2016 Interim Study Committees

- Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Corrections and Criminal Code
- Courts and the Judiciary
- Education
- Employment and Labor
- Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications
- Fiscal Policy
- Government
- Immigration
- ISTEP Alternatives
- Pension Management Oversight
- Public Policy
- Public Safety and Military Affairs
- Roads and Transportation
An interim study committee is a group of legislators appointed to study an issue for potential legislative action.

- Commonly made up of the Representatives and Senators who sit on related topical legislative committees.
  - Ex: House Public Health & Senate Health and Provider Services
  - 2016 Committee members should be announced this month

- Topics come from bills/resolutions in the prior session (even if they didn’t pass) or legislator request
Committee meetings are an opportunity to educate legislators

- Each committee will hold approximately 3 meetings in summer/fall

- Open to the public, webstreamed, anyone can offer testimony or submit written materials

- Will produce a report that may include adopting proposed bill language
Health Committee Topics - 1

- Multi-state nurse licensure agreements

- Hospital immunizations:
  - Whether a hospital shall conduct immunizations in accordance with CDC recommendations
  - If a hospital conducts immunizations, which individuals must be immunized and what exceptions should be granted
  - Any other issues concerning immunizations related to the safety of patients and the safety of individuals receiving the immunizations
Health Committee Topics - 2

- Heroin use, treatment and recovery

- Medical records:
  - Confidentiality
  - Disclosure in instances of child abuse and neglect

- Patient access to and provider reimbursement for federally approved medication assisted treatment in the Medicaid program
Health Committee Topics - 3

• **Employment First Program**
  ◦ Work opportunities for those with developmental disabilities

• **Review Fiscal Report on First Steps Program**
  ◦ Provides developmental services for infants and toddlers

• **Loan forgiveness for dentists and dental hygienists who treat Medicaid patients**
Fiscal Policy Committee Topics

- CMS requirements for home and community based settings
  - Indiana waiver services for individuals with disabilities, rate reimbursement, and rate methodology
  - Change from daily rate billing to hourly billing for facility based habitation services

- Food desert grant and loan program