# SENATE BILL No. 1

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1-3-7.2; IC 6-3; IC 6-3.1; IC 36-7-14.2.

**Synopsis:** State and local taxation. Provides that if the assessed value of a taxpayer's business personal property in a county that would otherwise be subject to taxation is less than \$25,000 for a particular assessment date: (1) the taxpayer is not required to file a personal property return for the taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that assessment date; and (2) the taxpayer's business personal property in the county is exempt from taxation for that assessment date. Requires the taxpayer to file an informational return with the county assessor. Provides that the tax rate for certain tax increment financing areas shall be calculated as if this exemption were not in effect. Phases down the corporate income tax rate from 6.5% in 2015 to 4.9% in 2019. Reduces the research and development tax credit percentage by half for qualified research expense incurred after 2014. Provides that a taxpayer is not entitled to: (1) a college contribution tax credit for contributions made in a taxable year beginning after 2014; (2) a riverboat building tax credit for qualified investments made in a taxable year beginning after 2014; (3) a biodiesel tax credit for the production or distribution of biodiesel or blended biodiesel in a taxable year beginning after 2014; (4) an ethanol production tax credit for the production of ethanol in a taxable year beginning after 2014; and (5) a new employer tax credit for wages paid in a taxable year beginning after 2014. Repeals the voluntary remediation tax credit statute. (Under current law, tax credits may not be awarded for taxable years after 2007, and the carryforward period has expired.) Repeals the energy savings tax credit. (Under current law, the tax credit may not be awarded for costs incurred after December 31, (Continued next page)

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### Digest Continued

2011, and may not be carried forward.) Establishes the commission on business personal property and business taxation to study certain issues during the 2014 legislative interim. Requires the commission on state tax and financing policy to study income tax deductions and exemptions during the 2014 and 2015 legislative interims.



### Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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## SENATE BILL No. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-3-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2	AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3	1, 2014]: Sec. 7.2. (a) This section applies to assessment dates after
4	February 28, 2015.
5	(b) As used in this section, "business personal property" means
6	personal property that:
7	(1) is otherwise subject to assessment and taxation under this
8	article; and
9	(2) is used in a trade or business or otherwise held, used, or
0	consumed in connection with the production of income.
1	The term does not include mobile homes assessed under IC 6-1.1-7
2	or personal property held as an investment.
3	(c) Notwithstanding section 7 of this chapter, if the assessed
4	value of a taxpayer's business personal property:
5	(1) in a county; and



1	(2) that otherwise would be subject to taxation under this
2	article;
3	is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for a particular
4	assessment date, the taxpayer's business personal property in the
5	county for that assessment date is exempt from taxation.
6	(d) A taxpayer that is eligible for the exemption under this
7 8	section is not required to file a personal property return for the
	taxpayer's business personal property in the county for that
9	assessment date. However, the taxpayer must, before the filing
10 11	deadline for a personal property return, file an informational return with the county assessor containing the information
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13	required by the department of local government finance.  SECTION 2. IC 6-3-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
14	SECTION 2. IC 0-3-2-1, AS AMENDED BY F.L.203-2013, SECTION 82, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15	JANUARY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) Each taxable year, a tax at the
16	following rate of adjusted gross income is imposed upon the adjusted
17	gross income of every resident person, and on that part of the adjusted
18	gross income derived from sources within Indiana of every nonresident
19	person:
20	(1) For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2015, three and
21	four-tenths percent (3.4%).
22	(2) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014, and
23	before January 1, 2017, three and three-tenths percent (3.3%).
24	(3) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, three
25	and twenty-three hundredths percent (3.23%).
26	(b) Except as provided in section 1.5 of this chapter, each taxable
27	year, a tax at the following rate of adjusted gross income is imposed on
28	that part of the adjusted gross income derived from sources within
29	Indiana of every corporation:
30	(1) Before July 1, 2012, eight and five-tenths percent (8.5%).
31	(2) After June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2013, eight percent
32	(8.0%).
33	(3) After June 30, 2013, and before July 1, 2014, seven and
34	five-tenths percent (7.5%).
35	(4) After June 30, 2014, and before July 1, 2015, seven percent
36	(7.0%).
37	(5) After June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2016, six and
38	five-tenths percent (6.5%).
39	(6) After June 30, 2016, and before July 1, 2017, six percent
40	(6.0%).
41	(7) After June 30, 2017, and before July 1, 2018, five and

five-tenths percent (5.5%).



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1	(8) After June 30, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, five percent
2	(5.0%).
3	(9) After June 30, 2019, four and nine-tenths percent (4.9%)
4	(c) If for any taxable year a taxpayer is subject to different tax rates
5	under subsection (b), the taxpayer's tax rate for that taxable year is the
6	rate determined in the last STEP of the following STEPS:
7	STEP ONE: Multiply the number of months in the taxpayer's
8	taxable year that precede the month the rate changed by the rate
9	in effect before the rate change.
10	STEP TWO: Multiply the number of months in the taxpayer's
11	taxable year that follow the month before the rate changed by the
12	rate in effect after the rate change.
13	STEP THREE: Divide the sum of the amounts determined under
14	STEPS ONE and TWO by twelve (12).
15	However, the rate determined under this subsection shall be rounded
16	to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%).
17	SECTION 3. IC 6-3-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007
18	SECTION 121, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
19	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. (a) At the election of the
20	taxpayer, there shall be allowed, as a credit against the adjusted gross
21	income tax imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for the taxable year
22	an amount (subject to the applicable limitations provided by this
23	section) equal to fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate amount of
24	charitable contributions made by such taxpayer during such year to
25	postsecondary educational institutions located within Indiana
26	(including any of its associated colleges in Indiana) or to any
27	corporation or foundation organized and operated solely for the benefit
28	of any postsecondary educational institution.
29	(b) In the case of a taxpayer other than a corporation, the amount
30	allowable as a credit under this section for any taxable year shall no
31	exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) in the case of a single return or two
32	hundred dollars (\$200) in the case of a joint return.
33	(c) In the case of a corporation, the amount allowable as a credi
34	under this section for any taxable year shall not exceed:
35	(1) ten percent (10%) of such corporation's total adjusted gross
36	income tax under IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for such year (as
37	determined without regard to any credits against that tax); or
38	(2) one thousand dollars (\$1,000);
39	whichever is less.
40	(d) A charitable contribution in Indiana qualifies for a credit under
41	this section only if the charitable contribution is made to a
42	postsecondary educational institution or a corporation or foundation



1 2	organized for the benefit of a postsecondary educational institution that:
3	(1) normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and
4	normally has a regularly organized body of students in attendance
5	at the place where its educational activities are carried on;
6	(2) regularly offers education at a level above the twelfth grade;
7	(3) regularly awards either associate, bachelors, masters, or
8	doctoral degrees, or any combination thereof; and
9	(4) is duly accredited by the North Central Association of
10	Colleges and Schools, the Indiana state board of education, or the
11	American Association of Theological Schools.
12	(e) The credit allowed by this section shall not exceed the amount
13	of the adjusted gross income tax imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7
14	for the taxable year, reduced by the sum of all credits (as determined
15	without regard to this section) allowed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7.
16	(f) A taxpayer is not entitled to a credit under this section for
17	contributions made in a taxable year beginning after December 31,
18	2014.
19	(g) This section expires January 1, 2015.
20	SECTION 4. IC 6-3.1-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss),
21	SECTION 201, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
22	[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) A taxpayer who incurs
23	Indiana qualified research expense in a particular taxable year is
24	entitled to a research expense tax credit for the taxable year.
25	(b) For Indiana qualified research expense incurred before January
26	1, 2008, the amount of the research expense tax credit is equal to the
27	product of ten percent (10%) multiplied by the remainder of:
28	(1) the taxpayer's Indiana qualified research expenses for the
29	taxable year; minus
30	(2) the taxpayer's base amount.
31	(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), for Indiana qualified
32	research expense incurred after December 31, 2007, the amount of the
33	research expense tax credit is determined under STEP FOUR of the
34	following formula:
35	STEP ONE: Subtract the taxpayer's base amount from the
36	taxpayer's Indiana qualified research expense for the taxable year.
37	STEP TWO: Multiply the lesser of:
38	(A) one million dollars (\$1,000,000); or
39	(B) the STEP ONE remainder;
40	by fifteen percent (15%), for Indiana qualified research
41	expense incurred before January 1, 2015, or seven and
42	five-tenths percent (7.5%), for Indiana qualified research
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1	expense incurred after December 31, 2014.
2	STEP THREE: If the STEP ONE remainder exceeds one million
3	dollars (\$1,000,000), multiply the amount of that excess by:
4	(A) ten percent (10%), for Indiana qualified research
5	expense incurred before January 1, 2015; or
6	(B) five percent (5%), for Indiana qualified research
7	expense incurred after December 31, 2014.
8	STEP FOUR: Add the STEP TWO and STEP THREE products.
9	(d) For Indiana qualified research expense incurred after December
10	31, 2009, a taxpayer may choose to have the amount of the research
11	expense tax credit determined under this subsection rather than under
12	subsection (c). At the election of the taxpayer, the amount of the
13	taxpayer's research expense tax credit is equal to:
14	(1) ten percent (10%), for Indiana qualified research expense
15	incurred before January 1, 2015; or
16	(2) five percent (5%), for Indiana qualified research expense
17	incurred after December 31, 2014;
18	of the part of the taxpayer's Indiana qualified research expense for the
19	taxable year that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the taxpayer's average
20	Indiana qualified research expense for the three (3) taxable years
21	preceding the taxable year for which the credit is being determined.
22	However, if the taxpayer did not have Indiana qualified research
23	expense in any one (1) of the three (3) taxable years preceding the
24	taxable year for which the credit is being determined, the amount of the
25	research expense tax credit is equal to five percent (5%) of the
26	taxpayer's Indiana qualified research expense for the taxable year.
27	SECTION 5. IC 6-3.1-17-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 9. (a) The amount of
29	tax credits allowed under this chapter may not exceed one million
30	dollars (\$1,000,000) in a state fiscal year.
31	(b) The department shall record the time of filing of each
32	application for allowance of a credit under section 8 of this chapter and
33	shall approve the applications, if they otherwise qualify for a tax credit
34	under this chapter, in the chronological order in which the applications
35	are filed in the state fiscal year.
36	(c) When the total credits approved under this section equal the
37	maximum amount allowable in a state fiscal year, no application
38	thereafter filed for that same fiscal year shall be approved. However,
39	if an applicant for whom a credit has been approved fails to file the
40	statement of proof of payment required under section 8 of this chapter,
41	an amount equal to the credit previously allowed or set aside for the
42	applicant may be allowed to any subsequent applicant in the year. In



addition, the department may, if the applicant so requests, approve a credit application, in whole or in part, with respect to the next succeeding state fiscal year.

- (d) A taxpayer is not entitled to a credit under this chapter for a qualified investment made in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2014.
  - (e) This chapter expires January 1, 2024.

SECTION 6. IC 6-3.1-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015]. (Voluntary Remediation Tax Credit).

SECTION 7. IC 6-3.1-27-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.191-2005, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 12. (a) If the amount of the credit determined under this chapter for a taxpayer in a taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's state tax liability for that taxable year, the taxpayer may carry over the excess to the following taxable years. The amount of the credit carryover from a taxable year shall be reduced to the extent that the carryover is used by the taxpayer to obtain a credit under this chapter for any subsequent taxable year. A credit may not be carried forward for more than six (6) taxable years following the taxable year in which the taxpayer was first entitled to claim the credit.

- (b) A taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback or refund of any unused credit. A taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey, or otherwise transfer the tax credit provided by this chapter.
- (c) A taxpayer is not entitled to a credit under this chapter for the production or distribution of biodiesel or blended biodiesel in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2014.
  - (d) This chapter expires January 1, 2021.

SECTION 8. IC 6-3.1-28-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.175-2007, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 9. (a) If the amount of the credit determined under this chapter for a taxpayer in a taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's state tax liability for that taxable year, the taxpayer may carry over the excess to the following taxable years. The amount of the credit carryover from a taxable year shall be reduced to the extent that the carryover is used by the taxpayer to obtain a credit under this chapter for any subsequent taxable year.

- (b) A taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback or refund of any unused credit. A taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey, or otherwise transfer the tax credit provided by this chapter.
- (c) A taxpayer is not entitled to a credit under this chapter for the production of ethanol in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2014.



SECTION 9. IC 6-3.1-31.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,

(d) This chapter expires January 1, 2024.

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3	2014]. (Energy Savings Tax Credit).
4	SECTION 10. IC 6-3.1-33-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.137-2012,
5	SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6	JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 9. (a) Before January 1, <del>2017,</del> <b>2015,</b> a corporation
7	or pass through entity that desires to qualify for the new employer
8	credit provided by this chapter may submit an application to the IEDC
9	in the form and manner specified by the IEDC.
10	(b) The IEDC shall promptly review all applications submitted to
11	the IEDC under this chapter.
12	(c) If the IEDC determines that an applicant for the tax credit
13	provided by this chapter has furnished reliable evidence, as determined
14	by the IEDC, that the applicant is reasonably capable of:
15	(1) employing at least ten (10) qualified employees in each month
16	of the period specified in section 10(b) of this chapter during the
17	taxable year; and
18	(2) meeting the requirements for the tax credit provided by this
19	chapter;
20	the IEDC may issue the applicant a certificate of approval. If a
21	certificate of approval is issued, the IEDC shall provide a copy of the
22	certificate to the department.
23	(d) In making a determination of whether an applicant is qualified
24	for a credit under this chapter, the IEDC may consider the following:
25	(1) The applicant's employment levels in previous years to
26	determine if the applicant is hiring new individuals or rehiring
27	individuals.
28	(2) Whether the applicant is the successor to part or all of the
29	assets or business operations of another corporation or pass
30	through entity that conducted business operations in Indiana in
31	the same line of business to determine if the applicant is a new
32	Indiana business under this chapter.
33	(e) If the IEDC determines that the applicant will not employ at least
34	ten (10) qualified employees in each month of the period specified in
35	section 10(b) of this chapter during the taxable year, is not a new
36	Indiana business, or does not meet, or is unlikely to meet, any other
37	requirements for the tax credit provided by this chapter, the IEDC shall
38	notify the applicant of the IEDC's determination.
39	(f) The IEDC may not issue a certificate of approval under this
40	chapter after December 31, <del>2016.</del> <b>2014.</b>
41	SECTION 11. IC 6-3.1-33-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.110-2010,
42	SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1	JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 13. (a) If the credit provided by this chapter
2	exceeds the taxpayer's state tax liability for the taxable year for which
3	the credit is first claimed, the excess may be carried forward to
4	succeeding taxable years and used as a credit against the taxpayer's
5	state tax liability during those taxable years. Each time that the credit
6	is carried forward to a succeeding taxable year, the credit is to be
7	reduced by the amount that was used as a credit during the immediately
8	preceding taxable year. The credit provided by this chapter may be
9	carried forward and applied to succeeding taxable years for not more
10	than nine (9) taxable years following the first year the credit is claimed.
11	(b) A taxpayer is not entitled to any carryback or refund of any
12	unused credit.
13	(c) A taxpayer is not entitled to a credit under this chapter for
14	wages paid in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2014.
15	(d) This chapter expires January 1, 2024.
16	SECTION 12. IC 36-7-14.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
17	AS A <b>NEW</b> CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18	JULY 1, 2014]:
19	Chapter 14.2. Tax Rate Limitation
20	Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "property taxes" means:
21	(1) property taxes, as described in:
22	(A) IC 6-1.1-39-5(g);
23	(B) IC 36-7-14-39(a);
24	(C) IC 36-7-14-39.2;
25	(D) IC 36-7-14-39.3(c);
26	(E) IC 36-7-14.5-12.5;
27	(F) IC 36-7-15.1-26(a);
28	(G) IC 36-7-15.1-26.2(c);
29	(H) IC 36-7-15.1-53(a);
30	(I) IC 36-7-15.1-55(c);
31	(J) IC 36-7-30-25(a)(3);
32	(K) IC 36-7-30-26(c);
33	(L) IC 36-7-30.5-30; or
34	(M) IC 36-7-30.5-31; and
35	(2) for allocation areas created under IC 8-22-3.5, the taxes
36	assessed on taxable tangible property in the allocation area.
37	Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other law, for assessment dates on
38	or after March 1, 2015, a tax rate for property taxes described in
39	section 1 of this chapter must be calculated by including in the base
40	assessed value (for purposes of this section only) the amount of the

assessed value that would otherwise have been included in the base

assessed value if the exemption under IC 6-1.1-3-7.2 were not in



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1	effect for the assessment date.
2	SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
3	SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission on business
4	personal property and business taxation established by subsection
5	(b).
6	(b) The commission on business personal property and business
7	taxation is established.
8	(c) The commission consists of the following members:
9	(1) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president
10	pro tempore of the senate.
11	(2) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the minority
12	leader of the senate.
13	(3) Two (2) members of the house of representatives
14	appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
15	(4) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed
16	by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
17	(5) The governor or the governor's designee. An individual
18	designated by the governor under this subdivision must be a
19	state employee.
20	(6) One (1) member who is nominated by the Association of
21	Indiana Counties and is appointed jointly by the chairman
22	and the vice chairman of the legislative council.
23	(7) One (1) member who is nominated by the Indiana
24	Association of Cities and Towns and is appointed jointly by
25	the chairman and the vice chairman of the legislative council.
26	(8) One (1) member who is nominated by the Indiana State
27	Chamber of Commerce and is appointed jointly by the
28	chairman and the vice chairman of the legislative council.
29	(9) One (1) member who is nominated by the Indiana
30	Manufacturers Association and is appointed jointly by the
31	chairman and the vice chairman of the legislative council.
32	(d) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a
33	legislative member of the commission to serve as chairperson of the
34	commission. The speaker of the house of representatives shall
35	appoint a legislative member of the commission to serve as vice
36	chairperson of the commission.
37	(e) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the appointing
38	authority who appointed the member whose position is vacant shall
39	appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.
40	(f) The commission shall do the following:
41	(1) Study issues concerning the taxation of business personal

property in Indiana and business taxation in general in



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1	Indiana.
2	(2) Study issues related to the share of the overall tax burder
3	borne by businesses in Indiana,
4	(3) Study the competitive advantages and disadvantages for
5	businesses in Indiana that result from the structure of state
6	and local taxation of business.
7	(4) Study any special elements of the taxation of business
8	personal property.
9	(5) Study any other topics assigned by the legislative counci
10	or as directed by the chair of the commission.
11	(g) The commission shall submit a final report of the results of
12	its study and any recommendations to the legislative council before
13	November 1, 2014. The report must be in an electronic format
14	under IC 5-14-6.
15	(h) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to
16	the commission.
17	(i) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
18	appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
19	take action on any measure, including a final report.
20	(j) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this SECTION
21	the commission shall operate under the rules of the legislative
22	council.
23	(k) This SECTION expires January 1, 2015.
24	SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) During the
25	2014 and 2015 legislative interims, the commission on state tax and
26	financing policy (IC 2-5-3) shall study all income tax deductions
27	and exemptions using a schedule that provides for approximately
28	one-half (1/2) of the deductions and exemptions to be studied each
29	year. The commission shall prepare a report that covers each
30	deduction and exemption and includes the following:
31	(1) A review of the original scope and purpose of the
32	deduction or exemption, and whether the scope or purpose
33	has changed since the enactment of the deduction or
34	exemption.
35	(2) The economic parameters of the deduction or exemption
36	including the amounts, thresholds, percentages, and limits
37	and whether these parameters have changed since the
38	enactment of the deduction or exemption.
39	(3) A description of the taxpayers that qualify for the
40	deduction or exemption, and how effective the deduction or
41	exemption has been in assisting these targeted taxpayers.

(4) The type of activities on which the deduction or exemption



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1	is based, and how effective the deduction or exemption has
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2	been in promoting these targeted activities.
3	(5) The amount of the deductions and exemptions granted
4	over time.
5	(6) A summary of audit findings for each deduction or
6	exemption, and whether there has been any misuse of the
7	deduction or exemption.
8	(7) Suggested changes in the law with regard to each
9	deduction and exemption, including whether or not the
10	deduction or exemption should be retained.
11	(8) Any other issues related to these deductions and
12	exemptions, as determined by the commission.
13	(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2016.
14	SECTION 15. An emergency is declared for this act.

