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HEA 1005 (Nepotism and conflict of interests)- Lawson, Mahan

- Prohibits relatives from being employed by a unit in a position that results in one relative being in the direct line of supervision of other relatives.
  - This provision not apply to volunteer firefighters
  - The bill specifically allows trustees that operate their office out of their personal residence to hire one relative to work only in the trustee's office with a maximum compensation package (salary, benefits and compensation) of \$5,000 per year
- States that an individual is considered to have resigned as a government employee when the individual assumes an elected office of the unit that employs the individual.
  - Unfortunately, this provision also applies to volunteer firefighters (meaning that an individual cannot serve as a volunteer firefighter for a unit and also serve as an elected official).
  - **We are concerned that this provision may result in volunteers leaving the fire service, further reducing the number of volunteers in many communities**
- Allows a unit to contract or renew a contract with an individual who is a relative of an elected official (or a business that is owned wholly or partially owned by a relative) so long as the elected official filed a written full disclosure describing the relationship with the relative and files the disclosure with the legislative body of the unit, the state board of accounts, and the clerk of the county circuit court.

SEA 345 (Statewide 911 system)- Hershman, Soliday

- Creates a Statewide 911 system and imposes an initial fee of \$0.90 per phone per month for 911 services throughout the state. This would apply to wireless and landline service. The current wireless fee is \$0.50 per phone per month, while the landline fee varies by county, from \$0.39 to \$3.00 per month.
- Creates the Statewide 911 Board consisting of 13 members responsible for administering the new 911 system.
- Gives the Board authority to raise or lower the statewide fee by no more than \$0.10 without review by the Budget Committee or the legislature.
- Increases the prepaid wireless fee from \$0.25 per phone to \$0.50 per phone.
- Requires the Budget Committee to conduct a review of the new Statewide 911 system by June 1, 2015 and recommend whether the statewide 911 fee should continue to be collected
- Requires the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to study the appropriate roles and responsibilities of the state and various political subdivisions in providing 911 and enhanced 911 services.

HEA 1003 (Public access issues)- Crouch, Dobis, Holdman

- Requires public agencies (including local units) to allow inspection or copying of public records within a reasonable time after the request is received. Allows for a civil penalty against an officer, management level employee, or the agency for failure to comply with a directive from the public access counselor. The bill also requires a local unit to provide public notice by e-mail or on the unit's website but only if the unit has adopted a policy to this effect.

SEA 193 (Local elected officials)- Arnold, Dermody

- Requires candidates for local office to file a statement of economic interest with the candidate's declaration of candidacy, petition of nomination, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or certificate of candidate selection (this statement of economic interest is very similar to what is current required of candidates for state office)

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