
BILLS PASSED INTO LAW

Most are effective July 1, 2024

NURSE EDUCATION & PSILOCYBIN – HB 1259

- Removes experience requirement for clinical preceptors for prelicensure nurse education programs (previously changed from 3 years to 18 months)
- Removes requirement that a majority of faculty at prelicensure nurse education programs be full time employees
- Creates a psilocybin research fund to assist research into its use to treat mental health.

INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES & MANAGED CARE & TELEHEALTH – SB 132

- Adds pathways to licensure for internationally educated nurses
- Authorizes FSSA to implement a risk based managed care program for aged, blind, or disabled Medicare recipients.
- Eliminates the requirement that a provider who is licensed in Indiana, physically located outside Indiana, but providing telehealth services to patients who are in Indiana, file a certification constituting a waiver of jurisdiction.

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY DETAINEES– HB 1216

- Provides for reimbursement of services to emergency detainees.
- CAPNI provided testimony asking for APRNs to be able to sign the court documents (under current law, APRNs can perform the emergency detention exam, but a physician has to sign the documentation submitted to the court).
- Change in signature authority will be an advocacy initiative for 2025.

EVALUATIONS FOR COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL – HB 1238

- The initial appointee to determine competency still must be a psychiatrist or psychologist. However, the state or defense in a criminal case may request additional appointments to determine competency. If requested, the court shall appoint 1 or 2 additional individuals to assist in determining competency. These additional individuals may be an APRN certified as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner or a physician assistant who specializes in psychiatry or mental health.
- They must be certified by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction as a competency evaluator.

SUBDERMAL CONTRACEPTIVES – HB 1426

- Hospitals with a maternity unit shall ensure that a Medicaid recipient giving birth in the hospital has the option of having a long acting subdermal contraceptive implanted after delivery and before discharge.
- IUDs were originally included but were removed by amendment.
- The requirement expires after one year. So, it will need to be revisited in the 2025 legislative session to continue.

BREAST TISSUE DENSITY – HB 1058

- Requires a facility performing a mammography examination to provide:
 1. an assessment of the patient's breast tissue density using specified classifications;
 2. written notice to the patient and the referring provider; and
 3. concerning the notice to the patient, specified notification language depending on whether the facility determined the patient to have dense breast tissue or not dense breast tissue.

DEI & TENURE AT PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES – SB 202

- Requires existing diversity committees to consider “intellectual diversity” alongside cultural diversity in employment policies and faculty complaints.
- Requires a board of trustees to prevent a faculty member from getting tenure or a promotion if the board thinks the member is “unlikely to foster a culture of free inquiry, free expression and intellectual diversity”.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

Can be re-introduced in 2025

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE – SB 45

- Introduced version required all nurses to complete a trauma informed care education program every two years in order to renew their licenses
- Senate Committee amended SB 45 to require all nurses who have direct contact with patients to complete a trauma informed care education program within five years. Board of Nursing shall study whether trauma informed care should be included in the curriculum for prelicensure nurse education programs.
- Did not receive a hearing before the House Public Health Committee

STAFFING

- [ISNA Statement on Safe Staffing, January 2024](#)
- Indiana - HB 1015 (2024) & HB 1353 (2023) did not receive a hearing before the House Public Health Committee
 - Require hospitals to have nurse staffing councils with a majority of direct care nurses
 - Prohibit mandatory overtime in excess of employment agreement
- Federal – ANA endorses [H.R.2530](#) and [S. 1113](#): Nurse Staffing Standards for Hospital Patient Safety and Quality Care Act (includes ratios)
- Federal – [ANA endorses Nurse Overtime and Patient Safety Act](#)

APRN FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY – HB 1059

- Initiative led by Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (CAPNI)
- HB 1059 (2024): Retire the collaborative practice agreement requirement for advanced practice registered nurses & permit APRNs to prescribe schedule II controlled substances for obesity
 - Did not receive a hearing before the House Public Health Committee
- 2019 – SB 394 passed by Senate Health & Provider Services Committee, passed by Senate, passed by House Public Health Committee, not called for a vote before the House
- 2023 – SB 213 did not move out of Senate Health & Provider Services Committee

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS – SB 272

- Restricted school nurses by defining their services as emergency and first aid
- Changed vision and hearing screenings at schools from opt out to opt in
- Required parental presence for any services at a school based health center
- Part of broader parental rights in schools debate
 - Fueled by news stories of teens receiving health services without parental knowledge
- Passed by Senate Committee on Insurance & Financial Institutions, did not pass Senate Committee on Appropriations

NEXT STEPS

- Interim Study Committees
- ISNA Advocacy Council

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

- Made up mostly of legislators with a few former officials in some cases
- Assigned topics by the Legislative Council (legislative leaders)
 - Topics can be precursors to introduced legislation in the upcoming session
- Topics announced in late-May to mid-June
- Will hold public hearings on assigned topics in late summer to fall
- Will issue report on information received, which may include endorsement of a preliminary draft of legislation

ISNA ADVOCACY COUNCIL

- Volunteer group of ISNA members
- Meets online monthly to discuss health policy
- During session, opportunity to gather feedback on pending legislation
- Out of session, opportunity to work on health policy projects
 - Public statements
 - Policy Platform resolutions
 - Legislative language