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Good Morning,

Last night, Governor Holcomb gave his eighth, and final, state of the state address. In what has become vintage Holcomb, he weaved a narrative focused on economic development, workforce, infrastructure, health care, and education, and tying all of those major policy areas together.

He specifically spoke about building and developing the workforce of the future by ensuring students are meeting reading benchmarks, and continuing to invest in education by increasing teacher salaries to an average of \$60,000 statewide. He mentioned major projects like finishing I69 to connect Indianapolis to Evansville, and double tracking the south shore line in northern Indiana. He touted the nearly 15,000 jobs created and significant financial investment made in Indiana's rural counties.

Ultimately, Governor Holcomb is focused on completing major projects and goals over the next 12 months, and priming the next administration for success.

[You can watch the State of the State address here.](#)

Today at the statehouse, there are six committee hearings on the calendar and both chambers

will convene for session. The state of the judiciary address will be given by the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, Loretta Rush.

In the House, the Elections committee will hear HB 1264 Election Security and HB 1265 Various Election Matters. The Education committee is off to a fast start with four bills, including two republican agenda items -- HB 1001 Education and Higher Education Matters, HB 1002 Enforcement of Equal Education Opportunity, HB 1042 Transition to Teaching Scholarships, and HB 1243 Various Education and Workforce Related Matters. The Courts committee will take up HB 1047 Computer Generated Intimate Images.

In the Senate, the State and Local Tax Review Task Force will hear a presentation from national tax experts. The Health committee will hear SB 45 Trauma Informed Care, SB 110 Social Work Licensure Compact, and SB 132 Professions and Professional Services. The Judiciary committee will plow through seven bills in its first meeting, including SB 18 Various Probate Matters, SB 46 Parental Rights, SB 16 Guardian Ad Litem in Adoption, SB 17 Age Verification for Materials Harmful to Minors, SB 40 Representation of Caregivers in CHINS cases, SB 80 Code Publication, and SB 35 Technical Corrections.

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