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**Committee work is nearing an end.** House committees must finish consideration of Senate bills by next week Tuesday. The Senate has until next week Thursday. House must clear all bills on second reading by Thursday next week. **All bills must clear third reading the week of April 15 – Monday in the House and Tuesday in the Senate.**

**House Financial Institutions Committee has scheduled SB 613, Consumer credit, for its meeting on Tuesday**, the last day for committee hearings. The committee will meet at 10:30 AM; the **committee report must pass the House floor that same afternoon.** Chairperson Representative Woody Burton (R – Whiteland) **intends to bring amendments** that only tinkers with the bill; one version reduces the length of one type of loan to 9 months instead of 12 but still has rates of 160%+. Fees may be reduced but are still double of current. Clearly there are no real substantive change in the bill. **ICC continues to oppose** the bill and asks that you [contact your Representative](#) **to oppose the bill.** it could be **voted upon by all Representatives as early as Thursday.** All bills must clear the House on Monday April 15.

**SB 440, TANF eligibility, will not get a hearing in House Ways and Means Committee.** Therefore, **the bill will die unless it can be attached to another bill** in conference committee. Apparently, the Administration did not support the bill and hence, it will not move. **This is very disappointing and very late in the process to interject; the bill unanimously passed the Senate and the House committee. ICC supports the bill** as funds are adequate to support the increase in support and increase in number of families eligible.

**Senate concurred with House changes on SB 201, Health provider ethical exemption; the bill passed 38 – 8.** It is **expected that the Governor will sign** the bill. Nurses, physician assistants and pharmacists are given the same protection as physicians; they cannot be required to perform an abortion or assist or participate in procedures intended to result in an abortion. The bill acknowledges conscience protection based upon ethical, moral or religious grounds. **ICC supported the bill.**

**HB 1211, Abortion matters, passed third reading in the Senate 38 – 10.** HB 1211 prohibits dismemberment abortions unless reasonable medical judgment dictates that it is necessary to prevent serious health risk or to save life of mother. **HB 1211 was not changed in the Senate and now will go to Governor for signature.** It is **expected that Governor Holcomb will sign** it into law. **ICC supports bill.**

**SB 119, Firearm matters, passed the House after several amendments to restrict handgun sales failed on second reading.** The initial bill dealt with transfer of machine guns to minors. In committee the House added HB 1643, that provided changes in gun registration fees and permits **churches with a school on the same campus to exempt itself from the law prohibiting guns on school property.** Each church or owner of the property may decide if guns are permitted, and if so, under what conditions and circumstances. **ICC is neutral on bill** provided the church can continue to limit guns in schools. In addition to the gun registration and church/school topic, the bill also dealt with voter registration. **The Senate has dissented on the bill; it now goes to conference committee.**

**HB 1547, Consent to pregnancy services of a minor passed the Senate 48 – 0.** HB 1547 was **amended** by Senate on second **reading to ensure that parents are given notice and opportunity to be involved with the care and support of their daughter between ages of 16 -18.** If a parent refuses or is unable to be contacted the minor may give consent to care for prenatal, labor and postpartum care. The **bill returns to the House** for concurrence or dissent. The **House is expected to concur with the Senate version** as it further clarifies the parent's opportunity to be engaged with the daughter.

In addition to the Update, **more detailed information regarding the bills, as well as detailed information about the legislative process and the Indiana General Assembly can be obtained by clicking [here](#).** Archived I-CAN Updates, ICC positions and other background information can be accessed on the ICC website [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org)