

**(1) This Past Week:**

**a. Legislative Break—half-time**

**b. Calls to Action (summary):**

- i. The Budget (HB 1001)
- ii. Expansion of Privatization (HB 1005)
- iii. Expansion of Vouchers (SB 413)
- iv. Regulating Dues Deduction (SB 251)
- v. Teacher Vaccinations.
- vi. 100% funding bills (SB 2/HB 1003)
- vii. CTE Funding (HB 1001)

**(2) Selected Priority Bills:**

**i. The Budget/School Formula: HB 1001—the budget/funding formula (T.Brown)**

- 1. Passed House 65-30
- 2. Simple messaging on the Funding Formula:
  - a. The budget clearly prioritizes private schools by dedicating \$491 million for private school vouchers and ESAs. **While traditional public schools would receive increases of 3% and 1.7% in 2022 and 2023, private schools and ESAs would receive much larger increases of 23.4% and 29.3%.**
  - b. Issues with traditional comparisons from formula run.
- 3. Includes HB 1005 expansion of vouchers and creation of ESAs.
- 4. No meaningful improvements to the Complexity Index.
- 5. Straight-lines Special Ed and Academic Honors.
- 6. Defunds certain CTE programs and increases funding for others.
- 7. Expansion of tax credit benefitting SGOs.
- 8. Expansion to 100% funding for all virtual schools.
- 9. Major increase to charter and innovation school grant.
- 10. Teacher Appreciation Grant straight-lined.
- 11. Positive: Removal of Early Graduate \$\$ penalty.
- 12. Positive: Funds the 13<sup>th</sup> check plus \$50 over the biennium.
- 13. New Revenue: Increases to cigarette tax; e-cigs taxed.
- 14. ISTA opposes this budget; they can do better by public schools.

**ii. 100% Funding for This School Year**

- 1. HB 1003 (Slager); Passed House 93-2

2. SB 2 (Raatz); Passed Senate 41-2; Heard in W&M
3. ISTA supports both bills

**iii. COVID Remediation (Clere)**

1. HB 1008; Passed House 94-2
2. Supposedly \$150m
3. Not included in the budget
4. ISTA generally supports; should prioritize public school programs

**iv. Expansion of Vouchers/Creation of ESA (Behning)**

1. HB 1005; passed the House 61-39
2. ISTA opposes

**v. ESAs (Buchanan)**

1. SB 412; Died in Senate Appropriations Committee
2. ESA language remains in the budget bill and in HB 1005.
3. ISTA opposes.

**vi. Voucher Expansion & hold harmless for next year ILEARN (Raatz)**

1. HB 413; Passed the Senate 32-15
2. What remains on vouchers is a new voucher pathway tied to foster child status.
3. ILEARN hold harmless is also in HB 1514 so no need to support this bill.
4. ISTA opposes.

**vii. Dues Deduction (Boots)**

1. SB 251: passed 27-22.
2. Goodrich is sponsor of SB 251 in the House.
3. Goodrich authored HB 1546 strictly prohibiting the practice of school employers engaging in dues deduction for teachers altogether.
  - a. HB 1546 had been assigned to House Education & was not heard.
4. ISTA opposes

**viii. Education Building & Transportation Authority (Clere)**

1. HB 1266; Passed the House 87-1
2. No grant funding but the idea of consolidation/contracting out ESP services persists.

3. Improved, but ISTA opposes potential for contracting out.

**ix. Public Employee/TRF “13<sup>th</sup> Check + \$50 (Karickhoff)**

1. HB 1227; Passed the House 92-1
2. Included in HB 1001.
3. ISTA supports.

**x. State Tax Credit for public school foundation contributions (Buchanan)**

1. SB 342; Passed the Senate 47-2
2. ISTA supports.

**xi. Accountability (Cook)**

1. HB 1514; Passed the House 94-0
2. Sets up a new accountability system before July 1, 2024.
3. Includes a “hold harmless” provision for this year’s ILEARN.
4. ISTA wants additional improvements to this accountability framework and supports the hold harmless.

**xii. Early Warning System on Student Achievement (Raatz)**

1. SB 414; Passed the Senate 46-1
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> count date for CTE, but for informational purposes only.
3. ISTA shared potential concerns with early warning; ISTA researching vendor.

**xiii. Trauma Informed Pre-service Training/Alternative Licensure Path (Rogers)**

1. SB 205; Passed Senate 28-20.
2. Stripped the Trauma training from the bill.
3. Replaced with vendor-program to fast-track licensure
4. ISTA opposed this bill as unnecessary and not responsive to teacher shortage.

**xiv. Civil Liability Immunity**

1. SB 1; (Messmer) Signed by the governor; enacted into law
2. HB 1002 (Torr); Passed the House 76-21
3. ISTA neutral.

**xv. Starting School After Labor Day (Kruse)**

1. SB 124; Passed the Senate 36-11
2. Turned into a study committee topic.

3. ISTA opposes the concept as against local control—but the bill was turned into a study topic.

**xvi. Censorship/Harmful Material to Minors (Tomes)**

1. SB 288; Died—Author did not call it for a vote.
2. ISTA opposed.

**xvii. Broadband bills**

1. HB 1001 includes \$250 million over the biennium.
2. SB 359 (Baldwin) passed the Senate 49-0.
3. SB 377 (Zay) passed the Senate 47-0.
4. SB 352 (Houchin) passed the Senate 47-0.
5. HB 1449 (Soliday) passed the House 92-2.
6. ISTA generally supports broadband expansion bills.

**(3) Next Week:**

- a. Most Committee Schedules Not Up Yet:
  - i. SB 2 (Amend & Vote); Monday, W&M @ 11:30 am
- b. Legislative Briefing; Monday, March 1 at 5pm (Indy).
- c. IDOE Weekly Update (selected items):

**IMPORTANT: FY 2022 and FY 2023 State Tuition Support Projections**

- Between Wednesday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 25, school officials can review and/or update FY 2022 and FY 2023 formula data. The data projections have been prepared by staff at the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) and may be used by the General Assembly to forecast the costs of potential funding formulas. If you believe the LSA data projections are not representative of data for your school corporation, please input the appropriate estimate for both FY 2022 and FY 2023 projections. IDOE will forward a file containing all the estimated components to LSA on or before Saturday, April 10. Additional information is available in this [memo](#). For additional questions, please contact [Melissa Ambre](#).
- New Guidance from the Feds on Assessment; DOE working on waiver so no one is penalized.
- “Accelerated Learning” opportunities guidance coming soon from DOE.