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TOP NEWS

1. National: White House releases Blueprint for a Renter's Bill of Rights



On Wednesday, the White House released a **Blueprint for a Renter's Bill of Rights**. The legal disclaimer clearly states the Blueprint is a statement of principles, does not constitute U.S. government policy, and is not binding. Any federal agency actions referenced in the document will be implemented separately by the relevant federal agencies under their legal authority. In other words, this is not an executive order.

The Blueprint was developed as part of a six-month process that brought together advocates, housing providers, tenants, trade associations, NAA, and many other stakeholders. After listening to all those involved, the Blueprint reflects a new commitment by federal agencies to advance a more robust, more equitable rental market. The Blueprint sets out five principles intended to be a baseline for fairness for renters in the housing market. This baseline includes the need for renters to have access to **safe, quality, accessible, affordable housing; transparent and fair leases; education, enforcement, and enhancement of Renter Rights; the right to organize and eviction prevention diversion and relief**. Where possible, the Blueprint principles will guide future federal policies and programs and update rulemaking, guidance, and notices governing existing policies and programs.

What this means for the industry:

It is too early to tell, and some of the policy actions listed in the Blueprint were underway; however, the White House, **in their fact sheet** today announced several agency actions:

- The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), both independent agencies, announced they would collect information to identify practices that unfairly prevent applicants and tenants from accessing or staying in housing to inform enforcement and policy actions under each agency's jurisdiction.
- The CFPB announced it would issue guidance and coordinate enforcement efforts with the FTC to ensure accurate information in the credit reporting system and to hold background check companies accountable for having unreasonable procedures.
- The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), an independent agency, announced it would launch a new public process to examine proposed actions promoting renter protections and limits on egregious rent increases for future rent investments.
- A U.S. Department of Justice workshop will inform potential guidance updates around anti-competitive information sharing, including in rental markets.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking requiring public housing authorities and owners of project-based rental assistance properties to provide at least 30 days' advanced notice before terminating a lease due to nonpayment of rent.

2. State: Indiana Black Legislative Caucus unveils 2023 Priorities



The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) announced their 2023 Legislative Agenda this week, which focuses on Closing the Achievement Gap. Members announced their key legislation which includes:

- **HB 1499**, which allows qualifying students to automatically be enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program.
- **HB 1571**, which creates a reading specialist certification fund that allows eligible teachers to apply for a grant to obtain certification to help students enhance their reading and writing abilities.
- **HB 1153** which establishes the Division of Educational Opportunity and Academic Success to assess cultural competency in public schools.

Missing in their agenda, **which can be found here**, is anything involving housing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & EDUCATION

Events

- **Bowling for Rebuilding Lives**, Wednesday, February 8 @ 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
- **Maintenance Mania**, Tuesday, April 11 @ 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Virtual Education

- **FREE - Avoiding Lawsuits from Drive-by Testers**, Wednesday, February 1 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **CPO - Certified Pool Operator Course**, Tuesday, February 28 - Wednesday, March 1 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **NEW: FREE - Fair Housing Basics**, Tuesday, April 4 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- **NEW: CPO - Certified Pool Operator Course**, Wednesday, April 26 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **NEW: FREE - Marketing: Taglines, Tools & Tight Budgets**, Tuesday, May 9 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

In-Person Education

- **EPA/CFC Certification Test Prep Course**, Wednesday, February 15 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **CALP - Certified Apartment Leasing Professional Program**, Tuesday, February 21 - Thursday, February 23 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (each day) - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: FREE - Mental Illness 101**, Thursday, March 2 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: FREE - REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) Inspections**, Thursday, March 23 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: CAM - Certified Apartment Manager Program**, Monday, March 27 - Thursday, March 30 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: FREE - Active Shooter - Best Practices for Staying Safe**, Tuesday, April 18 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: SAL Visionary Leadership Program Kick-off**, Wednesday, April 19 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **NEW: FREE - Disaster Preparedness**, Tuesday, April 25 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: FREE - DTF-Delegation, Time and Feedback-How to Win AND Stay Ahead of Leadership**, Tuesday, May 23 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - *Hybrid*
- **NEW: SAL Visionary Leadership Program - Day 1**, Wednesday, May 24 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - *Hybrid*

TOP NEWS CONTINUED

3. Local: IPS changes offer to Innovation Charters amid pressure



On Thursday, January 19, Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) unveiled a new plan during a school board meeting where they proposed sharing \$9.7M annually with 18 charter schools in the district's Innovation Network. This figure was raised from the initial \$6.4M proposed in the first plan. The new proposal would provide a little over \$1,000 per charter student and \$1,900 per traditional public school student, if the referendum were successful.

WFYI reports IPS' Board will vote on the measure on Saturday, January 28 at 10 am. The deadline for the two ballot measures to be certified and put on the May ballot is February 17. The operating referendum that IPS is considering would increase the tax rate from 19 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 25 cents. Earlier this year, IPS also agreed to send a capital referendum, which would assess \$0.2066 cents per \$100 assessed value.

4. State: Indiana House Republicans weigh delaying school referendums



Indiana House Republicans are contemplating legislation that would **delay local referendums** to increase school property taxes until the fall election. It would also have major implications on the IPS referendum, allowing more time for opponents to mobilize. IAA is closely monitoring this development, supports this concept, and will provide updates.

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HEADLINES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- **Editorial Board: Nationwide Rent Control? (WSJ)**
- **Treasury Announces \$690 Million to be Reallocated to Prevent Eviction (US Department of Treasury)**
- **Bill aimed at making new housing more affordable clears first legislative committee (WFYI)**
- **Committee advances measure to fund housing revolving fund (Indiana Capital Chronicle)**
- **White House directs FTC, CFPB to probe housing rental market practices (Roll Call)**
- **Biden administration unveils renter protections (CNN)**
- **Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCD announce affordable housing investment (IHCD)**
- **U.S. News: VA Surpasses Goal For Housing Veterans (Bloomberg Government)**

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