yeas 47, nays 0

SB363  INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE (DONATO S) Urges the legislative council to assign the issue of liability and insurance coverage for nongovernmental entities that serve at-risk youth to an appropriate interim study committee.

2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Lauer, DeVon, Engleman
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 172: yeas 49, nays 0

SB449  JUVENILES (HOUCHIN E) For certain serious offenses committed by a juvenile: (1) reduces the minimum age for committing the child to the department of correction from 13 to 12; (2) adds an attempt to commit certain serious offenses to the list of serious offenses allowing wardship by the department of correction; and (3) permits the court to commit a juvenile to the department of correction for up to six years. Requires the department of correction to provide the court with a progress report for a child committed to the department for six years at the time the child turns 18, and requires the court to review the report and determine the appropriateness of release. Specifies that the juvenile court lacks jurisdiction over certain juveniles charged with an attempt to commit certain crimes. Establishes a two-year disproportionality review panel staffed by the Indiana criminal justice institute to study the issue of disparate racial impact with respect to juvenile court direct file, discretionary transfer, and waiver provisions. Defines "young offender" and prohibits the department of correction from housing a young offender with the general population of a penal facility. Prohibits a jail from housing a child less than eighteen years of age in the same cell as an adult.

2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - Cosponsor: Representative Torr, Negele
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 197: yeas 31, nays 18

Medicaid

HB1092  DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AMENDED STATE MEDICAID PLAN (ZIEMKE C) Requires, by July 1, 2020, the office of family and social services to amend the state Medicaid plan to include certain reimbursements.

2/5/2020 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 81: yeas 94, nays 0
1/28/2020 - Senate sponsor: Senator Charbonneau

SB142  MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ZAY A) Allows the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for a Medicaid state plan amendment to allow school corporations to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary, school-based Medicaid covered services that are provided under federal or state mandates. Specifies possible services for Medicaid reimbursement. Adds physical therapy to the list of services a school psychologist may refer a student. Allows a school psychologist to make referrals to physical therapists for mandated school services.

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Ways and Means
1/28/2020 - Sponsors: Representatives Karickhoff, Barrett and Davison
1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 69: yeas 45, nays 5

SB192  INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN (GROOMS R, Stoops, Becker, Randolph, Buck) Requires a managed care organization to allow a child Medicaid recipient who has been certified for admission to a psychiatric hospital to be provided certain services that are determined by a treating physician to be necessary for the child for up to five business days before the managed care organization may require a continued review process.

1/21/2020 - Sponsors: Representatives DeVon, Davison, Fleming, Clere
1/21/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 29: yeas 50, nays 0

SB243  CREDENTIALING, BILLING, AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS (BROWN L) Requires a provider to include the service facility location in order to obtain Medicaid reimbursement from the office of the secretary of family and social services or the managed care organization. Specifies requirements for credentialing a provider for: (1) the Medicaid program; (2) an accident and sickness
insurance policy; and (3) a health maintenance organization contract. Sets forth provisional credential for reimbursement purposes until a decision is made on a provider’s credentialing application and allows for retroactive reimbursement under specified circumstances. Specifies health care billing forms to be used in certain health care settings. Prohibits employment contracts between employers and practitioner employees to include non-compete agreements.

2/4/2020 - Sponsors: Representatives Lehman, Morris and Schaibley
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 150: yeas 49, nays 0

Early Education/Child Care
HB1264 FIRST STEPS PROGRAM (CLERE E), DeVon, Vermillion, Saunders) Provides that: (1) a health benefits plan; or (2) an employee health plan may not require authorization for services specified in a covered individual’s individualized family service plan once the individualized family service plan is signed by a physician. Provides that: (1) a health benefit plan; (2) an employee health plan; and (3) a health insurance plan; may (rather than shall) reimburse the infants and toddlers with disabilities program (First Steps program) for early intervention services at a flat monthly rate established by division of disability and rehabilitative services (division) rather than process individual claims. Adds habilitative services to the services that are required under the definition of "early intervention services" for purposes of the First Steps program. Provides that a member of the interagency coordinating council (council) shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Removes the authority of the governor to designate the chairperson of the council or to call a meeting of the council. Requires the council to annually elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. Provides that, except for members of the general assembly, per diem and travel expenses for council members are governed by the policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency. Establishes procedures that the division must follow before making a change to the cost participation schedule under the First Steps program. Establishes a method to determine the rate at which: (1) a provider of services under the First Steps program; or (2) the division; is reimbursed for providing early intervention services using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code rates. Provides that: (1) a health plan information card issued: (A) to an insured by an insurer for a policy of accident and sickness insurance; or (B) to an enrollee by a health maintenance organization (HMO); must indicate the type of health plan that is providing the health benefits and services under the insurance policy or HMO contract; and (2) these requirements apply only to a health plan information card issued: (A) initially to a new insured or new enrollee; or (B) to an insured or enrollee at the time of the insured’s or enrollee’s policy or contract renewal; after July 1, 2020. Provides that: (1) the electronic database by which an issuer of a policy of accident and sickness insurance, or an administrator of a self insured plan, allows an insured or a provider to verify the coverage or benefits of an insured must indicate: (A) whether health benefits and services under the policy of accident and sickness insurance are provided by the issuer of the policy or by a third party administrator; and (B) whether the policy of accident and sickness insurance is subject to state or federal regulation; and (2) the electronic database by which by which an HMO, or an administrator of benefits and health care services under an HMO contract, allows an enrollee or a provider to verify the coverage or benefits of an enrollee must indicate: (A) whether benefits and health care services under the HMO contract are provided by the HMO or by a third party administrator; and (B) whether the HMO contract is subject to state or federal regulation. Requires the department of insurance to adopt rules to ensure compliance with certain provisions added by the bill.

1/28/2020 - Referred to Senate
1/27/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Ruckelshaus, Grooms, Houchin, Breaux
1/27/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 60: yeas 96, nays 0

HB1264 CHILD CARE BACKGROUND CHECKS (MAY C), Klinker Requires employees and volunteers of a child care facility who may be present on the premises of the child care facility during operating hours to submit to a national criminal history background check. (Under current law, employees and volunteers who have direct contact with children must submit to a national criminal history background check.) Specifies that results of the background check may be used as grounds for denial or revocation of a child care license or registration or eligibility for a child care and development fund voucher payment. Makes technical corrections.

2/3/2020 - Senate sponsor: Senator Houchin
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 160: yeas 93, nays 0.

HB1265 DRINKING WATER TESTING (JACKSON C) Requires each person or entity having authority over a school building to test the drinking water in the school building before January 1, 2023, for compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper. Provides, however, that the testing requirement is satisfied if the drinking water of the school building has already been tested for compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations at least once since 2016. Provides that if a test of the drinking water of a school building indicates the presence of lead in the water equal to or greater than the federal lead action level of 15 parts per billion, the person or entity having authority over the school building is required to take action to reduce the lead levels in the drinking water to less than 15 parts per billion. Provides that the person or entity having authority over a school building that is subject to drinking water testing is required to seek state and federal money that is available for lead sampling or testing.

1/30/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 135: yeas 90, nays 2
1/30/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Randolph Lonnie M and Niemeyer

SB2 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY (RAATZ J) Provides that a school’s or school corporation’s category or designation of school or school corporation performance assigned by the state board of education for the 2018-2019 school year may not be lower than the school’s or school corporation’s category or designation of school or school corporation performance for the 2017-2018 school year. Provides that a school’s or school corporation’s category or designation of school or school corporation performance assigned by the state board of education for the 2019-2020 school year is the higher of the school’s or school corporation’s: (1) category or designation of school or school corporation performance assigned for the 2018-2019 school year; or (2) category or designation of school or school corporation performance for the 2019-2020 school year. Provides that consequences for school improvement do not apply for the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years. Provides that ILEARN program test scores or a school’s category or designation of school improvement for the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school year may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ILEARN program test scores or a school’s category or designation of school improvement would improve the particular certificated employee’s annual performance rating.

1/27/2020 - Referred to House
1/23/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Manning
1/23/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 45: yeas 40, nays 5

SB195 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLUSTERS (KOCH E) Requires the state board of education (state board) to approve, for purposes of career and technical education graduation pathways, a career and technical education cluster that allows students to acquire knowledge and skills related to employment in the electric, natural gas, communications, water, and wastewater utility industries. Requires the governor’s workforce cabinet (cabinet), in consultation with the state board, department of education, and department of workforce development, to create course sequences for the career and technical education cluster. Provides that, in creating one or more course sequences concerning the utility career cluster, the cabinet shall: (1) consider the impact of course sequences on long term outcomes of students; and (2) prioritize course sequences that lead to high wage, high demand jobs. Provides that certain requirements apply to career clusters approved or amended and course sequences created or amended after July 1, 2020. Requires the cabinet to: (1) collect data each year regarding approved career clusters and course sequences to inform decision making around approving, creating, and amending current and future career clusters and course sequence requirements; and (2) prepare and submit, not later than November 1 of each year, a report to the legislative council regarding the collected data.

1/27/2020 - Referred to House
1/14/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 13: yeas 49, nays 0

SB238 VARIOUS HUMAN SERVICES MATTERS (BROWN L) Removes obsolete references to Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital. Amends the definition of "early intervention services" to include additional services and qualified personnel for purposes of the infants and toddlers with disabilities program. Requires child care ministries to have at least one individual who maintains a CPR certification present at all times that a child is in the care of the child care ministry and requires employees and volunteers who are caregivers to maintain current first aid certification.

1/27/2020 - Referred to House
2/3/2020 - House sponsor: Representative DeVon
2/3/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 119: yeas 46, nays 0

Mental Health and Disabilities

SB2 MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY REVIEW PANELS (BOOTS P) Establishes mental health disability review panels (review panel) for evaluation of members of the 1977 police officers’ and firefighters’ pension and disability fund (1977 fund) who have been determined to have an impairment for mental illness. Includes mental illness in the description of "occupational diseases" for purposes of determining whether a 1977 fund member has an impairment. Makes the final determination of an impairment for a mental illness provisional for two years: (1) beginning July 1, 2020, for a final determination made after December 31, 2012, and before July 1, 2020; or (2) from the date of the final determination, for a final determination made after June 30, 2020. Requires that, during that time, the 1977 fund member participate in a mental health treatment plan, at the employer’s cost, and at the end of the two year period, requires the review panel to evaluate the 1977 fund member to determine if the 1977 fund member: (1) is medically able to return to duty; or (2) may continue for another two year provisional disability period. Requires that, at the end of the second provisional period, the review panel evaluate the 1977 fund member to determine if the 1977 fund member: (1) is medically able to return to duty; or (2) has a permanent impairment. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

2/4/2020 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
1/14/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Frye, Smaltz and Steuerwald
1/14/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 13: yeas 49, nays 0
SB192  INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN (GROOMS R, Stoops, Becker, Randolph, Buck) Requires a managed care organization to allow a child Medicaid recipient who has been certified for admission to a psychiatric hospital to be provided certain services that are determined by a treating physician to be necessary for the child for up to five business days before the managed care organization may require a continued review process.
1/21/2020 - Sponsors: Representatives DeVon, Davisson, Fleming, Clere
1/21/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 29: yeas 50, nays 0

SB208  COMPLIANCE WITH COVERAGE PARITY REQUIREMENTS (CRIDER M, Breaux, Merritt) Requires an insurer that issues a policy of accident and sickness insurance or a health maintenance organization contract that provides coverage of services for treatment of a mental illness or substance abuse to annually submit a report and analysis to the department of insurance (department) that includes certain information demonstrating its compliance with federal laws regarding parity in coverage of services for treatment of a mental illness or substance abuse and coverage of services for treatment of other medical or surgical conditions, including the processes used: (1) to develop medical necessity criteria for coverage of services; and (2) to develop and apply nonquantitative treatment limitations. Requires an insurer that issues a policy of accident and sickness insurance or a health maintenance organization contract that provides coverage for services for treatment of substance abuse to take certain actions with respect to prescription drugs approved for the treatment of substance abuse. Requires the department to adopt rules to ensure compliance with federal laws regarding parity in coverage. Requires the department to submit before March 1, 2021, a report to the general assembly detailing the steps taken to ensure insurers’ compliance with state and federal laws regarding parity in coverage.
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Kirchhofer
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 145: yeas 47, nays 1

SB246  MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CRIDER M) Requires a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school to certify to the department of homeland security that the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school has a memorandum of understanding in place with a community mental health center or provider certified or licensed by the state to provide mental and behavioral health services to students before applying for a grant from the Indiana secured school fund. Provides that the community mental health center or provider may be employed by the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. Requires a school corporation and a charter school to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community mental health center or provider certified or licensed by the state to provide mental and behavioral health services to students. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to develop a memorandum of understanding for referral and assist school corporations and charter schools in obtaining a memorandum of understanding with a community mental health center or an appropriate provider.
1/21/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Cook
1/21/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 32: yeas 50, nays 0

SB273  INDIANA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (CRIDER M) Establishes the Indiana behavioral health commission (commission). Specifies the membership of the commission. Requires the commission to prepare: (1) an interim report not later than October 1, 2020; and (2) a final report not later than October 1, 2022. Specifies the issues and topics to be discussed in the commission reports. Requires commission reports to be issued to the following parties: (1) The governor. (2) The legislative council. (3) Any other party specified by the commission chairperson. Requires commission reports to be issued in an electronic format. Abolishes the commission on December 31, 2022. Defines certain terms. Makes conforming amendments.
2/5/2020 - Referred to House
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Kirchhofer
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 155: yeas 49, nays 0

SB346  STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (HOUCHIN E) Establishes the Indiana technical advisory committee and requirements regarding the committee. Requires, to the extent permitted under federal law, the department of education (department) to provide the same text-to-speech, screen reader, or human reader and calculator accommodations to a particular student on every section of the statewide assessment program as provided as part of the student’s individualized education program (IEP), service plan, choice scholarship education plan, or plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act. Prohibits the department from issuing certain guidance or recommendations to a school corporation or school regarding an individualized education program (IEP), service plan, choice scholarship education plan, or plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act.
2/4/2020 - Cosponsors: Representatives Behning, Burton and Clere
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 170: yeas 49, nays 0

Criminal Justice
HB1120  EDUCATIONAL CREDIT TIME  (STEUERWALD G)  Amends guidelines related to educational credit time for a person incarcerated in the department of correction.
2/5/2020 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
1/23/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Koch, Young M, Gaskill, Taylor
1/23/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 48: yeas 94, nays 0

HB1132  CRIMINAL LAW MATTERS  (STEUERWALD G)  Provides that the alteration or obliteration of certain markings on a firearm is a Level 5 felony. Provides that the possession of a firearm with altered or obliterated markings is a Level 5 felony. Requires a defendant to serve the sum of all executed time imposed under consecutive sentences before serving any suspended part imposed under consecutive sentences. Makes a technical correction. Makes conforming amendments.
2/5/2020 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 85: yeas 97, nays 1
1/28/2020 - Senate sponsors: Senators Freeman, Young M, Houchin

HB1346  JAIL OVERCROWDING  (FRYE R)  Repeals all provisions concerning the county jail overcrowding task force. Requires the criminal justice institute to receive data from sheriffs concerning jail: (1) populations; and (2) statistics; for the purpose of providing jail data to the hub. Provides that a purpose of the justice reinvestment advisory council (advisory council) is to conduct a state level review and evaluation of jail overcrowding to identify a range of possible solutions. Provides that the advisory council may make a recommendation to the county sheriffs concerning strategies to address jail overcrowding and implementing evidence based practices for reducing recidivism for individuals in county jails. Provides that a goal of the advisory council is to develop incarceration alternatives and recidivism reduction programs at the county and community level by promoting the development of the incorporation of evidence based decision making into decisions concerning jail overcrowding.
1/28/2020 - Senate sponsor: Senator Koch
1/28/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 110: yeas 99, nays 0
1/13/2020 - added as coauthors Representatives Steuerwald, DeLaney, Hatfield

SB209  SEARCH WARRANTS  (CRIDER M)  Provides that a warrant authorizing a search, testing, or other analysis of an item is deemed executed when the item is seized. Provides that a warrant return is sufficient if the return contains a statement indicating that the item was seized by a law enforcement officer.
2/4/2020 - House sponsor: Representative McNamara, Steuerwald
2/4/2020 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 146: yeas 48, nays 0

SB302  INDIGENCY DETERMINATIONS  (TALLIAN K, Randolph, Young, Koch, Tomes)  Establishes a procedure for a criminal court to use in determining if a defendant is indigent. Provides that, if a court has ordered a defendant to pay part of the cost of representation, the court shall inquire at sentencing whether the defendant has paid the required amount. Specifies that a court may prorate fines, fees, and court costs based on the person’s reasonable ability to pay. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on corrections and criminal code.)
1/28/2020 - House sponsor: Representative Steuerwald, Representatives DeLaney and Beck