



# Legislative Update

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## General Assembly Overview

This week began with the Senate Republican announcement of **caucus priorities** for this session. Those priorities include Sunday alcohol sales, the roll-out of mandated prescription monitoring to prevent opioid abuse, workforce development, and the regulation of property seizure.

Governor Eric Holcomb (R) delivered his second **State of the State address** this week. Gov. Holcomb's speech included a large focus on workforce development and education. Gov. Holcomb identified more than a million Hoosiers who need better skills and set a goal of educating or retraining 55,000 Hoosiers over the next year who didn't finish college or don't have a high school diploma. Gov. Holcomb pointed out that 85,000 jobs are unfilled in Indiana because employers can't find people with the right skills. New job commitments and retiring Baby Boomers will only add to that number, he said.

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush delivered the **State of the Judiciary address** this week. Chief Justice Rush said the common concern among top elected officials regarding the state's court system is addressing the opioid crisis. Rush's speech also included discussion on adoption cases, a major judicial branch reorganization, expanded and improved technology and more rigorous training. Chief Justice Rush said Hoosier courts handled more than 1.3 million cases last year.

Just over two weeks remain for committee hearings during the first half of session. Both the House and Senate are still in the process of assigning bills to committees and we are in the midst of bill review as the bills are posted. The General Assembly will not meet on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## USEFUL LINKS

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