



Johnson County Professional Firefighters Union LOCAL 4252

President: Jeff Smith

Secretary / Treasure: Chris Harrell

MEETING MINUTES January 20th & 21st, 2015

Attendance

Jeff Smith
Kyle Blue
Kevin Killinger
James Hunt
Devan Brown
Darin Hoggett
Justin Laraway
Brad Coy

Chris Harrell
Jeremy Abraham
Shane Bauerle
Nat Ridge
James Burgess
Matt Davidson
Bill Foote

Tom Tharp
Kyle O'Farrell
Dave Porter
Bryan Johns
Craig Hall
Rodney Johnson
Gabi Neuman

Call to Order

Last Meetings Minutes

- Not approved due to failure to distribute.

Guest Speaker

- None

Legislative Report

- Did a quick walk through of some of the bills that the PFFUI are watching. Neuman asked about a new bill that would require new civilian PERF employees to join a defined contribution plan. This bill does not affect anyone that is joining the PERF 77 Fund, along with the 77 Fund structure is remaining as it is.

- **A complete list of bills that are being watched will be included with the minutes.**

Financial Report

- The 2014 ending budget was finalized by the Treasurer Harrell. The final numbers still have to be reconciled by the accountant when our 2014 taxes are prepared. Looking at the budget sheet it shows that the Local's income was \$92,395.08 as our expenses were \$88,404.27 leaving a net income of \$3,990.81. Now this is before we deposited the remainder of the District's money into savings, after that was done the Local was in the **RED by a little under \$200.00.** We do have the savings to cover this.
 - o District Savings after balance transfers
 - Bargsville \$4,937.10
 - Greenwood \$3,804.60
 - White River \$19,118.37
- The 2015 Budget was presented. The dues income and expenses we adjusted to bring them current. The only other major changes were in the services side of the budget with increases in convention, accounting, legal and wireless.
- ***MOTION: Tom Tharp – Accept the 2015 budget as presented. Second by Dave Porter.***

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District Reports

- Bargsville: They are pleased to receive the 2% salary increase as well as the increase of their sick bank to 1440 hours. They are optimistic that they will see 1 additional firefighter and 6 civilian EMS employees hired in 2015. They are working towards setting up regular meetings with the Fire Chief to discuss policies and other issues as they arise.
- Greenwood: They received a 1.5% raise for 2015 are in the process of finalizing the merit positions alongside the Fire Chief. The firefighter's appointment to the Merit Board is up for vote again and they are finishing that up. Three firefighters are going through the PERF process and should be starting in the near future.
- White River: Received a \$2250 raise for 2015 with a small reduction in the HSA funding. Meetings with the Fire Chief

are going well and hope to continue the progress for this year. Local has obtained the required signatures for a Meet and Confer petition to be presented to the Board. They are drafting a letter to send out to the District Board members informing them of the petition and their intentions. The termination hearing for Eric Brown has taken place and should know more in March.

Old Business

- Website Update: The builder of the website was hacked a couple months ago. He had to redo several different items to keep his business running securely, which pushed us behind. Mike Combs is working on finishing the logins and hope to start seeing posted information on the site soon. Please forward any pictures, stories or things that you would like to see on the site to him.
- Franklin Merger: Franklin Local 3433 stalled the merger discussions due to some things that were going on in their Local. President Keifer and Smith hope to get the talks back up and running in early February.
- Member Assistance Fund: Final draft is done and waiting membership approval. The biggest issue is how to fund it.
- PAC: We need to fill the vacant seat on the PAC committee. We currently have 2 names from people that have expressed interest. Now that Bargersville is paying into PAC they will be given preference on the open seat.

New Business

- Convention Call: We have received the PFFUI Convention Call. The convention will be held in South Bend the 3rd week of May.
- PEP: The PFFUI annual education program is coming up in March. We will be sending 2 to different classes to help the Local.
- 2016 Dues: We will be putting together a couple of different dues options to present to the membership that will address funding options for our legal expenses, Member Assistance Fund and long term planning for the Local.
- Expenditures: The E-Board will work on a presentation to better define the way expenditures can be made from the Local.

- 2015 Meeting Dates: List will be included after the minutes.
Committee Reports

- None

Open Forum

- None

MEETING ADJURNED

Next Local meetings will be held as follows:

April 15 th , 2015	Greenwood Station 91	0900
April 24 th , 2015	White River Station 51	0900

Legislative Update

2015 General Assembly

Updated January 27, 2015

Brothers and Sisters,

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The 2015 General Assembly session is well underway, so far over a 1000 bills have been filed and more may trickle out over the next few days. Some positive bills have been filed that we are pleased to see, for example; HB1182 the State Fire Training Academy and HB1080 a bill to give a death benefit to our EMS workers as well as HB1478 the Marion County Fire consolidation.

Also, I hate to report some negative bills have been filed, for example; HB1481 and SB492 and several other pension bills all intended to move PERF and TRF new hires into a defined contribution(401k style) plan. NO CHANGES as of yet have been proposed to the 1977 police and fire fund, we are not in any of the proposed pension changes. We could be added in at anytime, however the authors of both of the above mentioned bills have told President Hanify and myself that they will not allow us to be added to their bills. Why is that? Because, for years we have been explaining our pension to the Legislators. In addition, we spent this last summer traveling the state meeting with key Legislators to talk about our pension and explain how its more than a pension. It also help that we have been good stewards of a well funded pension.

President Hanify and I are at the Statehouse everyday keeping a watchful eye these bills as they make their way around the Statehouse. The invitation is always open if you would like to come and see how Government works at our State Capital.

Just call President Hanify of myself a few days before.

Fraternally,

— Mike Whited

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**House
Bills**

[Senate Bills](#)

HB1001	<p>State biennial budget. Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes.</p>
HB1018	<p>Tax increment financing. Provides that if a redevelopment commission adopts a declaratory resolution or amendment after June 30, 2015, that establishes, renews, or expands an allocation provision or area, the base assessed value used to determine the amount of allocated tax proceeds for the redevelopment district must be increased each year so that the incremental assessed value is 50% of the incremental assessed value in the allocation area without the increase</p>
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HB1041	<p>Income tax credit for volunteer firefighters. Provides that an individual who is a volunteer firefighter is entitled to a credit of \$500 against the individual's adjusted gross income tax liability each taxable year.</p>
HB1051	<p>Prohibition on labor peace agreements. Provides that a statute or rule of the state, or an ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision, may not: (1) impose a contract, zoning, permitting, licensing, or other condition that requires an employer, multiemployer association, or employee to waive rights under the federal National Labor Relations Act; or (2) require an employer or multiemployer association to accept or otherwise agree to a provision that is a mandatory or nonmandatory subject of collective bargaining under federal labor law. Provides for injunctive relief.</p>
HB1071	<p>911 funding. Authorizes the Hendricks County commissioners to adopt an ordinance establishing an emergency communications services system for a three year pilot program. Provides that the Hendricks County council may certify a special assessment on property in the county for deposit in the district's emergency communications services fund. Specifies the purposes for which money in the fund may be spent. Provides that Hendricks County voice communications subscribers are exempt from the fees imposed under the statewide 911 system while the pilot program is in effect. Specifies that funds that remain in a fund or account established for the deposit of distributions received under the statewide 911 system are transferred to the emergency communications services funds. Makes conforming amendments.</p>
HB1080	<p>EMS provider death benefit. Provides a public safety officer special death benefit to an emergency medical services provider who, after June 30, 2015, dies as a direct result of personal injury or illness resulting from the provider's performance of duties: (1) under a contract entered into by the provider's employer to provide emergency medical services for a political subdivision; or (2) as an employee of an advanced critical care emergency transport service maintained by a health care system affiliated with a state educational institution, if the provider's employer purchases coverage.</p>
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HB1081	<p>Tactical emergency medicine provider death benefit. Extends the public safety officer special death benefit to a tactical emergency medicine provider who dies in the line of duty after June 30, 2015.</p>
HB1085	<p>Fire protection territories. Provides that the board of a fire protection territory that includes at least: (1) one township containing unincorporated territory; and (2) one municipality serving as the provider unit; must have two board members appointed from each township containing unincorporated territory who reside in the</p>

	unincorporated territory of the township.
<u>HB1098</u>	Illiana Expressway public safety expenses. Requires the operator of the Illiana Expressway to enter into agreements with units of local government concerning public safety and emergency services on the Illiana Expressway.
<u>HB1109</u>	Payment of monthly pension benefits. Provides that members and beneficiaries of any public pension fund administered by the Indiana public retirement system may receive monthly benefits only by direct deposit or another method approved by the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system. Repeals a similar but more narrowly applicable section concerning methods of paying monthly benefits to members and beneficiaries of the public employees' retirement fund and the teachers' retirement fund.
<u>HB1147</u>	Class 2 structure fire safety. Provides that for purposes of the building code, a Class 2 structure townhouse may be separated from an adjoining unit by a one hour fire-resistance rated wall combined with a National Fire Protection Association 13D compliant fire sprinkler system.
<u>HB1150</u>	1977 police officers' and firefighters' fund. Makes changes to the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund to include police officers in several sections of the statute that may logically apply to police officers as well as firefighters. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)
<u>HB1182</u>	Fire training academy. Increases the board of firefighting personnel standards and education from 11 to 13 members. Requires the division of fire and building safety (division) of the Indiana department of homeland security (IDHS) to establish a fire and public safety academy training system to create and conduct programs to train public safety personnel. Allows the division to develop the programs in cooperation with other agencies, organizations, or educational institutions. Establishes the fire and public safety training system fund.
<u>HB1189</u>	Property taxes. Permits the department of local government finance, with the approval of the attorney general, to waive all or part of the property taxes imposed on property owned by a: (1) nonprofit corporation organized for educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; or (2) nonprofit entity, other than a corporation, that is organized as a church or religious entity. Provides that certain requirements must be met before a taxpayer's property tax liability may be waived.
<u>HB1197</u>	First responder tactical training. Requires the department of homeland security (department) to develop core curriculum requirements and standards for tactical emergency casualty care training programs (TECC programs) for: (1) full-time firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and law enforcement officers (public safety officers); and (2) emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics (first responders). Requires public safety officers to successfully complete an eight hour basic level TECC program conducted: (1) as part of an officer's basic training, if basic training is completed after December 31, 2016; or (2) before July 1, 2019, if the officer completes basic training before January 1, 2017.
<u>HB1200</u>	State payments in lieu of property taxes. Requires the state to make payments in lieu of property taxes (PILOT) for qualified parcels in counties in which not less than 15% of all land in the county is: (1) owned or leased by the state; and (2) subject to an exemption from property taxes. Defines a "qualified parcel" as a parcel that is: (1) owned or leased by the state; (2) subject to an exemption from property taxes; and (3) located in a county to

	<p>which the act applies. Provides that a county containing qualified parcels is entitled to receive PILOTs from the state.</p>
<u>HB1202</u>	<p>County public safety fees and funds. Allows a county legislative body to adopt an ordinance to require a defendant convicted in a criminal action in a court located in the county to pay a county public safety fee. Provides that the amount of the fee: (1) is set by the court in an amount of at least \$50 and not more than \$200; and (2) is based on the defendant's ability to pay the fee. Provides that fees collected by court clerks are deposited in county public safety funds established in those counties that adopt a county public safety fee ordinance.</p>
<u>HB1209</u>	<p>Income tax deductions. Provides an income tax deduction for all retirement or survivor's benefits that are received by a resident individual taxpayer for service in an active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, coast guard, marine corps, merchant marine, Indiana army national guard, or Indiana air national guard. Provides that a resident individual taxpayer who was employed in Indiana for at least 20 years and has resided in Indiana for at least 20 years is entitled to an income tax deduction for all federal civil service benefits received by the individual and all retirement or disability benefits received by the individual from: (1) the public employees' retirement fund; (2) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (3) the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; and (4) the trust fund and pension trust of the Indiana state police department.</p>
<u>HB1234</u>	<p>Property tax study. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on fiscal policy the task of studying the impact on the finances of political subdivisions in Indiana of: (1) levy limits; (2) recent trends in assessed valuation; and (3) circuit breaker property tax credits.</p>
<u>HB1246</u>	<p>Police pension exemption. Provides that an individual's Indiana adjusted gross income excludes income that is attributable to a pension or other benefit received from the 1925 police pension fund.</p>
<u>HB1279</u>	<p>HERO plan. Establishes the Hoosier Employee Retirement Option plan (plan) to encourage Indiana residents to increase their rate of saving and to build assets for the use of participants and their survivors and beneficiaries after a participant's retirement. Establishes a plan board (board) with nine members: the treasurer of state, the auditor of state, the director of the office of management and budget, the commissioner of the department of labor, and five members appointed by the governor.</p>
<u>HB1298</u>	<p>Political subdivision risk management. Permits the Indiana Public Employer's Plan, Inc. (corporation) to submit a plan to the department of insurance to operate as a mutual insurance company under the supervision of the department of insurance. Upon approval by the department of insurance of the corporation's plan: (1) the provisions of law governing mutual insurance companies organized after June 30, 1977, apply to the corporation; (2) regulatory oversight of the corporation is transferred from the worker's compensation board to the department of insurance; (3) the corporation is directed to provide the legislative council with a report in electronic format describing any changes needed to bring state law into conformity with the plan; and (4) if the department of insurance approves a plan for the corporation to assume the powers, rights, duties, assets, and obligations of the political subdivision risk management commission, in accordance with the plan: (A) the commission is dissolved; (B) the powers, rights, duties, assets, and obligations of the commission are transferred to the corporation; (C) the political subdivision risk management fund and the political subdivision catastrophic liability fund are terminated and the assets are transferred to the corporation; and (D) the corporation shall operate in accordance with the plan, notwithstanding any statutory provision in IC 27-1-29 or IC 27-1-29.1 to the contrary.</p>

<u>HB1301</u>	<p>Criminal mischief. Increases from a Class B misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony the penalty for criminal mischief based on damaging or defacing the property of another, if the offense was committed while manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance.</p>
<u>HB1309</u>	<p>Dissolution of township government. Provides that on January 1, 2019, in all counties (except Marion County) the following occur: (1) All township governments are dissolved and all township powers and duties are transferred to the county (including township assistance, fire protection, cemetery maintenance, weed control, parks, fence viewing, and any township libraries). (2) The duties and responsibilities of the township trustee are transferred to the county executive or the county executive's designee. (3) The duties and responsibilities of the township board are transferred to the county fiscal body. Provides that on January 1, 2019, in all counties (except Marion County) the following occur: (1) The transfer of powers and duties between a township and a county results in the transfer of the township's property, equipment, records, rights, contracts, and indebtedness. (2) All assets, debts, and contracts of a township are transferred to the county and the county assumes all township indebtedness. (3) The county may levy property taxes to pay township indebtedness or lease rental obligations incurred by a township only in the geographic area of the township that originally issued the debt or entered into the lease rental agreement, which comprises a taxing district for the payment of township indebtedness existing at the time of the transfer. ...</p>
<u>HB1355</u>	<p>Local service fees on tax exempt property. Allows a county fiscal body to impose a local service fee on tax exempt property within the county (other than a building used for religious worship and the parcel of land on which such a building is located). Provides that after June 30, 2016, a municipal fiscal body may impose a local service fee on such tax exempt property within the municipality if the county fiscal body has not imposed a local service fee. Provides that the fiscal body of a county or municipality imposing a local service fee shall determine the amount of the fee to be imposed.</p>
<u>HB1362</u>	<p>License plate life cycle. Provides that the cycle for issuance and replacement of certain license plates is not less than five years and not more than 10 years. (Current law requires a five year cycle for the license plates.) Makes a technical correction.</p>
<u>HB1382</u>	<p>Ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. Provides that materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are schedule III controlled substances that may be dispensed only by prescription. Repeals: (1) the law concerning the sale of drugs that contain ephedrine and pseudoephedrine without a prescription; and (2) provisions related to that law.</p>
<u>HB1384</u>	<p>Fireworks regulation. Provides that a county or municipality may adopt an ordinance to limit the days and hours when consumer fireworks or certain other fireworks may be used, ignited, or discharged within the county or municipality, with certain exceptions.</p>
<u>HB1388</u>	<p>Property tax matters Specifies that if a taxpayer files an amended personal property tax return for a year: (1) before July 16 of that year, the taxpayer shall pay the taxes payable in the immediately succeeding year based on the assessed value reported on the amended return; or (2) after July 15 of that year, the taxpayer shall pay the taxes payable in the immediately succeeding year based on the assessed value reported on the original personal property tax return. Requires a public utility company to file its property tax return with the department of local government finance (DLGF) on or before April 1 (rather than March 1, under current law). Provides that on or before July 1 of each year, for years ending before January 1, 2017, and on or before June 15, for years beginning after December 31, 2016, (rather than June 1 under</p>

	<p>current law), the DLGF shall certify to the county assessor and the county auditor of each county the distributable property assessed values that the DLGF determines are distributable to the taxing districts of the county.</p>
<u>HB1390</u>	<p>Ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. Changes the amounts of drugs containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine that a pharmacy or National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx) retailer may sell and that a person may purchase without a prescription. Provides that a person who purchases the statutory maximum amount of over-the-counter drugs containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine may obtain additional drugs containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with a valid prescription or order of a practitioner.</p>
<u>HB1395</u>	<p>Statewide 911 services. Provides that a majority of members of a local public safety communications commission that collects and processes criminal justice information must represent criminal justice agencies. Provides that the executive director of the department of homeland security serves as the chairperson of the statewide 911 board. (Current law provides that the treasurer of state serves as chairperson of the board.) Increases the statewide 911 fee for a standard user from \$0.90 to \$1. ...</p>
<u>HB1412</u>	<p>Severe injury to first responders Defines "permanent disabling harm" and permits imposition of a nonsuspendible sentencing enhancement of five to 10 years if the state proves that a person committed a felony that caused a public safety official to suffer permanent disabling harm.</p>
<u>HB1433</u>	<p>Dissolution of township boards. Allows an individual to serve as a volunteer firefighter and serve as a township board member, if the county fiscal body adopts the final budget and tax levy for the township. Prohibits a member of a county fiscal body who serves as a volunteer firefighter in the same fire department as the township board member from voting on the township budget and tax levy. Provides that if at least a majority of county fiscal body members serve as volunteer firefighters in the same fire department as the township board member, the township's previous year's appropriations are continued for the ensuing budget year. Provides that on January 1, 2019, in all counties (except Marion County) and on January 1, 2021, in Marion County: (1) township boards are dissolved; (2) the duties and responsibilities of the township board are transferred to the township trustee; (3) the township trustee has the legislative and fiscal powers and duties of the township, in addition to the executive powers and duties; and (4) the property and personnel of the township board are transferred to the township trustee. Provides that provisions allowing townships to merge expire on January 1, 2019. (Under current law, these provisions do not apply to townships in Marion County.) Beginning with property taxes due and payable: (1) in calendar year 2020 in a county not having a consolidated city; and (2) in calendar year 2022 in a county having a consolidated city; the township trustee shall submit the township budget to the county fiscal body for review and approval, if the township's proposed tax rate exceeds the statewide township property tax rate average during the preceding five years by at least 3% for property taxes due and payable that same year. Provides that beginning January 1, 2019, in all counties (except Marion County) and beginning January 1, 2021, in Marion County, a township trustee may not collect property taxes for a capital improvement fund in a particular year unless the township trustee adopted a capital improvement plan in the immediately preceding year. Requires the department of local government finance and the county fiscal body to consider the capital improvement plan when reviewing a township's budget, tax rate, and tax levy.</p>
<u>HB1461</u>	<p>1977 Fund surviving spouse benefit. Increases from 60% to 100% of the member's monthly benefit the monthly benefit of a surviving spouse of an individual who: (1) is a member of the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund (1977 Fund); and (2) dies other than in the line of duty after June 30, 2015.</p>

<u>HB1463</u>	<p>Pension thirteenth checks. Provides for a thirteenth check in 2015 and 2016 for certain members of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police 1987 benefit system; and (5) state police pre-1987 benefit system. Provides that employer contributions may not be used to pay for the thirteenth checks unless, and only to the extent that, the appropriations in the state budget are insufficient to pay thirteenth checks. (This introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)</p>
<u>HB1464</u>	<p>Pension cost of living adjustments. Provides for cost of living adjustments for certain members of the: (1) public employees' retirement fund; (2) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (3) the state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (4) the state police 1987 benefit system.</p>
<u>HB1466</u>	<p>Winding up plan participation. Provides that an employer that is eligible but not required to participate in the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) must pay the employer's share of the unfunded liability attributable to the employer's current and former employees if the employer withdraws from PERF or otherwise phases out its participation in PERF.</p>
<u>HB1469</u>	<p>Wage payment and wage assignment. Provides that an employer who fails to make timely payment of wages to an employee may, in addition to the wages due, pay liquidated damages, court costs, and a reasonable fee for the employee's attorney. Provides that an employee may assign wages for: (1) the purchase, rental, or use of uniforms or equipment necessary to fulfill the duties of employment; (2) reimbursement for education or employee skills training; (3) an advance for payroll or vacation pay; and (4) meals eaten by the employee at a location provided by the employer.</p>
<u>HB1472</u>	<p>Various tax matters. Codifies the attorney-client and deliberative process privileges. Specifies that the definition of "storage" for purposes of the use tax does not include temporary storage of property for not more than 60 days for the purpose of the subsequent use of the property solely outside Indiana.</p>
<u>HB1475</u>	<p>Statewide 911 system. Removes the requirement that a county council (for a county adjusted gross income tax) or a county income tax council (for a local option income tax) must impose certain additional tax rates as a condition of imposing an additional tax rate for public safety. Authorizes the fiscal bodies of a county and another political subdivision that are parties to a contract under which the county has assumed the responsibility of operating a public safety answering point to jointly petition the department of local government finance to adjust the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levies of the respective units.</p>
<u>HB1476</u>	<p>County option property tax replacement fee. Permits a county council or county income tax council to establish an annual property tax replacement fee on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions or property tax credits that reduce the annual property tax liability on the parcel to less than \$100. Provides that the minimum annual amount due in property taxes and the property tax replacement fee per parcel is \$100 in an adopting county. Changes the county option amount from \$25 to \$100 for requiring the payment of property taxes and the property tax replacement fee, if any, in one installment.</p>

<u>HB1478</u>	<p>Marion County fire consolidation. Authorizes the consolidation of a township fire department or fire protection territory in Marion County into the fire department of the consolidated city if the following occur: (1) The mayor of the consolidated city adopts a resolution approving the consolidation. (2) The city-county council adopts an ordinance approving the consolidation. (3) The mayor of the consolidated city approves the ordinance of the city-county council. Provides that a consolidation is effective on the date set forth in the ordinance adopted by the city-county council. Provides for the transfer of cumulative building and equipment fund balances, debt service balances, and firefighting fund balances on the effective date of the consolidation.</p>
<u>HB1481</u>	<p>Public retirement plans. Provides that after December 31, 2015, an eligible employee of the state becomes a member of the public employees' defined contribution plan (plan). Provides that an eligible employee of a political subdivision that participates in the plan becomes a member of the plan. Provides that after December 31, 2015, a political subdivision may not begin or expand participation in the public employees' retirement fund. Provides that the employer of an individual who is a member of the plan shall match the individual's contribution to the plan to a limit of 7.5% of the individual's compensation.</p>
<u>HB1484</u>	<p>Local government fees and funds. Provides that the maximum property tax rates for county cumulative capital development funds, municipal cumulative capital development funds, and fire protection territory equipment replacement funds will no longer be adjusted each year to account for the change in assessed value that results from a reassessment or the annual adjustment of assessed values.</p>
<u>HB1485</u>	<p>Local option income taxes. Replaces the county adjusted gross income tax, the county option income tax, and the county economic development income tax with a local income tax. Provides for the introduction of legislation in the 2016 legislative session to make related amendments to implement the local income tax.</p>
<u>HB1490</u>	<p>Police reserve officers. Provides that town police reserve officers are eligible for a line of duty death benefit from the special death benefit fund. Provides that a county, city, or town shall furnish without charge to a police reserve officer (officer) who is injured or contracts an illness in the course of or as the result of performing duties as an officer all necessary physician, surgical, hospital, and nursing services and supplies and that this obligation supersedes any obligations that another medical insurance carrier has to pay the officer's medical expenses.</p>
<u>HB1493</u>	<p>Cost of living adjustments and thirteenth checks. Provides for cost of living adjustments in 2015 and 2016 for certain members of the: (1) public employees' retirement fund; (2) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (3) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (4) state police 1987 benefit system. Provides that employer contributions may not be used to pay for the cost of living adjustments unless, and only to the extent that, the appropriations in the state budget are insufficient to pay the cost of living adjustments.</p>
<u>HB1507</u>	<p>State and local building regulations. Removes a provision that allows a city, town, or county to adopt an ordinance that includes requirements that are more stringent or detailed than, but do not conflict with, the rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission. Amends the statute concerning the qualifications of the state building commissioner (commissioner) to: (1) eliminate the requirement that the commissioner be a registered or licensed architect or engineer, as long as the commissioner has at least 10 years of experience in the building trades industry and a bachelor's degree in a construction related field; and (2) eliminate the requirement that the commissioner have at least 10 years of experience in the building</p>

	<p>trades industry, as long as the commissioner has at least five years of industry experience and a master's degree in a construction related field. Provides that after June 30, 2015, a unit of local government may not adopt a new ordinance, rule, or policy that: (1) regulates or concerns the construction, alteration, or repair of a Class 1 or Class 2 structure; and (2) is more stringent, restrictive, or financially burdensome than a state or federal statute, rule, or regulation regulating or concerning the same subject matter. Provides that after June 30, 2015, a local unit may not enforce any such existing ordinance, rule, or policy, regardless of when the ordinance was adopted or became effective.</p>
<u>HB1560</u>	<p>PERF military service credit. Provides that, after June 30, 2015, an active member of the public employees' retirement fund is entitled to receive, under certain conditions, service credit for the member's active duty service in the armed forces of the United States. Provides that the maximum amount of service credit that may be granted is six years.</p>
<u>HB1563</u>	<p>Reporting of methamphetamine offenses. Requires courts to report methamphetamine related convictions to the state police department. Requires the state police department to report methamphetamine related convictions to the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators so that stop sale alerts may be issued through the National Precursor Log Exchange to prevent individuals with methamphetamine related convictions from purchasing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.</p>
<u>HB1570</u>	<p>Use of TIF proceeds for public safety. Provides that a redevelopment commission outside Marion County may use tax increment finance (TIF) proceeds to pay expenses related to public safety or to make transfers of revenue to assist a county or municipality in paying such expenses, if the redevelopment commission by resolution makes a determination that paying the expenses or transferring the revenue will enhance redevelopment opportunities or economic development opportunities.</p>
<u>HB1581</u>	<p>Unfunded pension liabilities. Provides that if an entity, including a political subdivision, participates in the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) at the discretion of the entity and then takes an action that would restrict employee membership in PERF, the entity becomes liable for the future benefits payable to the entity's current and former employees. Provides that if an entity (other than a political subdivision) that has discretion to participate in PERF seeks to withdraw from PERF, the entity becomes liable for the future benefits payable to the entity's current and former employees. Eliminates an obsolete provision that is no longer applicable to governmental retirement plans under the Internal Revenue Code.</p>
<u>HB1602</u>	<p>Methamphetamine. Makes: (1) dealing in methamphetamine a Level 4 felony instead of a Level 5 felony; and (2) possession of methamphetamine a Level 5 felony instead of a Level 6 felony; if the person who committed the felony has a prior conviction for dealing in certain controlled substances, the person committed the felony while in possession of a firearm, the person committed the felony in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school property or a public park while a person under 18 years of age was reasonably expected to be present, the person who committed the felony delivered or financed the delivery of the drug to a person under 18 years of age and at least three years junior to the person, the person who committed the felony manufactured or financed the manufacture of the drug, or the person committed the offense in the physical presence of a child less than 18 years of age, knowing that the child was present and might be able to see or hear the offense.</p>
<u>HB1628</u>	<p>Public safety local option income tax. Provides that for the first two years after a local option income tax for public safety (public safety LOIT) is adopted, a county or municipality that receives revenue from a public safety LOIT may use the public safety LOIT only to increase the total amount available for expenditure for public safety purposes. Provides that for the first two years after a public safety LOIT is adopted, the public safety</p>

	LOIT may not be used to reduce or replace revenue devoted to public safety purposes from any other source of revenue.
<u>HB1630</u>	Employment of veterans as public safety officers. Waives the maximum hiring age restrictions that apply to the appointment and hiring of police officers and firefighters for an individual who is a veteran of the armed forces and who meets certain requirements. Provides that an individual who is appointed as a police officer or a firefighter as the result of a waiver is not eligible to become a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund.
	Senate Bills
<u>SB 16</u>	Fire protection district per diems. Increases the maximum amount (from \$20 to \$100) that a member of the board of fire trustees of a fire protection district may receive for each day that the member devotes to the work of the district.
<u>SB 34</u>	State police pension fund trustee. Provides that, after June 30, 2015, the trustee of the state police pension trust and the state police benefit fund is the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system.
<u>SB 42</u>	Administration of county income taxes. Provides that for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, a county imposing a county income tax (rather than the department of state revenue) has the authority and responsibility for the administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax. Requires taxpayers to file county income tax returns with the county treasurer of the county that imposed the tax. Requires taxpayers to pay county income tax to the county treasurer of the county that imposed the tax. Provides that withholdings of county income taxes shall be remitted to the county treasurer of the county that imposed the tax.
<u>SB 51</u>	Payment of monthly pension benefits. Provides that members and beneficiaries of any public pension fund administered by the Indiana public retirement system may receive monthly benefits only by direct deposit or another method approved by the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system. Repeals a similar but more narrowly applicable section concerning methods of paying monthly benefits to members and beneficiaries of the public employees' retirement fund and the teachers' retirement fund.
<u>SB 121</u>	Tax credit for volunteer firefighters and EMTs. Provides that an individual who is an active volunteer firefighter or an active volunteer emergency medical technician, and who participates in at least 33% of a department's combined total of emergency responses and training sessions during the year, is entitled to a credit of \$2,000 against the individual's adjusted gross income tax liability each taxable year. Provides that confirmation of an individual's service for purposes of the credit must be affirmed under penalties of perjury by the chief of the volunteer fire department.
<u>SB 124</u>	Local regulation of fireworks. Provides that a county or municipality may adopt an ordinance to limit or prohibit the days and hours when consumer fireworks or certain other fireworks may be used, ignited, or discharged within the county or municipality, with certain exceptions.
<u>SB 131</u>	Volunteer firefighters holding elected office. Removes provisions that prohibit volunteer firefighters from assuming or holding certain elected offices.
<u>SB 189</u>	Election of members of the county executive. Provides that each member of the county executive is elected only by the voters of the respective county commissioner districts instead of by all the voters of the county if the county executive adopts

	<p>an ordinance providing for this method of election. Provides that if 20% of the total number of voters of the county who voted in the most recent election for secretary of state in the county petition the county executive to adopt such an ordinance, the county executive is required to adopt the ordinance. Provides that if the county executive adopts such an ordinance, a public question is placed on the ballot at the next general election of the county asking the voters of the county whether each of the members of the executive should be elected only by the voters of their respective commissioner districts instead of by all the voters of the county. Makes technical changes in the statutes relating to election of members of the county executive.</p>
<u>SB 191</u>	<p>Firefighters serving on township boards. Allows an individual to serve as a member of a township board and also serve as a volunteer firefighter or full-time firefighter of a fire department that provides fire services to the township. Specifies that an individual who serves as a firefighter and was serving as a township board member on January 1, 2013, and whose term has not expired, may continue to: (1) serve as a firefighter and member of the township board; and (2) run for reelection and assume office as a member of the township board.</p>
<u>SB 214</u>	<p>Public salary limitations. Provides that the salary paid from state or local appropriations to a public officer, employee, or contractor of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government, state educational institutions, political subdivisions, or bodies corporate and politic of the state or a political subdivision may not exceed the salary paid to the governor, except that the salary of a contractor or employee of a state educational institution may be supplemented with amounts paid by or through an endowment that is not funded by taxes, fees, or appropriations of money from the treasury of the state or a political subdivision.</p>
<u>SB 228</u>	<p>Lobbying and funding of certain organizations. DIGEST Adds a prohibition against a lobbyist providing anything of value to, or paying for or reimbursing any expenses of, a legislative person when the legislative person is traveling out of state. Makes it a Level 6 felony for a governmental entity to expend money to engage a lobbyist or a legislative liaison using tax revenue. Specifies that such an agreement is void. Invalidates any state appropriation that is made from a fund that receives revenue derived from the imposition of a state tax if the appropriation is to pay expenses related to the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, or the National Conference of Insurance Legislators. Prohibits the allotment of money from the fund for these purposes.</p>
<u>SB 231</u>	<p>Lobbying expenses of political subdivisions. Provides that a lobbyist may not engage in lobbying that is paid for, in whole or in part, from money derived from the revenues of a political subdivision. Provides that a political subdivision may not pay any money received by the political subdivision for lobbying. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to lobbying activities engaged in by a public employee of a political subdivision or a public official of a political subdivision for that political subdivision.</p>
<u>SB 234</u>	<p>School employee union dues. Allows a school employer to deduct union dues from a school employee's salary at the request of the school employee. (Current law requires a school employer to deduct union dues from a school employee's salary at the request of the school employee.)</p>
<u>SB 241</u>	<p>County income tax council. Replaces the county income tax council with the county council, or city-county council in the case of Marion County, for purposes of the county option income tax, the county economic development income tax, the county motor vehicle excise surtax, and the county wheel tax.</p>
<u>SB 265</u>	<p>Purchase of service credit. Permits a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) to purchase at full actuarial cost the</p>

	<p>member's prior service in the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund). Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system to transfer from the 1977 fund to PERF the member's contributions and the present value of the unreduced benefit payable upon retirement that is attributable to the member. Requires the transferred amounts to be credited against the contributions required to purchase the member's prior 1977 fund service. Permits the member's employer to pay all or a part of the member's contributions required for the purchase of the member's prior 1977 fund service. Provides that credit in the 1977 fund for the service that is purchased is waived. Makes a technical correction to service purchase provisions of public pension and retirement funds.</p>
<u>SB 283</u>	<p>Amortization of unfunded pension liabilities. Provides that the board of the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS) may determine a term that does not exceed 30 years over which to amortize various unfunded accrued liabilities associated with the funds administered by INPRS. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)</p>
<u>SB 302</u>	<p>Employment contracts for nonunion teachers. Provides that a teacher who is not a member of the exclusive representative (union) may enter into an employment contract with a school corporation that contains terms that differ from the terms set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. Provides that a teacher who enters into such an employment contract waives the teacher's statutory due process rights if the teacher's employment is terminated. Provides that it is not an unfair labor practice for a school corporation to enter into the employment contract.</p>
<u>SB 321</u>	<p>Contracts for fire and emergency services. Beginning July 1, 2016, requires a city or town (municipality) that does not operate a fire department or participate in a fire protection territory or fire protection district to issue a request for proposals and award the contract for fire protection services or emergency medical services (services) under the public purchasing law, unless: (1) the equipment, personnel, and services are provided to the municipality without charge; or (2) the services are provided to a municipality in response to a request for assistance or under the state emergency management compact. Removes a provision that allows a township to provide fire protection services or emergency services inside a city, town, or included town without a contract.</p>
<u>SB 332</u>	<p>Wage assignments. Allows a wage assignment for the purchase price of goods and food offered by an employer and sold to the employee for the employee's benefit, use, or consumption.</p>
<u>SB 382</u>	<p>Statewide 911 system. Repeals a provision that: (1) required the budget committee to conduct a review of the statewide 911 system for years 2013 and 2014; and (2) provided for the July 1, 2015, expiration of the statewide 911 fee if the budget committee did not recommend continuation of the fee.</p>
<u>SB 402</u>	<p>Military veteran public safety officer hiring age. Increases the maximum age for appointment as a police officer or firefighter from 36 to 40 years of age, if the applicant is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States.</p>
<u>SB 419</u>	<p>Town marshals. Provides that, after December 31, 2015, a town law enforcement officer who: (1) is not a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund and does not participate in another pension or retirement plan offered by the town; (2) has successfully completed the minimum basic training requirements for town law enforcement officers; and (3) normally performs service for the town for at least 1,750 hours during a year; becomes a member of the public employees' retirement fund.</p>

<u>SB 423</u>	<p>Property tax issues. Provides that a multiple county property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) is created in each Indiana congressional district that includes a county with a population of 75,000 or less. Retains a PTABOA in each county with a population of more than 75,000. Provides that a multiple county PTABOA consists of three members appointed by the governor, not more than two of whom may be from the same political party. Requires the governor to set the compensation of the members of a multiple county PTABOA. Provides that the members of a multiple county PTABOA are paid by the state.</p>
<u>SB 427</u>	<p>Distributions of public safety income tax revenue. Provides for mandatory distributions of public safety local option income tax (LOIT) revenue to the eligible civil taxing units of an adopting county, which includes the adopting county, the cities and towns of the adopting county, and other civil taxing units of the adopting county that provide fire protection or emergency medical services. Eliminates an obsolete petition procedure in current law that applies to fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and emergency medical services providers in unincorporated areas of an adopting county that seek a discretionary distribution of public safety LOIT revenue.</p>
<u>SB 432</u>	<p>Distribution of taxes based on tax levies. Provides that after 2015 if a distribution of excise taxes or local option income taxes to a taxing unit is based on the amount of a taxing unit's property tax levy, the calculation of the distribution is to be based on the amount of the taxing unit's property tax levy after subtracting any circuit breaker property tax credits that are provided to taxpayers of the taxing unit for property located in the taxing unit.</p>
<u>SB 445</u>	<p>Ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. Provides that materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are schedule IV controlled substances that may be dispensed only by prescription, except for a product that is determined by the Indiana board of pharmacy to be an extraction resistant or conversion resistant form of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. Requires the superintendent of the state police to submit a report by July 1, 2017, regarding the impact of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine as a schedule IV controlled substance. Provides that this bill is effective from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2018.</p>
<u>SB 451</u>	<p>Volunteer firefighters holding township office. Permits an individual to serve as a member of a township's volunteer fire department and also on the township's legislative body.</p>
<u>SB 484</u>	<p>Fire and emergency response issues. Creates the intrastate mutual aid compact to complement existing mutual aid agreements. Allows the Indiana department of homeland security (IDHS) to deploy a national urban search and rescue response system task force as a state resource during Indiana emergencies and disasters, in conformance with federal requirements, through an agreement with a political subdivision that is a sponsoring agency of a task force.</p>
<u>SB 492</u>	<p>Various pension matters. Provides that an individual who is a first time full-time employee of the state or a participating political subdivision after June 30, 2015, becomes a member of the public employees' defined contribution plan unless the individual makes an explicit election to become a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF). (This reverses the presumption under current law.) Provides that a political subdivision may participate in the public employees' defined contribution plan. ...</p>
<u>SB 499</u>	<p>Home rule powers of certain units. Gives Indianapolis-Marion County and second class cities (units) additional home rule powers. Provides that a unit may reject statutory restrictions otherwise applicable to the unit and adopt</p>

	ordinances for governance instead of the rejected statutes. Provides that certain statutes may not be rejected by a unit. Allows a unit to file for bankruptcy under federal law.
<u>SB 517</u>	Tax increment financing in Marion County. Requires the Indianapolis metropolitan development commission to establish a new base assessed value beginning in 2017 for purposes of determining the incremental tax revenue for the Marion County airport economic development area. Specifies that the base assessed value must be set at the amount that will limit the incremental revenue to 150% of the debt service of the bonds denominated as series 2007 and 2007A as of January 1, 2015. (The base assessed value is used in determining revenue for other taxing units.)
<u>SB 536</u>	Methamphetamine related conviction reporting. Requires courts to report methamphetamine related convictions to the state police department. Requires the state police department to report methamphetamine related convictions to the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators so that stop sale alerts may be issued through the National Precursor Log Exchange to prevent individuals with methamphetamine related convictions from purchasing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.
<u>SB 538</u>	Teacher collective bargaining. Provides that the Indiana education employment relations board (board) must publish a model salary schedule that a school corporation may adopt. (Current law requires the department of education (department) to publish a model salary schedule.) Adds a definition of "professional employee organization". Provides that a school employer shall submit a copy of the affidavit submitted by the exclusive representative indicating the number of teachers who are members of the exclusive representative to the board. ...
<u>SB 553</u>	Fire and building safety. Provides that for purposes of the building code, a Class 2 structure townhouse may be separated from an adjoining unit by a one hour fire-resistance rated wall combined with a National Fire Protection Association 13D compliant fire sprinkler system.
<u>SB 554</u>	Retirement plan proceed loans. Defines a "retirement plan proceed loan" as a loan or an extension of credit that is: (1) offered to an Indiana consumer; and (2) secured by the consumer's interest in, or right to, all or part of the proceeds of any pension or other retirement plan of which the consumer is a participant, beneficiary, or member. Prohibits a person from: (1) making or offering to make a retirement plan proceed loan; (2) brokering or offering to broker a retirement plan proceed loan; or (3) advertising, marketing, or soliciting retirement plan proceed loans in Indiana.
<u>SB 555</u>	HERO plan. Establishes the Hoosier Employee Retirement Option plan (plan) to encourage Indiana residents to increase their rate of saving and to build assets for the use of participants and their survivors and beneficiaries after a participant's retirement. Establishes a plan board (board) with nine members: the treasurer of state, the auditor of state, the director of the office of management and budget, the commissioner of the department of labor, and five members appointed by the governor...
<u>SB 556</u>	Fire prevention and building safety. Changes the definition of "building law" to include a law governing sanitary conditions and sanitary facilities in elementary and secondary school buildings and on the school grounds. Allows the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt temporary rules in a manner provided for the adoption of emergency rules to administer the regulation of sanitary conditions and sanitary facilities in elementary and secondary school buildings and on the school grounds....

<u>SB 560</u>	Property taxes and sales and use taxes. Eliminates property taxes on primary residences (homesteads) and business personal property. Decreases the state sales and use tax rate from 7% to 5.5%. Provides that the sales and use tax applies to transactions involving services, except for legal services, health or mental health services (including insurance premiums for policies covering these services), and services provided for charitable tax exempt purposes. Deposits the increased sales and use tax revenue in the state general fund....
<u>SJR 14</u>	Elimination of property tax caps. Eliminates the constitutional property tax caps.



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2015 Meeting Dates

Local Meetings Dates and Locations

01/20/2015 A	Bargersville 201	1930	07/21/2015 A	Bargersville 201	1930
01/21/2015 C	Greenwood 91	0900	07/24/2015 A	White River 51	1000
04/15/2015 C	Greenwood 91	0900	10/20/2015 B	Bargersville 201	1930
04/24/2015 C	White River 51	1000	10/21/2015 C	Greenwood 91	0900

Bargersville District Meeting Dates, the location is 201's at 1930 (The 3rd Tuesday)

01/20/2015**	05/19/2015	09/15/2015
02/17/2015	06/16/2015	10/20/2015**
03/17/2015	07/21/2015**	11/17/2015
04/21/2015	08/18/2015	12/15/2015

Greenwood District Meeting Dates, the locations is 91's at 0900 (The 3rd Wednesday)

01/21/2015**	05/20/2015	09/16/2015
02/18/2015	06/17/2015	10/21/2015
03/18/2015	07/15/2015	11/18/2015
04/15/2015**	08/19/2015	12/16/2015

White River District Meeting Dates, the location is 51's at 1000 (The 4th Friday)

01/30/2015	05/22/2015	09/25/2015
02/27/2015	06/26/2015	10/23/2015
03/27/2015	07/24/2015**	11/20/2015
04/24/2015**	08/28/2015	12/18/2015

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