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Get IN-VOLVED is a non-partisan, five-week challenge series to help Hoosiers get to know a little more about their elected officials and the policymaking process. Participants receive weekly, bite-sized challenges to learn when and how they can participate in legislative processes.



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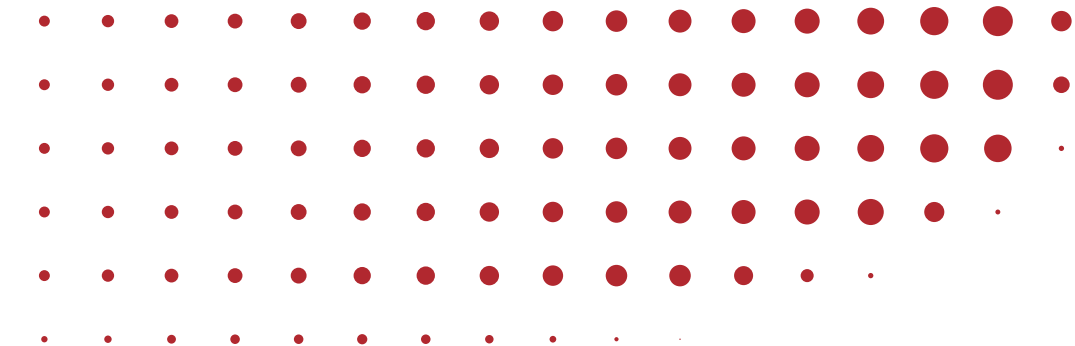
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WHAT IS TESTIMONY?

A statement or endorsement given by someone who has a logical connection to the topic and who is a credible source.

By providing testimony:

- **bring clarify or prove a point**
- **give and support evidence**
- **conveys the depth and breathe of a situation**



Who can give testimony?



Experts

Support evidence, give facts, statistics, and findings.



Supports/Opponents

Gives life perspective and stories of others, may provide facts and statistics.

Why is testimony important?

- Increased awareness
- Decision-making
 - Writing or amending legislation
 - Talking with colleagues
 - Supporting or advocating
- Cause them to conduct research



THREE KEY FACTS

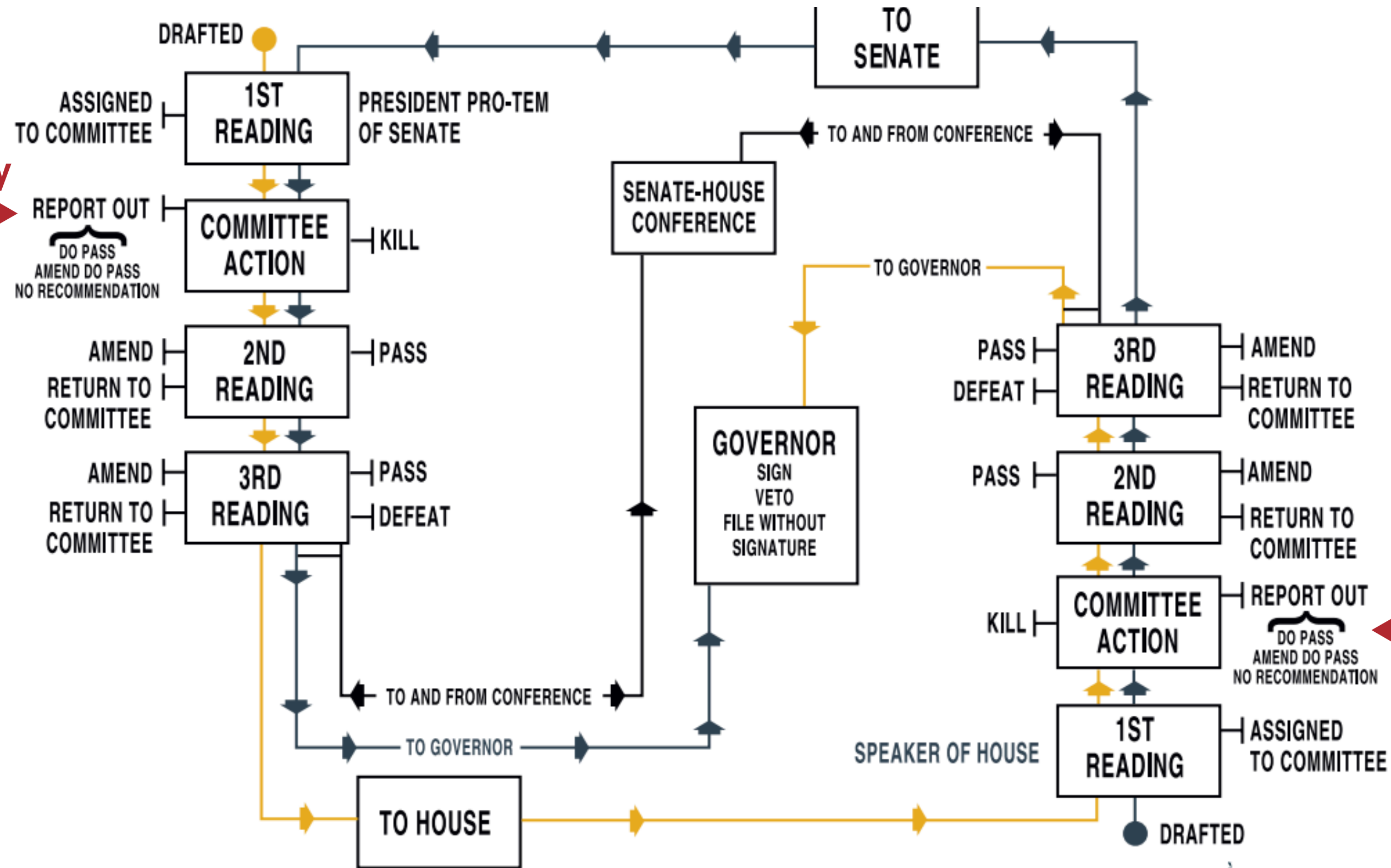
About Committees

- 1. Every bill gets assigned to a committee**
- 2. Committee chairs decide which bills get heard**
- 3. This is the public's chance to weigh in**

WHEN TO GIVE TESTIMONY

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Testimony



Testimony



Standing

Conference

Interim



Search for Committee

2025



View Scheduled Legislation



JANUARY 2025

JAN
29

Wednesday, 10:00 AM
Room 233



View Scheduled Legislation



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Wednesday, 10:00 AM
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Bills Assigned to this Committee



Copy Bills Assigned

GOING TO TESTIFY

Arrive 1 hour early.

- **Parking/public transportation**
- **Security**
- **Location**
- **Check-in**
- **Get the jitters out**



Wed Jan 21

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Indiana General Assembly
Committee Appearance Portal

Meetings for January 21, 2026

Health and Provider Services

9:00 AM

Room 431

Insurance and Financial Institutions

9:30 AM

Room 130

Public Policy

1:00 PM

Room 431

Judiciary

1:30 PM

Room 130

Education and Career Development

1:30 PM

Senate Chamber

form may only be completed and submitted on the day the

TESTIMONY

- Plan for 2-3 minutes
- Make your case
- Greet the chair & members
- Prepare for questions

DO'S & DON'T

- Be informed
- Dress the part
- Be prepared for questions
- It's okay to not know/
follow-up
- Stick to the time
- Don't expect sympathy
- Vulnerable
- Courteous
- Don't be late
- Use outdated data
- Use acronyms,
jargon, or
sarcasm
- Be inappropriate



YOUR CHALLENGE

*WHO CAN PROVIDE
TESTIMONY AND WHY*

*WHEN AND HOW YOU CAN
PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO
LAWMAKERS*

*THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF
SUCCESSFUL COMMITTEE TESTIMONY*

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Thank
you for
joining
us!



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