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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

January 2018

2018 Legislative Session Underway

Legislators have gathered in Indianapolis to start the 2018 legislative session. Alternating each year, this is a "short" session scheduled to last up to ten weeks. It is anticipated that they will adjourn by mid-March.

While there is a limit to the bills a legislator can file in a short session (5 each), there will still be plenty of action. The caucuses have released their agendas and have made a quick start in pursuing their goals.

Workforce Development

Enhancing Indiana's workforce is on the mind of legislators and the Governor. In fact, Governor Holcomb called workforce training issues the "defining issue of the decade" during his State of State Address recently. Both the House and Senate Majority have made workforce a part of their official agenda this session. Bills are still being introduced and we will keep you updated.

Sunday Sales and Cold Beer

Legislative devotee among you will recall the clamor and hand wringing from last session over cold beer being sold at a couple of convenience stores in

Indiana. Because they qualified for a restaurant permit, a gas station began selling cold beer for carryout. All of this led to a summer study committee that reviewed all manner of alcohol laws and made recommendations for change. Sunday sales and selling cold beer at stores other than liquor stores will be hotly debated this session and will consume a considerable amount of time and energy of legislators. INCMA lobbyists will continue to review draft

his state of the state last week and focused primarily on educating and training Hoosiers. [Read the full transcript here.](#)

REGISTER NOW FOR INCMA's 2018 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

[Register now](#) for INCMA's 2018 Legislative Summit conference scheduled for Wednesday February 7, 2018 in Indianapolis. This event provides a unique opportunity to interact with State leaders to understand current issues and make sure they understand foundry needs and perspectives. This year's speakers include: IURC Commissioner Jim Huston, AFS Lobbyist Stephanie Salmon, IMA President Brian Burton and Brian Fennerty, Partner at Faegre Baker Daniels who will be addressing how tax reform will impact foundries! Event sponsors include: [Waupaca Foundry](#) [Pillar Group Risk Management](#) [KERAMIDA Inc.](#) [ASK Chemicals](#), [CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.](#) and [B&L Information Systems](#).



legislation and provide you with updates throughout the process [both online](#) and through email. If you have questions about any legislation, please contact Blake Jeffery at incmaoffice@ameritech.net or Patrick Bennett at patrick@pkbconsulting.net

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

INCMA welcomes CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. as our newest Associate Member. Welcome!

VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENTS SENT

INCMA distributed our annual voluntary assessments last week outlining a few of our most recent accomplishments and requesting additional financial support for our governmental affairs education efforts. Please review the letter from MTI and consider the request. Thank you to all for your ongoing support!

OPIOIDS ARE STATE'S GREATEST CHALLENGE

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch says Indiana continues to take steps to battle the opioid crisis. She believes businesses can help by educating themselves about resources available to employees who need help. [Click here](#) for more on her most recent remarks on the issue.

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