

HB1001

STATE BUDGET (BROWN T) Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Replaces the governor with the budget director or the budget director's designee on the state board of finance. Renames the personal services/fringe benefits contingency fund as the budget agency contingency fund (fund). Adds the following authorized fund uses: (1) Emergency capital project expenses. (2) Necessary expenses for existing programs as determined by the governor and budget director. Removes a provision that prevents transfers from the fund for other purposes. Requires the budget committee to be advised of each transfer from the fund that exceeds \$500,000. Replaces the state librarian with the budget director as a member of the enhanced access fee committee. Transfers the operations of the Indiana department of gaming research into a newly established gaming research division of the Indiana gaming commission. Repeals the exoneration fund. Provides that any money remaining in the fund is transferred to the state general fund. Replaces the director of the budget agency with the director of the office of management and budget as an ex officio voting member of the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS). Removes the annual appropriation provision for the examinations fund of the state board of accounts. Replaces the state superintendent of public instruction with the secretary of education or the secretary's designee as a member of the distressed unit appeal board. Amends the venture capital investment tax credit to apply to taxpayers that provide qualified investment capital to certain qualified Indiana investment funds (qualified fund). Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) may only certify a fund as a qualified fund if the fund meets the definition of a venture capital fund under federal regulations and the fund makes investments according to specified policy requirements and priorities. Provides that a taxpayer may not claim a credit certified with regard to a qualified fund before July 1, 2023. Specifies the maximum available tax credits in a calendar year with regard to a qualified fund. Increases the maximum available tax credits in a calendar year with regard to qualified Indiana businesses under current law, including an additional increase in the maximum amount if the qualified Indiana business is a minority business enterprise or a women's business enterprise. Caps the total amount of credits that the IEDC may award in a calendar year at \$20,000,000, provided that not more than \$7,500,000 is awarded for proposed investments in a qualified fund. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2021, all aviation fuel excise tax revenue is transferred to the airport development grant fund (under current law, 50% of the aviation fuel excise tax revenue is transferred to the general fund and 50% is transferred to the airport development grant fund). Adjusts the distributions from the excise fund to increase the amount transferred to the enforcement and administration fund and correspondingly decrease the amount transferred to the state general fund. Clarifies the equal opportunity procurement and contracting requirements for certain projects. Removes the sunset of provisions regarding public-private agreements that provide that legislative approval is not required to impose tolls on certain projects. Specifies that, except for those certain projects, the general assembly must enact authorizing legislation before the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT), the Indiana finance authority (IFA), or an operator may enter into public-private agreements that impose user fees on motor vehicles for use on highways and roads in existence or under construction on July 1, 2011. Provides that the IFA must be a party to any public-private agreement that requires payments to be made to an operator after the operator receives final payment for construction. Specifies the IFA's bonding authority for public-private partnership projects. Removes annual budget committee review of the distribution formula established by INDOT for the public mass transportation fund. Extends the expiration of the hospital assessment fee and the quality assessment fee from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2023. Removes a provision that prevents unused money appropriated to the department of education for the advanced placement program from reverting to the state general fund. Establishes a definition of "virtual instruction" for purposes of determining a school corporation's basic tuition support using the average daily membership (ADM). Provides that any increase in the maximum higher education award and freedom of choice award by the commission for higher education is subject to approval by the budget agency. (Under current law, the commission's annual determination of the maximum awards is subject to approval by the budget agency with review by the budget committee.) Requires money from judicial insurance adjustment fees to be deposited in the state general fund. Appropriates \$400,000,000 from the state general fund to the pre-1996 account of the teachers' retirement fund of the INPRS. Appropriates amounts for defeasing bonds. Allows the budget agency to augment the county jail maintenance contingency fund appropriation from the state general fund for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year by an amount necessary to cover jail and parole holds. Specifies the uses for the augmented amount. Makes corresponding changes.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Porter, Cherry and Sullivan

Position: Watch

State Bill Page: [HB1001](#)

HB1039

MILITARY AWARD LICENSE PLATES (JUDY C) Provides that the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient may retain the Purple Heart specialty license plate as long as the surviving spouse does not remarry. Specifies that the

surviving spouse is not eligible to receive a modified disability registration plate. Establishes the Armed forces Expeditionary Medal specialty license plate.

Current Status: 2/1/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

Recent Status: 1/28/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/26/2021 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 0

Position: Neutral

State Bill Page: [HB1039](#)

HB1044 LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFIT (ABBOTT D) Adds public safety telecommunicators and integrated public safety commission employees to the public safety personnel eligible for a special death benefit.

Current Status: 1/28/2021 - Referred to the Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127

Recent Status: 1/28/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/28/2021 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13; Nays: 0;

Comments: Down the road can this be expanded to include Guardsmen?

Position: Support

State Bill Page: [HB1044](#)

HB1063 RENTER'S TAX DEDUCTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS (AYLESWORTH M) Allows a disabled veteran who rents a dwelling for use as the disabled veteran's principal place of residence to claim an additional renter's deduction from the disabled veteran's adjusted gross income. Provides that the additional deduction may not exceed \$3,000.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Recent Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Aylesworth

Position: Neutral

State Bill Page: [HB1063](#)

HB1071 EXPEDITIONARY VETERANS LICENSE PLATE (AYLESWORTH M) Establishes the expeditionary veterans license plate.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

Recent Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Aylesworth

Position: Neutral

State Bill Page: [HB1071](#)

HB1085 ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT (HEATON R) Provides that the National Guard tuition supplement program may be used by a scholarship applicant for graduate credits.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Education

Recent Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Heine, Davis, Engleman

Position: Support

State Bill Page: [HB1085](#)

HB1086 RESIDENT TUITION FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS (HARRIS JR. E) Provides that an individual who meets certain conditions is eligible for the resident tuition rate as determined by the state educational institution. Requires such an individual to verify that the individual meets the criteria to receive the resident tuition rate.

Current Status: 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Education

Recent Status: 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Earl Harris Jr

Position: Neutral-Monitor

State Bill Page: [HB1086](#)

HB1122 VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION (VANNATTER H) Eliminates the assessed value cap that applies to the property tax deduction for a veteran who: (1) has a total disability; or (2) is at least 62 years of age and has at least a 10% disability.

Current Status: 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Recent Status: 1/7/2021 - First Reading

1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Negele and Hatfield

Position: Neutral
State Bill Page: [HB1122](#)

- HB1174 TAXATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED OVERSEAS (KLINKER S) Provides that for a member of the armed forces deployed or stationed outside of the United States, the individual's tax rate for the income attributable to that military service is 1.62% (instead of 3.23%).
Current Status: 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means
Recent Status: 1/7/2021 - First Reading
1/7/2021 - Authored By Sheila Klinker
Position: Watch; potential support
State Bill Page: [HB1174](#)
- HB1188 GREEN ALERT FOR MISSING AT-RISK VETERANS (GORE M) Defines "veteran at risk". Creates the green alert program. Changes the name of the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing endangered adults to the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children, missing veterans at risk, and missing endangered adults (clearinghouse). Makes conforming changes to the duties of the clearinghouse. Creates certain duties and reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies concerning missing veterans at risk. Provides immunity for a broadcaster who broadcasts, or an electronic billboard operator who displays, a green alert notification and a person who establishes or maintains a green alert Internet web site under an agreement with the state police department.
Current Status: 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
Recent Status: 1/7/2021 - First Reading
1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Pack
Position: Neutral-Monitor
State Bill Page: [HB1188](#)
- HB1228 STATE AGENCY PURCHASING REPORT (PRESSEL J) Requires the Indiana department of administration to prepare an annual report, beginning July 1, 2022, regarding purchases made by state agencies from the following: (1) A minority business enterprise. (2) A nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities. (3) A veteran owned small business. (4) A women's business enterprise.
Current Status: 1/28/2021 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:30 AM, House Chamber
Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform
1/14/2021 - First Reading
Position: Neutral
State Bill Page: [HB1228](#)
- HB1242 ACCESS TO MILITARY RECORDS (ELLINGTON J) Provides that any person may request the discharge records of a veteran if the veteran has been discharged for at least 62 years.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Zent and Abbott
State Bill Page: [HB1242](#)
- HB1251 EDUCATIONAL COSTS EXEMPTION (LAUER R) Provides that an applicant is not eligible for educational costs exemptions for any courses taken by the applicant after the applicant has sufficient credit hours to obtain a baccalaureate degree from a state educational institution. Repeals a provision that limits the educational costs exemption amount for a person whose parent enlisted or initially served in the armed forces after June 30, 2011, based on the percentage of the parent's disability rating. Makes conforming changes.
Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Education
Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Ryan Lauer
Comments: Coalition bill
Position: watch with support
State Bill Page: [HB1251](#)
- HB1264 VETERANS' AFFAIRS (BARTELS S) Provides that funds from the military family relief fund (fund) may be used to provide short term financial assistance, including emergency one time grants, to the families of eligible members of the armed forces. Removes financial hardship as a prerequisite for fund eligibility. Specifies disqualifying behavior for fund eligibility. Removes a provision requiring service during wartime or a national conflict as a prerequisite for fund

eligibility. Removes a provision that prohibits service members with less than 12 months of service from receiving grants from the fund. Removes a provision prohibiting the Indiana veterans' affairs commission from acting on an incomplete application. Provides that the department of veterans' affairs (department) may use not more than 15% of the monthly revenue generated by the fund for the purpose of paying administrative costs associated with the operation of the fund. Allows the department to deny certain applications if the required documentation is not received within 30 days of an application's first submission. Increases certain deadlines from 15 days to 45 days. Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission to issue a final order concerning the denial of certain tuition and fee exemption benefits in certain instances. Defines certain terms. Makes conforming amendments. Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 1/28/2021 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);
Time & Location: 8:30 AM, IGCS Chamber

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
1/14/2021 - First Reading

Position: watch with support

State Bill Page: [HB1264](#)

HB1346 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS AT LEAST 78 YEARS OF AGE (COOK A) Provides a tax exemption from adjusted gross income for an individual who is at least 78 years of age and has served in the military during a time of war.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Frye R, Judy and Gutwein

Position: Neutral

State Bill Page: [HB1346](#)

HB1352 DISABLED VETERAN'S HIRING PREFERENCES (SPEEDY M) Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission to provide veterans with a list of: (1) services available to veterans in Indiana; (2) state agencies that offer services to veterans in Indiana; and (3) the telephone numbers, Internet web sites, and addresses of the agencies that offer services to veterans. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services, the department of education, the commission for higher education, the department of workforce development, and the professional licensing agency (agencies) to include in an application for a benefit, financial assistance, a service, or a professional credential questions asking: (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". Provides that the applications must state that the applicant has the option to decline to answer the questions. Requires the agencies to keep the information submitted in a data base and to share the information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs. Allows the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to use the shared information to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Mike Speedy

Position: Monitor

State Bill Page: [HB1352](#)

HB1355 COLLECTION OF VETERAN STATUS INFORMATION (SPEEDY M) Requires the family and social services administration, the department of education, the commission for higher education, and the professional licensing agency (agencies) to include the following questions in an application for a benefit, financial assistance, a service, or a professional credential: (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". Provides that the applications must state that the applicant has the option to decline to answer the questions. Requires the agencies to keep the information submitted in a data base and to share the information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs. Allows the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to use the shared information to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading
1/14/2021 - Authored By Mike Speedy

Position: Neutral-Monitor

State Bill Page: [HB1355](#)

HB1392 LICENSURE OF MILITARY SPOUSES (ZENT D) Amends the law concerning provisional occupational licenses for spouses of active duty members of the armed forces assigned to Indiana to eliminate a provision under which a

military spouse applying for a provisional license is required to submit to a national criminal history background check. Provides instead that a military spouse applying for a provisional license must be determined by the appropriate board not to have a disqualifying criminal history if a national criminal history background check is required for the regulated occupation for which the military spouse seeks a license.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Frye R and Judy

Position: Support

State Bill Page: [HB1392](#)

HB1450 MILITARY FAMILY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES (MAY C) Provides that a military service applicant who has held an occupational license, certification, registration, or permit (license) in another jurisdiction for at least one year may qualify for an Indiana license. Removes the requirement that an applicant have a license for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application. Provides that an applicant may not have a complaint or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. Provides that a military member's dependent may apply for an occupational license under the same conditions as a military member's spouse. Requires the board to issue a license to an applicant upon application based on work experience in another state if certain conditions are met. Allows an applicant to appeal a final determination of the board. Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Bartels

Position: Support

State Bill Page: [HB1450](#)

HB1451 LOCAL VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (MAY C) Provides that a county or city service officer hired after June 30, 2021, must: (1) be an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six months of active service in the armed forces of the United States; and (2) have resided in Indiana for at least two years before submitting an application for employment as a county or city service officer. (Current law permits a county or city service officer to have experience as a service officer assistant in lieu of being an honorably discharged veteran and permits nonresidents of Indiana to be hired upon the condition of establishing residence in Indiana within six months.) Makes conforming changes to the employment requirements for service officer assistants hired after June 30, 2021.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Chris May

Position: Watch; potential support

State Bill Page: [HB1451](#)

HB1508 FREE CURRICULAR MATERIALS FOR A CHILD OF A VETERAN (PACK R) Provides that a parent: (1) whose child is enrolled in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12 in a public, charter, or accredited nonpublic school; and (2) who is a veteran; may not be required to pay fees for the child's curricular materials, supplies, or other required class fees.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Education

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Renee Pack

Position: Neutral-Monitor

State Bill Page: [HB1508](#)

HB1568 VETERAN AND MILITARY BENEFITS FOR PFAS EXPOSURE (BAUER M) Establishes the PFAS chemical blood testing program under the Indiana department of veterans' affairs (department) for the purpose of blood testing: (1) veterans; (2) current members of the armed forces of the United States or of active or reserve components of the Indiana National Guard or Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) civilian personnel on certain military bases in Indiana; to determine whether there is a higher concentration of PFAS chemicals in the blood of those persons. Provides that not later than November 1 of each year, the Indiana veterans' affairs commission shall report to the legislative council on the results of the PFAS blood testing program with respect to the most recent state fiscal year.

Current Status: 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Authored By Maureen Bauer

Position: Neutral

State Bill Page: [HB1568](#)

- SB11 COLLECTION OF VETERAN STATUS INFORMATION (KRUSE D) Requires the family and social services administration, the department of education, the commission for higher education, and the professional licensing agency to include the following questions in an application for a benefit, financial assistance, a service, or a professional credential: (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". Provides that the applications must state that the applicant has the option to decline to answer the questions. Requires the agencies to keep the information submitted in a data base and to share the information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs. Allows the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to use the shared information to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.
- Current Status:* 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Zay
Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Ford J.D
1/12/2021 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations
Position: Neutral
State Bill Page: [SB11](#)
- SB18 DISABLED VETERAN RENTER'S DEDUCTION (GLICK S) Provides an income tax deduction, in addition to the current renter's deduction, to a disabled veteran who rents a dwelling as a principal place of residence. Provides that the additional deduction is equal to the amount the individual is entitled to deduct under the current renter's deduction multiplied by the individual's service connected disability rating.
- Current Status:* 1/28/2021 - added as second author Senator Zay
Recent Status: 1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Ford J.D
1/12/2021 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy
State Bill Page: [SB18](#)
- SB90 ELECTRONIC GAMING IN VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (TOMES J) Authorizes wagering on video gaming terminals in licensed congressionally chartered veterans' service organizations. Establishes a licensing structure for participants in video gaming. Provides funding to the department of veterans' affairs for grants for veterans' services.
- Current Status:* 1/25/2021 - added as second author Senator Alting
Recent Status: 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Public Policy
1/5/2021 - First Reading
Comments: Avoid
State Bill Page: [SB90](#)
- SB91 HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM (TOMES J) Extends the expiration date of the hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program for veterans from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2025. Provides that certain: (1) billing documentation; or (2) attendance documentation; may be used to authenticate the receipt of hyperbaric oxygen treatments for the purpose of payment approval by the department of veterans' affairs. Removes a provision that requires the state department of health to request proposals concerning hyperbaric oxygen treatment from certain geographic areas of Indiana. Specifies that a certain appropriation does not revert to the state general fund until July 1, 2025.
- Current Status:* 2/2/2021 - Senate Veterans Affairs and the Military, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);
Time & Location: 9:15 AM, Rm. 233
Recent Status: 1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Doriot
1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Veterans Affairs and the Military
Comments: Avoid
State Bill Page: [SB91](#)
- SB93 TUITION CHARGES FOR VETERANS (BOOTS P) Provides that a: (1) qualified nonresident veteran; or (2) spouse or dependent of a qualified nonresident veteran; who enrolls in a state educational institution not later than three years after the date of the qualified nonresident veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a state educational institution. Establishes requirements for eligibility.
- Current Status:* 2/1/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
Recent Status: 1/28/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Qaddoura
1/28/2021 - Committee Report do pass, adopted
Position: Support
State Bill Page: [SB93](#)

- SB245 TYPE II GAMING AND CHARITY GAMING (ALTING R) Provides that a qualified organization may use net proceeds from an allowable activity for infrastructure improvement of property owned by the qualified organization. Increases the prize limit for a progressive or carryover pull tab game in charity gaming to \$25,000. Provides that a qualified organization must abide by the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service regarding reporting and withholding rules for charitable prizes paid. Provides that for a raffle drawing, a retailer may not retain more than 20% of the proceeds, a retailer must establish and publish house rules, and the maximum amount of prizes in a raffle game is limited to \$50,000. Provides that the total prizes for one type II gambling game, except a raffle game, may not exceed \$10,000. Provides that a single prize award for a winning ticket on a seal card game may not exceed \$1,000. Provides that a single prize on a progressive or carryover game in a type II gambling game may not exceed \$5,000. Provides that a type II gambling game includes raffles, progressive or carry over pull tab games, and sports-themed tip board and pull games.
- Current Status:* 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Public Policy
Recent Status: 1/11/2021 - First Reading
1/11/2021 - Authored By Ron Alting
Comments: Avoid
State Bill Page: [SB245](#)
- SB267 VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS (GLICK S) Establishes the county service officers grant fund to provide grants to fund county service officers. Authorizes wagering on video gaming terminals in licensed congressionally chartered veterans' service organizations. Establishes a licensing structure for participants in video gaming.
- Current Status:* 1/28/2021 - added as third author Senator Zay
Recent Status: 1/28/2021 - added as second author Senator Tomes
1/28/2021 - removed as coauthor Senator Tomes
Comments: Avoid
State Bill Page: [SB267](#)
- SB281 ECONOMIC INCENTIVES REPORTING AND CLASSROOM TRAINING (ROGERS L) Requires the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) to include in its annual economic incentives compliance report: (1) the number and amount of tax credits awarded to; and (2) the number of investments in the form of loans and grants made to; companies that qualify as a women's business enterprise, a minority business enterprise, or a veteran owned small business. Requires the trustees of the next level Indiana fund investment board to report to the budget committee every six months concerning the number of investments and the amount of money invested in companies that qualify as a women's business enterprise, a minority business enterprise, or a veteran owned small business. Urges the legislative council to assign the following study committee topics during the 2021 interim: (1) Whether, and in what form, the state should encourage robotics classes and clubs for students in kindergarten through grade 12. (2) How to connect more industry professionals to the classroom and remove existing barriers to the licensure process. (3) Whether there is merit to offering incentives for industry professionals to teach or partner, or both, with local businesses to provide training for the technology industry and other high demand and high wage jobs.
- Current Status:* 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology
Recent Status: 1/11/2021 - First Reading
1/11/2021 - Authored By Linda Rogers
State Bill Page: [SB281](#)
- SB316 MILITARY AND VETERANS MATTERS (GARTEN C) Changes the definition of a "qualified service member" for purposes of eligibility under the military relief fund (fund). Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission (commission) to: (1) develop and adopt a policy listing the disallowable separation codes of each branch of the armed forces; and (2) review the policy for amendment and adopt any necessary amendments before July 1 of each year. Provides that the department of veterans' affairs (department) may use not more than 15% of the average annual license plate revenue to cover monthly administrative costs. Provides that the department may deny an incomplete application for a grant under the fund if all required documentation is not received within 30 days after the date the applicant filed the application. Provides that, if an applicant appeals a denial of tuition and fee exemption benefits (benefits) not later than 15 days before the start of the semester for which the benefits would apply, the commission shall make reasonable effort to issue a final order before the start of the semester.
- Current Status:* 2/2/2021 - Senate Veterans Affairs and the Military, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);
Time & Location: 9:15 AM, Rm. 233
Recent Status: 1/26/2021 - Senate Veterans Affairs and the Military, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);
Time & Location: 9:30 AM, Rm. 233
1/25/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Houchin
Comments: IDVA Agency Bill
Position: Monitor

State Bill Page: [SB316](#)

SB360

ESSENTIAL WORKER DEATH BENEFIT (FORD J) Provides a death benefit to the survivors of an essential worker who dies from COVID-19. Makes an appropriation.

Current Status: 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

Recent Status: 1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By J.D. Ford

Position: Neutral

State Bill Page: [SB360](#)

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