



Interim Study Committee Update

- **Yesterday was organization day**

- **Session reconvenes January 5th**
 - **Will conclude by March 14th**



Committee on Courts and Judiciary

- **Medical Malpractice Act Reform**
 - **Damages Cap**
 - **Medical Review Panel Process**
- **No action by committee**
 - **Committee chair (Sen. Steele) will introduce bill in 2016**
 - **Awaiting compromise or will introduce his own**



Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services

- **Needle exchange programs**
- **No action**

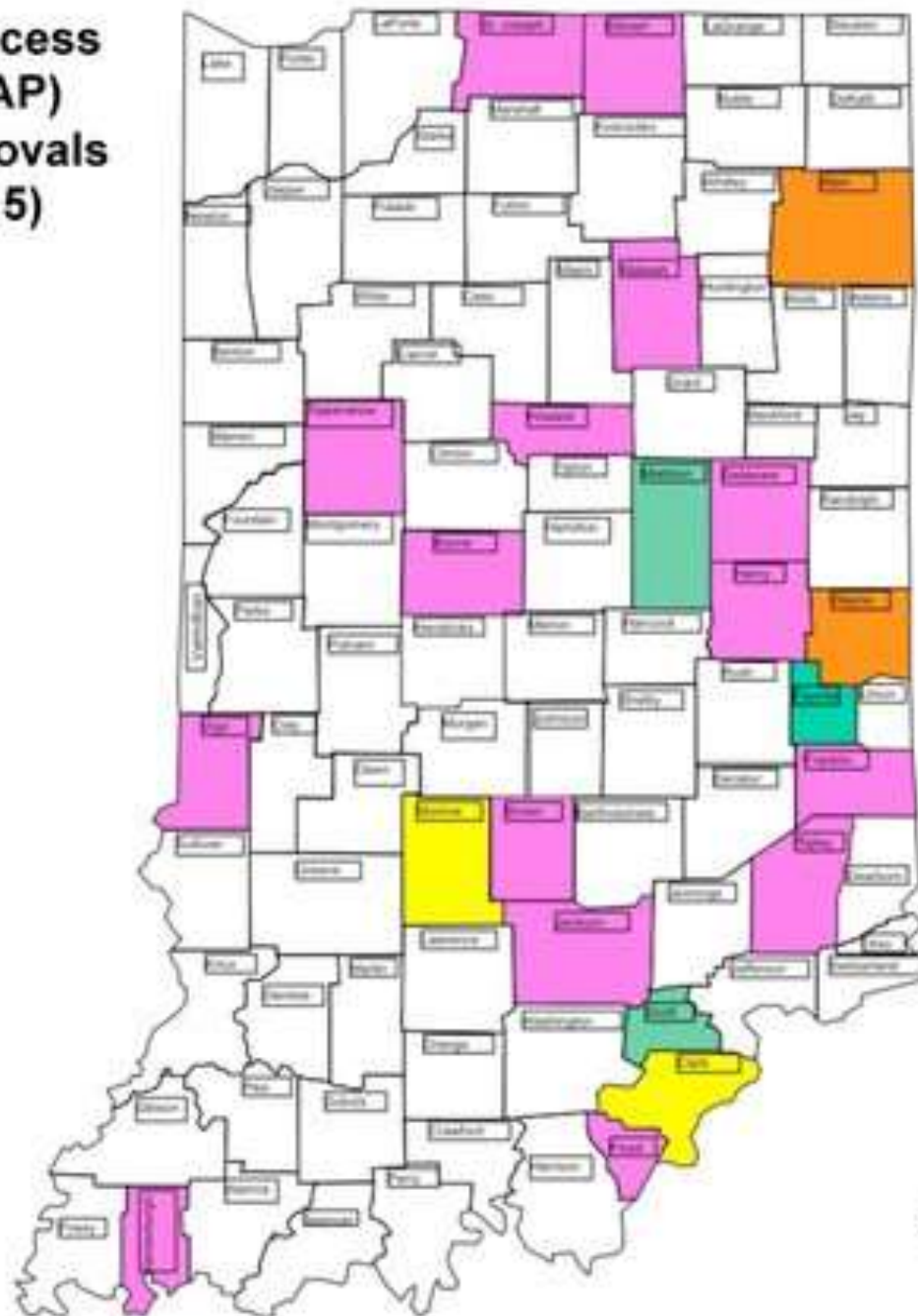
Indiana Syringe Access Programming (SAP) Progress and Approvals (October 21, 2015)

State Approved
SAP

County
Commission
approves SAP

County health
director declares
Hepatitis C or HIV
epidemic related to
injection drug use

Community
members working
toward potential
SAP



**RURAL CENTER FOR
AIDS/STD PREVENTION**

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Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services

- **Department of Insurance consumer complaint process & health insurance claim denials for experimental or investigatory**
- **Draft legislation requiring**
 - **DoI to post appeal process info on their website**
 - **Insurers to provide info on appeals process**
 - **Insurers to report data on claim denials**



Committee on Public Policy

- **Whether smoking should be prohibited in bars, casinos, and private clubs**
 - **Committee recommends not expanding prohibition**
- **Whether e-cigarettes should be defined as tobacco products and subject to smoking bans and taxation**
 - **No action, open question as to whether smoking cessation tool or health hazard**



Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

- **Production and use of hemp oil that is produced from industrial hemp**
- **Draft legislation providing criminal immunity for controlled substances with approval from FDA, DEA, and institutional review board**
 - **Designed to permit research at Riley**
 - **Sen. Tomes wanted broader package, may introduce separate bill**