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Special Session Summary and Upcoming Events

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Welcome to the May issue of *e-Dition*! I hope the 2017-18 is coming to a successful conclusion for everyone across the state. Even though this school year is about over, ISBA Staff will continue to work throughout the summer on your behalf to help you prepare for another school year just a few months away. Let me update you on a few important topics here.

Special Session Summary

As you may recall, the Indiana General Assembly reconvened on May 14, 2018, for a one-day special session to complete unfinished business remaining from the regular/short session that ended on March 14. It is rare that such a special session is convened in a non-budget year and special sessions historically have been reserved for “emergency legislation” needed to support state government and Indiana citizens. Five bills were introduced for consideration and final vote all in this one-day special session. The five bills passed were:

- [House Bill 1230 \(SS\)](#), School Safety,;
- [House Bill 1242 \(SS\)](#), State and Local Administration;
- [House Bill 1315 \(SS\)](#), School Corporation Financial Management;
- [House Bill 1316 \(SS\)](#), Taxes and Higher Education Bonding;
- [House Bill 1457 \(SS\)](#), Technical Corrections

You can click on each bill above to read the full contents of each new law and under “bill action” you can view additional bill information, including third reading roll calls to see how your area legislators voted.

Spring Regional Meetings

Thank you to the many ISBA members for your participation in the Spring Regional Meetings! We had registrations totaling 1,059 people – a nice increase in attendance over the last few cycles! Region 1 earned “bragging rights” this round with 178 people in attendance at the meeting in Schererville. Thank you, too, to those who completed the Spring Regional Meetings Feedback Survey. For the Fall Regional Meetings (10/29-11/15) we will focus on 2019 Budget Session legislative priorities, a grassroots advocacy campaign, recent court cases and ISBA news and notes.

School Referenda

Finally, the primary election on May 8th proved to be a day of great success for all school corporations that had a referendum (a total of 12) on the ballot. **All passed!** This is the first time during an election cycle that not a single school corporation referendum was defeated.

Upcoming Events

Please see page 3 for a listing of upcoming ISBA events. Speaking of the many worthwhile board

service training, professional development, and/or K-12 education forum opportunities available to ISBA members, **be sure to mark your calendar for the 2018 ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference on September 10-11.** We are planning an excellent program for the conference including Michael Dorn, CEO of Safe Havens International, as the keynote speaker for the Monday General Session. Mr. Dorn is a nationally recognized school safety expert. Dr. Jennifer McCormick, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has accepted the invitation to present a “State of K-12 Education in Indiana” keynote address for the Tuesday General Session. It promises to be an outstanding conference! Please reach out to Ms. Brooke Orner (borner@isba-ind.org) with any questions that you may have regarding the Fall Conference.

Enjoy this new issue of e-Dition!

ISBA Executive Director, Terry Spradlin, (back row, far left) attends the bill signing of HEA 1001 with Gov. Eric Holcomb.

