

2024 Legislative Information

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*A senate term is six years long and can run for two consecutive terms if reelected. They may not run for a third consecutive term.

*A representative term is two years and can be reelected after a two-year break. Reelection happens during even years.

Current Governor of Indiana



Eric Holcomb (Term ends 2024)

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*A Governor’s term is four years long; cannot serve more than eight years in a twelve-year period; Holcomb cannot run for reelection.

United States House of Representatives- Indiana

Indiana

District	Name	Party	Office Room	Phone	Committee Assignment
1st	Mrvan, Frank	D	1607 LHOB	(202) 225-2461	Education and the Workforce Veterans' Affairs
2nd	Yakym, Rudy	R	349 CHOB	(202) 225-3915	Budget Transportation and Infrastructure
3rd	Banks, Jim	R	2418 RHOB	(202) 225-4436	Armed Services Education and the Workforce Select Comm on the Strategic Competition US and China
4th	Baird, James	R	2303 RHOB	(202) 225-5037	Agriculture Foreign Affairs Science, Space, and Technology
5th	Spartz, Victoria	R	1609 LHOB	(202) 225-2276	Judiciary
6th	Pence, Greg	R	404 CHOB	(202) 225-3021	Energy and Commerce
7th	Carson, Andre	D	2135 RHOB	(202) 225-4011	Intelligence Transportation and Infrastructure Select Comm on the Strategic Competition US and China
8th	Bucshon, Larry	R	2313 RHOB	(202) 225-4636	Energy and Commerce
9th	Houchin, Erin	R	1632 LHOB	(202) 225-5315	Financial Services Education and the Workforce Rules

The Villages Bill Focus for 2024

- HB 1051- Communication between caregivers and parents
- HB 1064- DCS technical changes and adoption subsidies
- **HB 1101- Courts for Children Three Years of Age and Younger in Need of Services***
- HB 1123-Child Advocacy Centers
- HB 1138-Professional Licensing matters
- HB 1310-Children in Need of services
- HB 1369-Family and Juvenile Law matters
- SB 2- Child Care
- SB 16- Guardians Ad litem in adoption pilot program
- SB 147- Child Care property tax exemption and evaluation
- SB 169- Child caring institutions and group homes
- SB 171- Reunification action plan for a child in need of services

“Pilot Bill” for Legislation Committee Formulation

*HB 1101 was one of the bills The Villages was tracking, and I utilized it as my “pilot” tracking bill to help determine useful steps in tracking legislation.

- HB 1101- Courts for children three years of age and younger in need of service
 - Establishes a safe baby court as a type of problem solving court. Provides that a child in need of services is an eligible individual for purposes of a problem solving court program.
 - **Every seven minutes, an infant or toddler is removed from home due to alleged abuse or neglect. When this happens, children are often placed in a child welfare system that has not developed policies and practices with the needs of infants and toddlers in mind.**
 - The ZERO TO THREE Safe Babies Court Team™ approach transforms child welfare into the practice of prevention and family well-being by using the science of early childhood development to meet the urgent needs of infants and toddlers.
 - The program connects very young children and their families with needed community support and services, with a goal of advancing health and well-being.

Zero to Three. (2024). Mission and Vision. <https://www.zerotothree.org/about/mission-vision/>.

****Important to Note: Legislation is an ever-ongoing process: The time commitment is what you choose to put into it based on how much information you want to know and how involved you want to become!****

I was able to follow this bill through legislation **daily** utilizing the IGA website; see below:

Legislation Tracking of HB 1101

- H 01/08/2024 Authored by Representative Lauer
- H 01/08/2024 First reading: referred to Committee on [Judiciary](#)
- H 01/29/2024 Committee report: amend do pass, adopted
- H 01/30/2024 Representatives McGuire and Davis added as coauthors
- H 01/30/2024 Representative Bauer M added as coauthor
- H 01/31/2024 Second reading: ordered engrossed
- H 02/01/2024 Third reading: passed; [Roll Call 118: yeas 94, nays 0](#)
- H 02/01/2024 Senate sponsors: Senators Koch, Brown L, Donato
- H 02/02/2024 Referred to the Senate
- S 02/07/2024 First reading: referred to Committee on [Judiciary](#)
- S 02/15/2024 Committee report: amend do pass, adopted
- S 02/19/2024 Second reading: ordered engrossed
- S 02/19/2024 Senator Randolph added as cosponsor
- S 02/19/2024 Senators Walker G and Taylor G added as cosponsors
- S 02/20/2024 Third reading: passed; [Roll Call 165: yeas 46, nays 2](#)
- S 02/20/2024 Senator Doriot added as cosponsor
- S 02/21/2024 Returned to the House with amendments
- H 02/22/2024 Motion to concur filed
- H 02/22/2024 House concurred in Senate amendments; [Roll Call 188: yeas 88, nays 0](#)
- H 02/27/2024 Signed by the Speaker
- S 03/04/2024 Signed by the President Pro Tempore
- S 03/08/2024 Signed by the President of the Senate
- H 03/11/2024 Signed by the Governor

Reference: <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2024/bills/house/1101/actions>

Read about “Next Year’s Budget” here: <https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2024/03/12/three-session-takeaways-next-years-budget-a-quieter-cycle-and-indianapolis-nabs-some-wins/>

*This article may give you some insight to help you shape your focus for what issues you want to address in 2025.

Prevent Child Abuse America Issues Focus for 2024

1. Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Recommendations: Advocacy for investments in children that will help set them up and thrive through the federal appropriation process
 - a. Each year the president submits a budget to Congress for the federal government every fiscal year
 - b. Fiscal year: October 1 through September 30
 - c. Congress must then pass appropriations bills to provide money to carry out government programs for that specific year
 - d. PCA America made recommendations for increases in Fiscal Year 2024.
 - i. Highest funding possible to support investments which result in significant positive outcomes and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for all children
 - e. The federal supports are proven to prevent child maltreatment to ensure children reach their full health and potential.
 - f. Priorities include: increased investment for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) program, child sexual abuse prevention, and adverse childhood experiences.
 - g. Appropriation letters from PCA America can be found at <https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Appropriations-Priorities-FY24.pdf>
2. Child Tax Credit (CTC)
 - a. The Child Tax Credit (CTC) in the American Rescue Plan provides the largest Child Tax Credit ever and to the most working families ever. As of July 15th, most families are receiving automatic payments.
 - i. Help ease the burden of rising costs and impact of the current pandemic
 - ii. Helping all families succeed
 1. Families struggling to cover basic needs like food, rent, and other bills
 2. Middle-class families that need help with child care and college savings
 - iii. This critical support is set to expire
 - iv. House and Senate are finalizing the reconciliation package-annual federal budget process where Congress sets total spending, revenues, the surplus or deficit, and the public debt-decisions are being made on the CTC now.
 - v. The Role of Paid Family Medical and Sick Leave: https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PCA-America-Paid-Family-Leave-One-Pager_11-17-21.pdf
 - b. You can view PCA America's 2022-2024 Federal Policy Agenda here: https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/PCAA-2023-Federal-Policy-Agenda_rev-1.pdf

- c. The American Rescue Plan Act: FAQ's on CAPTA and MIECHV Provisions:
https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/FAQ_Emergency_-_Funding_for_CBCAP_and_MIECHV-031721.pdf
3. Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA)
 - a. Federal law that provides grants to states to support the prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
 - b. CAPTA supports front-end services that prevent system involvement and keeps families together whenever safely possible.
 - c. PCA America supports strong and comprehensive reauthorization bill that includes significantly higher funding levels, increases transparency and accountability in the program, increases the focus on primary prevention and family support services, and promotes race equity.
 - d. PCA America- The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act:
https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CAPTA_CBCAP-August-2021-1.pdf
 4. Government Affairs Initiative ***
 - a. Increase the public policy and government affairs capacity of Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) chapters.
 - b. Provides public policy support through direct technical assistance, guidance, and consultation, with the goal of growing internal capacity and expanding or leveraging PCA chapter presence at the state-policy level.
 - c. To learn more about how other states gained direct PCA chapter technical assistance: https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/GAI-Overview-and-2023_for-posting.pdf
 - d. Contact: policyteam@preventchildabuse.org

Reference: <https://preventchildabuse.org/what-we-do/public-policy/>

Training Opportunities Coming Up Soon...

- United Way- From Impact to Advocacy: Sessions Over, Now What? Training
 - 4/22/2024 11:30-1:00 PM, Louisville, KY
 - Sign Up Here:
<https://muw.metrounitedway.org/comm/SinglePageRegEvent.jsp?EventKeyHex=3133383936>
- Indiana State Bar Association: https://www.inbar.org/events/event_list.asp
 - Evening with the Appellate Judges and CLE
 - 5/15/2024, 3pm-8pm at Omni Severin Hotel in Indianapolis
 - Must register, cost listed on website**
- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence- Field of Victim Services training
 - Those new to the field of victim services; 3 years or less

- First Academy Dates
 - Apply online
 - June 3-21, 2024; In-person dates are: June 5,6,20 &21 (Indianapolis)
 - **Application is now open and closes on April 15**
- Second Academy Dates
 - August 12-29, 2024
 - In-person dates: August 14,15,28 &29 (Indianapolis)
 - **Application opens June 11 and closes July 9**
- Indiana State Bar Association: https://www.inbar.org/events/event_list.asp
 - 2023 Legislative Rundown
 - Accessible online until 12/31/2024
 - ISBA members: \$25
Non-members: \$50
- IU RAPT: Educational Advocacy; Developed and presented by the Indiana Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership.
 - <https://ssw.iu.edu/childwelfare/training/cat/dcs09283/>
 - Available online Jan 2, 2024-Jan 1, 2025