2023 Legislative Session

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Issue #1

Navigating the Indiana Legislative Session

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**Getting Involved** The Ways To Speak and Influence

Your Representative and Senator are elected and have been seated and committee assignments have been made. Find your legislator <u>here</u> <u>https://bit.ly/ContactLegislatorJBS</u>. Calling, Emailing & Writing your legislator are quality ways to influence and educate legislators.

Two points in the process where your voice can be heard in session. Committee hearings are where this occurs. Rarely but it does happen that bills advance without public testimony. Sign up for public testimony opens at midnight the day the committee hearing. You can find the committees here

https://bit.ly/InLegCommittees2023. Once signed up the Committee Chair calls whom they choose and have the set time allotted per person to speak to the matter at hand.



Travel to the Statehouse and speak at the committee hearings.



Walk the bills through the process!

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## **Steps of a Bill**

Filed to Passage

First, the bill gets filed. Final filing date depends on the length of the session.

Second, the procedural step of "First Reading" occurs. Sometimes bills are grouped together and get their committee assignment.

Third, the committee hearing occurs. Stakeholders come to the Capitol and testify about the bill. Some bills are reassigned to multiple committees depending on content and potential fiscal impact.

Fourth, the bill has its "Second Reading". Anyone (elected officials) can offer an amendment. (a simple majority is needed to approve) Sixth, the bill is sent to the opposite chamber (the process begins again)

Seventh, see step 2

Eighth, see step 3

Ninth, see step 4

Tenth, see step 5

Eleventh, If the chamber of steps seven through ten the other chamber (steps 2-5) Conference committee can occur. A private group of legislators can reconcile differences and create new language.

Twelfth, Governors Desk for veto or signed into law.

Fifth, the bill is "called down" for its Third Reading. Deadlines are in place when a bill must have had its "Third Reading" You are a stakeholder in this be active throughout!

#### **Kinsey Institute**

Budget Year Looms

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The pseudo-science published by the Kinsey Institute fears their fraudulence will be uncovered statewide. **Upcoming Editions** 

### **Legislator Emotional**

Facts Create Tears

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Indiana Legislator tearfully exclaimed his anger towards truthful exposure of ties to the Council on Foreign Relations. **Upcoming Editions** 

#### Emotional Manipulation

**Dirty Politics Exist** 

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The caucus room a fraught assemblage of elected officials bullied by leadership into submission. **Upcoming Editions**