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# INFB Drainage School Legislative Update



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# 2024 Legislative Session Statistics

- There were 443 bills introduced in the House
  - Only 111 passed the first chamber
  - 95 House bills were sent to the Governor for signature
- There were 296 bills introduced in the Senate
  - 109 bills passed the first chamber
  - 77 Senate bills were sent to the Governor for signature

The House had a 21% passing rate, the Senate had a 26% passing rate for bills this year



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# 2024 Priority Bills

- **HEA 1183 - Foreign Ownership of Farmland**
  - Prohibits a foreign adversary from purchasing farmland
- HEA 1106 – Regulated amusement devices
  - Streamlines permitting requirements for agritourism rides

# House Enrolled Acts

- HEA 1401 – DNR agency bill
  - Amended ‘general license’ language by renaming these as permit exemptions
  - Provided floodplain permit exemptions for
    - ag structures
    - Stream crossings
  - Requires various notification requirements to property owners who have been mapped within a floodplain area
  - Directs ISDA to update IN Drainage Handbook
- HEA 1093 – Employment of minors
  - Mirrors federal law by amending statute to allow for flexibility of minors entering into workforce
- HEA 1417 – Agricultural matters
  - Requires ISDA to study economic value of acres of farmland to communities
- HEA 1412 – Canine standard of care
  - Regulated sale of dogs in pet shops
- HEA 1277 – BEAD program
  - Created framework for distribution of \$868M in broadband grants

# Senate Enrolled Acts

- SEA 216 – OISC
  - Streamlined permitting requirements for general use pesticides
- SEA 206 – IDEM agency bill
  - Streamlined digester permitting timelines issued by department

## SEA 241 – Bobcats

Directed DNR to implement hunting season to bobcats

## SEA 246 – Classified wildlands

Allows ½ acre wetlands to receive tax benefit to help incentivize owner to keep ‘in production’

# 2025 General Assembly

The board recently voted on INFB's 2025 priorities which include:

- Tax reform
  - Modernizing farmland formula
  - Reducing property tax rather than income tax
  - Comprehensive review of IN tax code
- Water quantity policy
  - Establishing a statewide well monitoring system
  - Expansion of groundwater protection rights for ag
  - Development of a statewide water management plan