



# Legislative Update

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## General Assembly Overview

The Indiana General Assembly is in the midst of conference committees as we near the conclusion of the 2018 legislative session. The House third reading deadline was on Monday and the Senate on Tuesday. Three session days remain for conference committee hearings and floor votes.

Conference committee meetings will continue until the final day of session on March 14 when the legislature is set to adjourn *sine die*. The General Assembly [conference committee grid](#) lists all of the bills eligible for conference committee.

Once a bill is approved by both chambers, the bill becomes an enrolled act, SEA 1 vs. SB 1, for example. Enrolled acts signed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore are sent to the Office of the Lt. Governor for signature, are then returned to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate (for Senate Enrolled Acts) or the Clerk of the House of Representatives (for House Enrolled Acts), and then go to the Office of the Governor. From there, the Governor reviews all legislation and has seven days to sign or veto the bill. If he does not sign it, it automatically becomes law on the eighth day after receipt.

Governor Holcomb has signed a number of bills thus far. A [bill watch list](#) is available which shows bills that have reached the governor's desk and bills that have been signed.

House and Senate leaders have agreed on a plan to revamp the state's workforce development system this year. Lawmakers have scrapped some of their bolder ideas, such as redirecting corporate income tax revenue to pay for workforce programs and sunseting all workforce programs starting in 2019 to force lawmakers to decide which ones to retire and which ones to keep around.

Instead, one of the major changes this year is the creation of a new board called the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, a group of 21 state officials, business leaders and advocates to advise Gov. Eric Holcomb on talent development and workforce needs and conduct a systematic and comprehensive review, analysis and evaluation of state funds.

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The new group will replace the existing State Workforce Innovation Council group that has 43 members.

The House and Senate will be in and out of session next week voting on concurrences and conference committee reports.

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