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General Assembly approves Hume legislation

INDIANAPOLIS – The 2010 session of the 116th General Assembly ended March 13, with 115 bills sent to the governor. State Sen. Lindel Hume (D-Princeton) sponsored and co-authored a number of bills that gained approval by the legislature this year. They include:

Transportation Safety

Hume co-authored **Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 93**, which provides that the failure to use due caution when approaching a stationary utility service vehicle that is being used to perform utility services is a Class A infraction, and may result in the loss of driving privileges. The bill also applies to stationary road, street or highway maintenance vehicles. The bill was approved by a final vote of 35 to 10 in the Senate and was approved unanimously in the House of Representatives. The governor signed SEA 93 on March 12 and the new law will become effective July 1.

Child Support

SEA 163 increases the state's ability to collect child support due to families by requiring Indiana riverboat casinos and horse race tracks licensed for gambling games to withhold the cash winnings of those who are delinquent in child support. The bill applies to those who owe \$2000 or more and are at least 3 months late in child support payments, and it requires the Child Support Bureau to provide certain information regarding persons who are delinquent in child support to gaming establishments. SEA 163, co-authored by Hume, was approved unanimously by the Senate and the House of Representatives and has been sent to the governor for possible enactment. If signed, the law will become effective July 1.

School Funding Flexibility

Hume co-sponsored **House Enrolled Act 1367**, which allows a school district to transfer up to 5 percent of the capital projects fund levy to its general fund. HEA 1367 authorizes school districts to transfer up to 10 percent of the capital projects fund levy to its general fund with certain stipulations. The legislation is a result of action taken by the governor in early January when he imposed funding cuts of \$300 million on K-12 education as state tax collections continue to fall below expectations. The bill was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives and will be sent to the governor for possible enactment. If signed, these provisions of the bill will become effective July 1.

Wild Game Donations

Hume also co-sponsored **House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1064**, which establishes a procedure to collect voluntary donations when hunting licenses are sold, and deposited into the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund. It specifies that the proceeds must be used to process donated wild game related to feeding the state's hungry. The bill was approved by unanimous votes in the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The bill will become effective July 1.

Veterans Disability Benefits

HEA 1165 provides that a veteran's service-connected disability benefit is protected from a judicial lien, process, or proceeding to collect a debt. This is already a federal law and the bill will codify the existing federal law into state statute. HEA 1165 was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The legislation becomes effective July 1.

For more information on Senator Hume, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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