

Bills of Interest
2016 Legislative Session
March 7 through March 11, 2016

Bills Introduced in the House

[H0573](#) – CHILDREN & FAMILIES – Amends I.C. § 15-5-104 to extend the period of delegation of powers by a parent or guardian from six months to one year, and to extend the period for military personnel from 12 months to a period longer than one year if on active duty; permits qualified nonprofit organizations to assist parents or guardians with the temporary delegation of powers.

[H0576](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for the Supreme Court for FY2017; adds 10 FTPs over the original FY2016 budget; increases overall appropriation from the FY2016 budget by 2.1%; includes \$865,000 for senior judges, \$443,300 for language access, \$118,000 for judicial excellence and education.

[H0578](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for the Public Defense Commission for FY 2017; provides for 1.5 FTPs, the same number as the FY2016 appropriation.

[H0579](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for DHW for the divisions of mental health services, psychiatric hospitalizations, and substance abuse treatment and prevention for FY2017; increases total appropriation over FY2016 by 10.9% and FTPs by 3.4%; provides for two additional Behavioral Health Community Crisis Centers in region 5 and region 4.

[H0580](#) – CRIMES -- Amends I.C. § 18-6101, the rape statute, to make it gender neutral, and to add that rape may also include penetration where the victim is prevented from resistance due to an objectively reasonable belief that resistance would be futile or that resistance would result in force or violence beyond that necessary to accomplish the prohibited contact; repeals I.C. § 18-6108, the male rape statute.

[H0585](#) – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Amends I.C. § 67-5220 to specify information that must be included in the summary of negotiated rulemaking, including notice of meetings, how many persons testified, and the number of people in favor or opposed and the reasons for their positions; requires that minutes be kept for all negotiated rulemaking meetings.

[H0591](#) – INSURANCE – Provides that a policy may include a provision that states that an insurer shall not be liable for any loss for which a contributing cause was the insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony, or the illegal use of alcohol or narcotics if the insured was convicted for such act, or if a court has made such a determination, or a hearing conducted by the Department of Insurance has made a final determination that such an illegal act has been committed.

[H0592](#) – HEALTH CARE – Allows psychologists who have a doctoral degree in psychology, a master's degree in psychopharmacology, certain clinical experience, and pass an exam to have prescriptive authority.

[H0600](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for the State Appellate Public Defender for FY2017; includes no increase in FTPs and a 7.5% increase in total appropriation over FY2016; includes \$207,500 for outside conflict counsel in noncapital appeals; includes \$94,900 for costs related to representation in capital cases.

[HCR052](#) – CHILDREN & FAMILIES – Creates interim committee to undertake and complete a study of the foster care system and to make recommendations for changes to state statutes.

Bills Introduced in the Senate

[S1389](#) – WEAPONS – Permits any resident of Idaho who is at least 21 to carry a concealed weapon throughout the state, unless such person is subject to certain disqualifications.

[SCR150](#) – LEGISLATURE – Revises provisions on statements of purpose and fiscal notes; provides that if the fiscal note states that there is no projected fiscal impact, it must also contain a statement of the reasons that no fiscal impact is projected; provides that any member of either house may debate the sufficiency of the statement of purpose or fiscal note at the time of consideration of the bill; that either house may revise the statement of purpose or fiscal note at any time before final action; that statements of purpose and fiscal notes are not expressions or statements of legislative intent, and are not intended for use outside of the legislative process, including judicial review, and that each statement of purpose must contain a notice to that effect.