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The first week of February legislative agenda was much slower than the previous week. This is typical of a legislative process that tends to ebb a flow as the session progresses. We now are only one month away from the first funnel. The first funnel is the date where all House and Senate bills must be passed out of committee to remain eligible for floor debate. Activity always picks up as we approach funnel week. Our goal is to move our priority bills out in the next couple weeks to avoid the last-minute rush.

The 411-bill passed out of committee last week and is tentatively scheduled for House floor debate the week of Feb 15th. We seem to be in a good place on this bill, but we will continue to monitor until it passed the House. In the meantime we will continue to work the members of the Senate.

The Governor's "Back the Blue" bill has been introduced in the Senate although we do not foresee this bill moving forward as written. We are working with the House and the Senate to make sure that ISPA's priorities are including in the amendment process or in a new bill when/if one is drafted. We have quite a few issues with the Governor's bill which is why we have registered opposed, but we are confident that we can produce a bill that will benefit IASP moving forward. This could be a long process, but we will keep you up to date as new versions of this bill are drafted.

There are quite a few of our monitored bills making their way through the committee process this week in both Chambers. I would encourage you to review the bill tracker each Friday for status updates.

As we move through the 2021 legislative session, please feel free to contact us if you would like additional information on a specific bill or any other questions you may have.

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