

Governor Eric Holcomb 2017 Next Level Legislative Agenda



Diversify our economy

Upgrade our infrastructure

Strengthen our workforce

Attack the drug epidemic

Deliver great government service

Diversify our economy

Status: Great progress in budget bill

- Pass an honestly balanced budget
- Pass a balanced budget amendment
- Maintain reserve funds at appropriate levels
- *Make Indiana the innovation hub of the Midwest*
 - Convert the Next Generation Fund to the Next Level Fund
 - Seek Venture Capital Investment transferability
 - Continue appropriations to the 21 Fund
 - Create entrepreneurship grants in partnerships with Indiana higher education institutions and communities
 - Continue the momentum created by the Regional Cities program
 - Incentivize more direct flights
 - Support the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute

Upgrade our infrastructure

Status: Strong movement toward a 20-year plan

- **Our roads and bridges plan will:**
 - Fully maintain our existing roads and bridges
 - Finish what we have started
 - Invest in the future
 - **Provide more funding for local roads**
 - **Federal dollars swap for local projects**
 - **Double track the South Shore**
 - **Create a water infrastructure safety and reliability data hub through the Management Performance Hub**
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Strengthen our workforce

Status: Positive, but there's work to be done

- **Appoint a Secretary of Education beginning in 2021**
- **Double the state's investment in pre-K**
- **Create a regional grant program that will fully fund adults who earn credentials, certificates and degrees in high-wage, high-demand fields**
- **Lead a statewide effort to align STEM efforts throughout K-12 education**
- **Provide state funding for the E-rate federal match to ensure WiFi for Hoosier students**

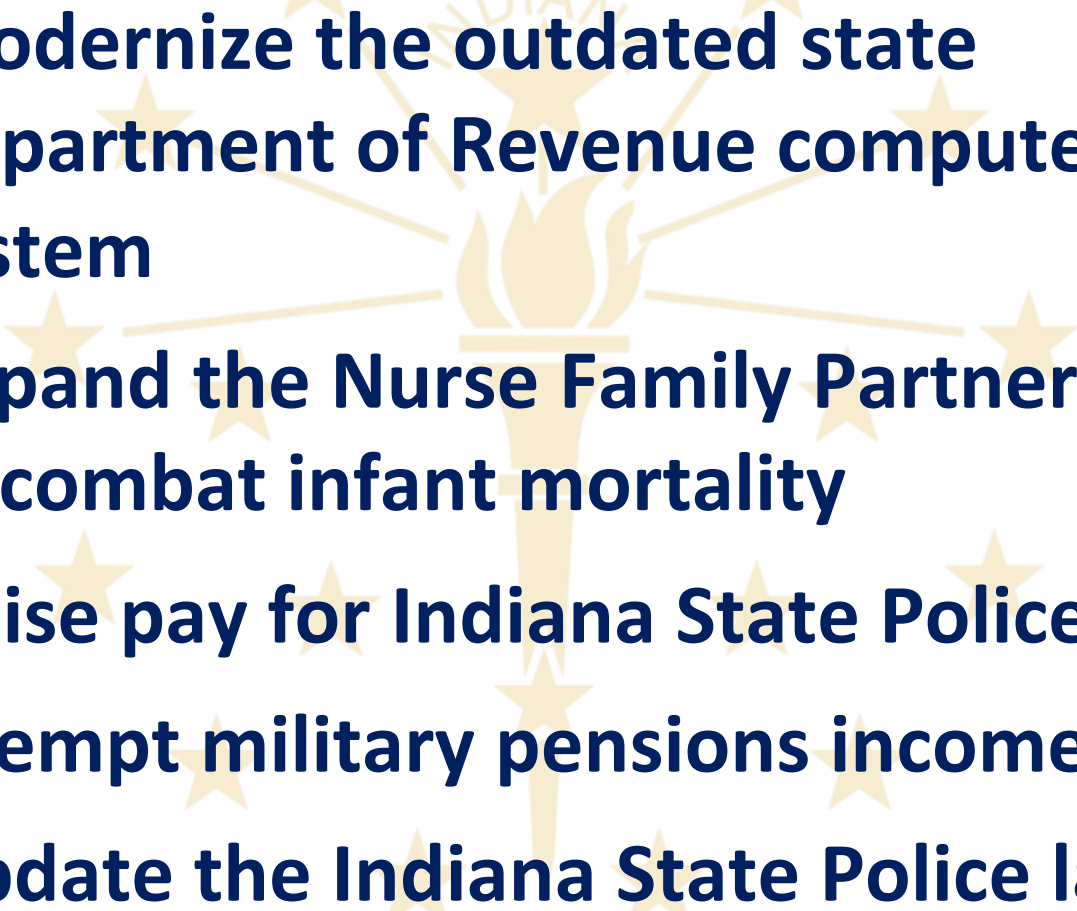
Attack the drug epidemic

Status: Strong support

- **Attack the drug epidemic on all fronts: prevention, treatment, & enforcement**
- **Created a position of Executive Director for Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement**
- **Limit the amount of controlled substances prescriptions and refills**
- **Expand local authority to establish syringe exchange programs**
- **Enhance penalties for those who commit pharmacy robberies**

Deliver great government service

Status: Positive momentum in the budget bill

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- **Modernize the outdated state Department of Revenue computer system**
 - **Expand the Nurse Family Partnership to combat infant mortality**
 - **Raise pay for Indiana State Police**
 - **Exempt military pensions income**
 - **Update the Indiana State Police labs**