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## Budget Fiscal Year 2022 & BIMP

**FY21 Supplemental and FY22 Operating Budget (SB 2800):** As presented, the FY22 budget is balanced with expected revenues totaling \$42.3 billion and expected spending totaling \$42.2 billion.

Appropriates \$400 million in General Funds and \$1.3 billion in Other Funds as part of an FY21 Supplemental. The FY21 Supplemental also includes an appropriation of \$100 million to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which sits at approximately \$5 billion in debt, and \$10.2 billion in COVID-19 related response.

The budget removes \$666 million in job creation incentives, including:

- Cap Corporate Net Operating Loss Deduction for the next three years at \$100k per year (\$314 million).
- Roll back Federal Tax Cut & Jobs Act (TCJA) 100% Accelerated Depreciation Deduction (\$215 million).
- Roll Back TCJA 100% Foreign-Source Dividend Deduction to Align with Domestic-Source Dividends (\$107 million).
- Reverse the Repeal of the Corporate Franchise Tax (\$30 million).

As part of the FY22 Capital Budget, makes new appropriations and re-appropriates \$51.2 billion for capital projects.

The budget fully funds the minimum funding level for K-12 education, adding an additional \$350 million to the evidence-based funding formula, resulting in more financial support for schools across Illinois.

Higher education funding for universities and community colleges is held flat to FY21. An increase of \$28.2 million was appropriated to the Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grants. The merit-based scholarship program (AIM HIGH) is funded at level funding of \$35 million.

The budget also includes \$17.7 billion in new and re-appropriations to cover costs associated with the various stimulus packages enacted by the federal government—including the American Rescue Plan Act, which granted Illinois with \$8.1 billion in state recovery funds.

Members of the General Assembly will be receiving an increase in their salary in this budget, which includes \$214,000 for a 1.7% increase in legislator base salaries.

**FY22 Budget Implementation Act (SB 2017):** Makes changes to state programs which are necessary to implement the FY22 budget. Some of these changes include:

Increases Insurance Fees to increase revenues for the State Police Training and Academy Fund and the Law Enforcement Training Fund.



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Creates the Back to Business Program to assist businesses by providing financial relief to businesses that experienced business interruptions or losses from COVID-19. Funds may also be used for business start-up costs for businesses that started after the pandemic began. Specifies that a minimum of 40% of the funds must be distributed to businesses in disproportionately impacted areas.

Authorizes HFS to provide Medicaid benefits to non-citizens 55 years of age through 64 years of age who are otherwise ineligible for services and that have an income at or below 133% of the FPL plus 5% for applicable family size. Benefits must be identical to those provided under the Health Benefits Service Package.

Creates a supplemental LIHEAP program. Illegal immigrants are eligible for the program. Provides for a utility fee increase from 48 cents per month to 96 cents per month for the subsidy program.

Increases the salaries of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, so that each commissioner shall receive an annual salary equal to 70% of a Circuit Court Judge. Additionally, the Chairman shall receive an annual salary of 5% more than the other Commissioners. (*New approximate salary for commissioners: \$148,680; approximate salary for chair: \$156,114*)

## Notable Legislation

**Prejudgment Interest (SB 72/PA 102-0006):** Mandates a six percent annual prejudgment interest rate on defendants in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

**Ethics Reform (SB 539):** Makes numerous changes to state ethics laws including:

- Bans legislators from lobbying other units of government
- Makes changes to the statement of economic interest for elected officials
- Prohibits political fundraising the day of, the day before, and the day after a session day.
- Creates a revolving door legislator to lobbyist prohibition for 6 months after leaving office or the end of the current General Assembly, whichever is shorter.
- Allows the Legislative Inspector General to open an investigation without first getting permission from the Legislative Ethics Commission.

**Redistricting Illinois Supreme Court (SB 642/PA 102-0011):** Creates the Judicial Districts Act of 2021. Redistricts the Illinois Supreme Court into 5 new Districts.

**Sex Education Classes (SB 818):** Abolishes current sex-education standards in public schools and replaces them with new sex education guidelines written by outside advocacy groups. The new standards are for grades K-12. Requires a school, if it chooses to teach sex education, to abide by these new standards.

**Election Omnibus (SB 825):** Amends the Election Code making various changes including:

- Changes the 2022 primary date to June 28.



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- Permits counties to use American Community Survey (ACS) data, instead of census data, for reapportionment in 2021.
- Extends the time period that county boards have to complete the reapportionment of county boards to December 31 (2021 only).
- Permits candidates/officeholders to use campaign funds for child or dependent care if the care is reasonably necessary for public or political purposes.
- Permits voters to apply to be put on a permanent vote-by-mail list; requires election authorities to notify all qualified voters of the option to be put on the permanent vote-by-mail list.
- Requires the State Board of Elections to prepare legislation to establish a procedure to send vote by mail ballots electronically and to enable voters with disabilities to independently and privately mark a ballot using assistive technology.

**Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund Act (SB 2290):** Creates the Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund Act. Establishes a program for the purpose of expanding availability of broadband connectivity throughout the state by providing financial assistance to residents, promoting the adoption of home broadband internet, and supporting digital skills training.

**Medicaid Omnibus (SB 2294):** Makes several changes to Medicaid. Requires long acting injectable medications administered for mental health disorder in the hospital inpatient setting to be reimbursed separately by Medicaid at the prevailing fee schedule. Requires hospitals and the MCO's to implement a reimbursement policy and prior authorization criteria by rule. Mandates Medicaid coverage for chiropractic services including but not limited to chiropractic manipulative services. Requires Medicaid coverage for immunosuppressive drugs and related services associated with post-kidney transplant management for noncitizens.

**Redistricting Cook County Board of Review (SB 2661/PA 102-0012):** Redraws the boundaries of the Cook County Board of Review, which includes three districts.

**Health Care, Human Services Reforms (HB 158/ PA 102-0004):** Omnibus healthcare and human services reform bill (Black Caucus pillar). Many of the provisions that call for spending increases are subject to funding availability or subject to appropriation. Highlights include:

- Medicaid coverage for a new class of healthcare workers: Community Health Workers.
- Medicaid coverage for doula and home-visiting services for the prenatal, pregnancy and 12-month postnatal periods.
- \$630 inpatient psychiatric rate per diem for psychiatric hospitals.
- \$50 million pool of funding for safety-net hospitals to maintain perinatal designation.
- Requires implicit bias training for virtually every type of healthcare provider for license registration and renewals.
- Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention language. Raises threshold of limited immunity for someone seeking emergency care for an overdose.
- Creates the Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study Act to identify high-violence communities.
- Creates the Sickle Cell Prevention, Care and Treatment Grant Program.



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- Creates the Medicaid Business Opportunity Commission to support women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with developmental disabilities.
- Creates the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Commission and authorizes it to impose financial penalties on managed care organizations.

Creates the Behavioral Health Workforce Education Center of Illinois Act to address the behavioral health workforce crisis and to coordinate a role for workforce, research and planning.

**“Fix the FOID” Modernization (HB 562):** Allows individuals to submit their fingerprints in order to receive automatic renewal of their FOID card and CCL licenses. The bill also sets the following requirements:

- Requires person to person firearms transfers to be subject to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) at a federal licensed firearms dealer or through online validation by Illinois State Police using NICS.
- Requires a seller to provide a record of a private transfer of a firearm to an FFL within 10 days of sale. Caps the fee that the FFL may charge at no more than \$25. Requires FFLs to keep the record of transfer for 20 years. On the demand of a peace officer, transferees have to identify the FFL dealer maintaining the transfer record (penalty is a Class A misdemeanor).
- Requires Illinois State Police to establish a public database of all firearms that have been reported stolen to be checked prior to the transfer of any firearm to prevent the inadvertent transfer of stolen firearms.
- Creates the Prohibited Persons Portal for use by law enforcement, prosecutors, and the Attorney General.
- Tasks the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to conduct enforcement operations against those with revoked FOID Cards.
- Grants the FOID Card Review Board the authority to review appeals for FOID card denials rather than the Director of Illinois State Police.

**Liquor Omnibus (HB 2620):** Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides for brewer to-go and curbside sales. Requires brewer production reports. Creates “beer showcase permits” for special-event beer sales. Provides for cooperative purchasing agreements. Specifies that retailers that purchase wine or spirits from other retailers shall only be subject to warnings for the first two violations within a 12-month period. Permits a retailer to transfer wine and spirits to another licensed location owned by the licensee. Creates a new class 3 brewer license to permit brew pubs to self-distribute. Permits licensees to obtain licenses for and manufacture more than one type of liquor within the same manufacturing tier. Specifically, permits self-distributors to distribute multiple types of liquor (up to 25,000 gallons of wine/year, 930,000 gallons of beer/year, and 50,000 gallons of spirits/year). Sets/adjust fees for first-class wine manufacturers, first-class wine-maker, class 3 brewers, and beer showcase permits. Includes mead-sale provisions. Includes liquor stocking/merchandising provisions.

**Redistricting Legislative Maps (HB 2777/PA 102-0010):** Creates the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021. Reapportions the House of Representatives and Senate districts in Illinois.



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**Criminal Justice Reform Trailer (HB 3443):** Amends the State Police Act, the Task Force on Constitutional Rights and Remedies Act, the Illinois Police Training Act, the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, the Uniform Crime Reporting Act, the Criminal Code of 2012, the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Unified Code of Corrections, and the Reporting of Deaths in Custody Act. Makes changes to Public Act 100-652 which was the omnibus criminal justice reform bill from lame-duck session concerning body cameras, use of force, chokeholds and Tasers, extends the timetable on some training mandates, and clarifies that you can arrest someone for obstructing without an underlying offense by separating resisting from obstructing.

## Agriculture

**State Parks Designation (SB 915):** Designates State parks, fish and wildlife areas, State natural areas, State habitat areas, State recreational areas, State boating access areas, historic sites and State memorials. Defines what each park and recreational areas' attributes should include.

**Winter Deer Harvesting (SB 1245):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources shall publicly announce with a statewide press release, the season dates and shooting hours, and the counties and sites open to hunting for the reason of taking surplus deer.

**Herptile-Herps Act (SB 1247):** Amends the Herptile-Herps Act to provide clearer definitions to better clarify and reduce confusion or conflicting language in statutes regulating the protection, control, possession, and propagation of amphibians and reptiles.

**Vets Free Trapping License (SB 1533):** Allows a veteran who is certified by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to be at least 10 percent disabled with service-related disabilities or who is in receipt of total disability pension may trap, as permitted by the Code, without procuring a trapping license. Also, a military member returning from mobilization and service outside the United States who is an Illinois resident may trap, as permitted by the Code, without paying any fees required to obtain a trapping license, if he/she applies for the license within two years after returning from service abroad or after mobilization.

**Livestock Culling (SB 1656):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency establish a safe and responsible process to deal with the situation many livestock producers experienced during the pandemic when the livestock supply chain was disrupted, resulting in a major backup of livestock ready to go to market that had no place to go. Current Illinois law has no provisions for a safe and responsible process to deal with a mass culling event.

**Weights and Measures (SB 1657):** Provides that, beginning with the 2022 registration year, a registrant must complete an online review for each type of weighing and measuring device the registrant intends to install, service, recondition, or repair. A registrant must complete the online review every five years thereafter.

**Weights and Measures (SB 1658):** Provides that all weighing or measuring devices must be placed into service and sealed before they are first used in trade by a serviceperson, service agency, or special sealer registered by the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, or by an inspector.



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**Stray Cats, Dogs (SB 1673):** Replaces certain references to spaying or neutering animals with references to “sterilizing” those animals.

**Protected Fish (SB 1878):** Adds bowfin and paddlefish to a new species list as they are highly valued and regulated roe-bearing species. Increasing the fair market value or replacement cost of bowfin and paddlefish will potentially increase criminal penalties for infractions against these fish.

**Fishing Equipment (SB 1879):** Provides that it is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take aquatic life by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow-and-arrow device, including a sling shot bow, spear, or gig along, upon, across, or from any public right-of-way or highway. Currently, such a violation is addressed in the Wildlife Code not the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

**Pesticide Use (SB 2245):** Makes it unlawful to apply a restricted-use pesticide on or within 500 feet of a school property during normal hours.

**Aquaculture (SB 2395):** Defines Aquaculture and Aquatic products. Aquaculture is now a well-established practice, and language in the Act needs to be clarified to reflect current practices and definitions.

**Pet Shops (HB 1711):** Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that a pet shop operator may offer for sale a dog or cat only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control facility or animal shelter. Provides that an animal control facility or animal shelter that supplies dogs or cats to pet shop operators to be offered for sale shall not be a dog breeder or a cat breeder or obtain dogs or cats from a dog breeder, a cat breeder, a person who resells dogs or cats from a breeder, or a person who sells dogs or cats at auction in exchange for payment or compensation.

**Agricultural Experience (HB 3650):** Provides that licenses are not required for anyone trying to provide an “agricultural experience,” which is defined as any agriculture-related activity.

## Behavioral and Mental Health

**EMS Systems (SB 693):** Authorizes Emergency Medical Services to request bypass or diversion of an emergency department and request transport to the closest or appropriate mental health facility under certain circumstances.

**Mental Health Resources (SB 1575):** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to create and maintain an online database and resource page on its website containing mental health resources geared toward first responders in an effort to connect those people with resources related to: crisis services, wellness, trauma information, nutrition, stress reduction, anxiety, depression, violence prevention, suicide prevention, and substance use.

**Mental Health Database (SB 1786):** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to create and maintain a post-secondary online mental health database and resource page on its Web site geared toward students, parents and various faculty and personnel.





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**Interstate Contracts (SB 1966):** Authorizes Illinois and Wisconsin to reciprocate the exchange of out-of-state mental health or substance use disorder services for persons subject to involuntary admission.

**Mental Health Information (SB 1970):** Authorizes individuals to obtain basic mental health information of a recipient of inpatient services if it is directly relevant to the individual's involvement with the recipient's mental health care, or payment related to the care, subject to specific conditions.

**Mental Health Education (HB 212):** Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Requires the Children's Mental Health Plan to include recommendations for ensuring all Illinois youth receive mental health education and have access to mental health care in the school setting. In developing these recommendations, the Children's Mental Health Partnership must consult with the Illinois State Board of Education, education practitioners, healthcare professionals, disability advocates, and other representatives as necessary to ensure the interests of all students are represented.

**Personal Needs Allowance (HB 292):** Provides that residents of Community Integrated Living Arrangements who are eligible for Public Aid shall retain all earned income, beginning July 1, 2021. Expands the program for no-bid contracts with not-for-profit agencies that provide employment for persons with significant disabilities to not-for-profit agencies that provide employment for persons with disabilities or mental health challenges.

**Housing Program (HB 449):** Subject to appropriation, creates the Housing is Recovery Pilot Program at the Illinois Department of Human Services to help provide bridge rental subsidies for individuals either at high risk of unnecessary institutionalization or at high risk of overdose for the purposes of stabilizing their mental illness or substance abuse disorder.

**Mental Health Support (HB 1805):** Amends the Illinois Department of Human Services Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Illinois Department of Human Services shall permanently establish the Call4Calm text line to support Illinois residents' mental health needs during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Standardized Data Collection (HB 2394):** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to collaborate to develop a standardized format for mental and behavioral health data collection, no later than Jan. 1, 2023.

**Community Emergency Services (HB 2784):** Creates the Community Emergency Services and Support Act. Provides that each 9-1-1 call center and provider of emergency services dispatched through a 9-1-1 system must coordinate with the 9-8-8 mobile mental and behavioral health services established by the Division of Mental Health of the Illinois Department of Human Services, for the purpose of interacting with individuals seeking emergency mental and behavioral health care, and for the provision of mobile mental and behavioral health care to an individual when appropriate.

**Resident Safety (HB 3786):** Provides that if credible evidence in an investigation indicates that an employee of a facility for persons with mental health or developmental disabilities is the perpetrator of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation, then that employee shall be immediately barred from any future contact with residents of the facility.



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**Suicide Prevention (HB 3911):** Amends the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act. Requires the First Responders Suicide Prevention Task Force to recommend that: Agencies and organizations guarantee access to mental health and wellness services, including, but not limited to, peer support programs and providing ongoing education related to the ever-evolving concept of mental health wellness. Agencies and organizations sponsor or facilitate first responders with specialized training in the areas of psychological fitness, depressive disorders, early detection, and mitigation best practices. Administrators and leadership personnel solicit training services from evidence-based, data driven organizations. Agencies and organizations incorporate specific training components into already existing modules and educational curriculums.

## Commerce

**Journalism Task Force (SB 134):** Creates the Local Journalism Task Force Act to be administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Task Force is to study and review all aspects of local journalism, including adequate press coverage of communities, ratio of residents to media outlets, history of local news in Illinois, print and digital models of media outlets, impact by social media, and policy solutions to improve the sustainability of local press business models and private and non-profit solutions.

**Wipes Labeling Act (SB 294):** Creates the Wipes Labeling Act. Provides that a covered entity must clearly and conspicuously label a covered product as “do not flush” in accordance with specified requirements. Provides that municipalities and counties have concurrent and exclusive authority to enforce the Act and to collect civil penalties for violations of the Act.

**Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission (SB 632):** Extends the expiration date of the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission to Jan. 1, 2023. The Senate President and House Speaker each appoint four members, and the Senate and House minority leaders each appoint three members.

**Illinois Procurement Code (SB 640):** Provides that no procurement contract for the construction, alteration, operation, repair, maintenance, or improvement of any mass transit facility, or equipment thereof, in excess of \$1,000,000 shall be awarded to or executed with any vendor that receives support from a nonmarket economy country, as defined under specified federal law.

**Covenant Limitations (SB 672):** Makes limitations on covenants based on income and gives greater clarity and certainty as to whether a business’s covenant not to compete or covenant not to solicit will muster judicial scrutiny and will be held legal.

**Sexual Orientation Reporting (SB 1730):** Requires a publicly-held domestic or foreign corporation with its principal executive office located in Illinois to report to the Illinois Secretary of State the self-identified sexual orientation and self-identified gender identity of its board of directors.

**Early Cancellation (HB 122):** Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that, subject to federal law and regulation, no provider of telephone, cellular telephone, television, Internet, energy, medical alert system, or water services shall impose a fee for termination or early cancellation of a service contract if the customer dies before the end of the contract.



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**Animal Parts Ban (HB 395):** Amends the Ivory Ban Act by renaming the Act the Animal Parts and Products Ban Act. Makes the Act applicable to animal parts or products.

**Pet Loans, Contracts (HB 572):** Provides that a sales finance agency shall not finance, enter into a retail installment contract, or make a loan for the purchase of a cat or dog.

**Future of Work (HB 645):** Creates the Illinois Future of Work Task Force. Provides for the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force. Provides that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative support to the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to submit a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than Nov. 1, 2022.

**Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers (HB 665):** Requires the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish and support entrepreneurship assistance centers.

**Cannabis Licensing Updates (HB 1443):** Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, and the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act. Provides for additional social-equity licenses and the relocation of existing adult-use cannabis dispensaries.

**Telecom Cleanup (HB 1738):** Makes a correction to a drafting error found in the new Telecommunications law (HB 3743/PA 102-0009).

**DCEO Innovation Voucher (HB 1855):** Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Authorizes that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish the Illinois Innovation Voucher Program to foster research and development and the creation of new products and services. The department may award innovation vouchers to eligible businesses to offset a portion of expenses incurred through a collaborative research engagement with an Illinois institution of higher education.

**Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection (HB 2408):** Creates the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. Requires the inspection and testing of HVAC fire and smoke dampers to be conducted by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and accredited to comply with requirements by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or another nationally recognized certifying body.

**Motor Vehicle Franchise (HB 2435):** Amends the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act by providing that a manufacturer may not require a motor vehicle dealer to make available any secondary product or prohibit a motor vehicle dealer from offering a secondary product.

**Liquor Omnibus (HB 2620):** Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides for brewer to-go and curbside sales. Requires brewer production reports. Creates "beer showcase permits" for special-event beer sales. Provides for cooperative purchasing agreements. Specifies that retailers that purchase wine or spirits from other retailers shall only be subject to warnings for the first two violations within a 12-month period. Permits a retailer to transfer wine and spirits to another licensed location owned by the licensee. Creates a new class 3 brewer license to permit brew pubs to self-distribute. Permits licensees to obtain licenses for and manufacture more



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than one type of liquor within the same manufacturing tier. Specifically, permits self- distributors to distribute multiple types of liquor (up to 25,000 gallons of wine/year, 930,000 gallons of beer/year, and 50,000 gallons of spirits/year). Sets/adjust fees for first-class wine manufacturers, first-class wine-maker, class 3 brewers, and beer showcase permits. Includes mead-sale provisions. Includes liquor stocking/merchandising provisions.

**Car-Sharing Program (HB 3712):** Regulates insurance for car-sharing programs. Provides that a car-sharing program shall assume liability for a shared-vehicle owner during the car-sharing period. The car-sharing program must ensure that, during the car-sharing period, both the shared-vehicle owner and the shared-vehicle driver are insured for liability.

**Fire Sprinkler Licensing (HB 3714):** Updates and makes changes to the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Delays the requirement to inspect and test fire sprinkler systems an individual must hold NICET Level III certification to Jan. 1, 2023 (currently, Jan. 1, 2022).

**Telecom Updates (HB 3743/PA 102-0009):** Provides for a major rewrite and extensive updates of Telecommunications law. Extends telecommunication sunset dates. Broadens the definition to “public work” to make more telecommunication contractors subject to prevailing wage. Modifies provisions governing Next Gen 9-1-1 and 5G coverage.

**Vehicle Franchise Warranty (HB 3940):** Changes the manner in which dealers are reimbursed by manufacturers. Provides that manufacturers must pay a dealer no less than the amount a retail customer pays the dealer for the same services. Authorizes the use of agreed-upon time guides. Requires the manufacturer to pay each dealer no less than the amount a retail customer pays for the same services and for the effective labor rate, including diagnoses times and warranty repairs. Applies to warranty work and factory recall.

**Automatic Contract Renewal (HB 3955):** Amends the Automatic Contract Renewal Act by providing that a consumer who accepts an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall be allowed to terminate the automatic renewal or continuous service exclusively online.

## Criminal Law

**Court Fees (SB 481):** Clarifies that County Clerks are to send funds from court fines and fees to the State Treasurer rather than directly to the Illinois State Police.

**Community Service (SB 626):** Enhances hourly value of community service applied to assessments. Raises assessment waiver public service hourly rate from \$4 to at least \$10. Extends assessment waiver to traffic cases rather than just criminal cases. Sets the hourly rate as not be less than the State’s minimum wage.

**Illinois Way Forward Act (SB 667):** Creates the Illinois Way Forward Act amending the Illinois TRUST Act and the VOICES Act. Sets guidelines for local and state law enforcement in areas of civil immigration enforcement. Specifies conditions under which local police are prohibited from collaborating with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on civil immigration enforcement. Creates a rebuttable presumption of cooperation



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for applicants for certification as victims of qualifying criminal activity. Provides for the Attorney General to investigate law enforcement for violations of the act.

**Weapon Program Administrator (SB 765):** Allows the Program administrator of the First Time Weapon Offender Program to be appointed by the Chief Judge of each Judicial Circuit.

**Juvenile Court (SB 1552):** Allows the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to share information with probation departments and juvenile detention facilities.

**Mitigating Factors (SB 1566):** Adds pregnancy to the long list of mitigating factors that must be considered by a sentencing judge in a criminal case when determining a sentence to impose upon a defendant who has been convicted of a crime.

**Immigration Hate Crime (SB 1596):** Adds to the hate crime offense the commission of specified criminal acts against a person because of the actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status.

**No-Contact Order (SB 1677):** Closes a loophole in the Stalking No-Contact Order Act so that a person who is prohibited from contacting another via phone or in person can also be restrained from sending email, Facebook messages, or texts.

**Impact Correction Program (SB 1861):** Requires the Illinois Department of Corrections to accept someone into the impact incarceration program if it is part of the court's sentencing order.

**Child Pornography (SB 1892):** Makes possession of child pornography where the child is a household or family member of the defendant non-probationable.

**Scott's Law Community Service (SB 1913):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code so that in addition to other penalties imposed for a violation of Scott's Law, a judge can order a person to perform community service.

**VOICES (SB 2079):** Amends the Voices of Immigrant Communities Empowering Survivors (VOICES) Act. Requires state officials, if they deny an application for an individual to be certified as a victim of a qualifying criminal activity for immigration purposes, to inform the applicant and permit the applicant 30 business days to appeal the decision. Permits applicants to file for mandamus action or seek other relief in court prior to filing an administrative appeal or other administrative relief.

**Citizens Civics Education (SB 2116):** Clarifies that the civil education program in the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice shall be taught by two co-facilitators (rather than peer educators as in the Illinois Department of Corrections).

**Minor Statement (SB 2122):** Provides that if during an interrogation, a law enforcement officer intentionally engages in deception of a minor under the age of 18, any statements provided the minor would inadmissible as evidence in court.



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**Resentence Petition (SB 2129):** Allows current and subsequent State's Attorneys to petition the sentencing court to re-sentence an offender if the State's Attorney believes the original sentence no longer advances the interests of justice.

**Prostitution Expungement (SB 2136):** Provides for expungement of felony prostitution convictions. The bill also allows someone to file a petition to undo their guilty plea if that plea could have potential consequences under federal immigration law.

**Freight Container Burglary (SB 2193):** Clarifies that the burglary offense also includes freight containers on trains.

**Stalking Mental State (SB 2204):** Provides that a person commits stalking when he/she knowingly makes threats that are a part of a course of conduct and is aware of the threatening nature of his/her speech.

**Child Victim Privacy (SB 2339):** Allows the identity of any child who is a victim of a criminal sexual offense to be disclosed only if a court order is issued authorizing the disclosure of a particular case or particular cases records maintained by any circuit court.

**Adult Victim Privacy (SB 2340):** Restricts the identity of adult victims of alleged sex offenses that are contained in law enforcement agencies or all circuit court records maintained by any circuit clerk other than for certain authorized officials without a court order.

**IDOC Employment (SB 2249):** Prohibits the Illinois Department of Corrections from making possession of a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card a condition of continued employment for a Correctional Officer, under certain conditions. Provides DOC employees the same expedited appeal process for denied, revoked, or seized FOID Cards as is afforded to law enforcement.

**DCFS Ward Detention (SB 2370):** Requires if juveniles who are wards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services have been ordered detained, then there shall be subsequent hearings on a regular basis.

**Knowing Consent (SB 2567):** Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 and the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to prevent medical professionals from using consent as a defense when they have sexually assaulted a patient in a medical setting, stop defense counsel from obtaining separate copies of sexually exploitative images of children (child pornography), prohibit the taking of non-consensual recordings of intimate body parts outside of a victim's home, raises penalties for a new element of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, and allows for an investigation by the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) into instances where a minor is trafficked by someone who is not their parent, caregiver, or custodian.

**Dog Fighting (HB 168):** Allows the court to order those who have been convicted of two or more of the following animal offenses from owning, harboring, or having custody or control of any other animals: a violation of aggravated cruelty; a violation of animals for entertainment; or a violation of dog fighting.

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- Requires person to person firearms transfers to be subject to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) at a federal licensed firearms dealer or through online validation by Illinois State Police using NICS.
- Requires a seller to provide a record of a private transfer of a firearm to an FFL within 10 days of sale. Caps the fee that the FFL may charge at no more than \$25. Requires FFLs to keep the record of transfer for 20 years. On the demand of a peace officer, transferees have to identify the FFL dealer maintaining the transfer record (penalty is a Class A misdemeanor).
- Requires Illinois State Police to establish a public database of all firearms that have been reported stolen to be checked prior to the transfer of any firearm to prevent the inadvertent transfer of stolen firearms.
- Creates the Prohibited Persons Portal for use by law enforcement, prosecutors, and the Attorney General.
- Tasks the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to conduct enforcement operations against those with revoked FOID Cards.
- Grants the FOID Card Review Board the authority to review appeals for FOID card denials rather than the Director of Illinois State Police.

**No-Contact Order (HB 734):** Allows for a permanent civil no-contact order in cases where a conviction for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse has been entered.

**Debt Collection Limits (HB 862):** Prohibits an action to collect a debt arising from a violation of a municipal ordinance to be filed more than seven years after the date of adjudication.

**HIV Transmission (HB 1063):** Deletes the provision criminalizing the intentional transmission of HIV.

**Sexual Assault Evidence (HB 1739):** Requires health care providers and law-enforcement officials working with victims of sexual assault to inform the victims about the Illinois State Police sexual assault evidence tracking system. Provides additional processes to safeguard crime victims, imposing additional obligations on State's Attorneys. Grants the Office of the Attorney General authority to investigate complaints relating to the violation of the rights of crime victims.

**No Contact Family Member (HB 1742):** Allows a family or household member of a victim of non-consensual sexual conduct or non-consensual sexual penetration to file a petition for a civil no contact order. However, the petition must include a statement that the victim has consented to the filing of the petition.

**Background Checks (HB 1765):** Prohibits law enforcement from conducting a background check on an individual solely because of their participation at an open, public meeting. Provides for certain exceptions for reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct or a reasonable suspicion of a threat to security at the meeting.

**Public Defender Task Force (HB 2427):** Creates the Public Defender Quality Defense Task Force to study the caseload of public defenders and determine the optimal caseload for public defenders in the state.



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**Corrections Release Info (HB 3235):** Requires the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide inmates certain information 45 days prior to their scheduled release. This would include information on obtaining ID cards, voter registration, job listings, housing, directory of State and local officials, and any other information that the DOC deems necessary to provide the committed person.

**Hate Crimes (HB 3262):** Adds various disorderly conduct offenses (false reporting) to the list of offenses that a person may bring a civil action for damages for in relation to a hate crime.

**Domestic Violence Task Force (HB 3317):** Creates the Domestic Violence Task Force to establish a consistent, uniform statewide system to protect victims and survivors of domestic violence, while holding offenders accountable.

**Criminal Justice Reform Trailer (HB 3443):** Amends the State Police Act, the Task Force on Constitutional Rights and Remedies Act, the Illinois Police Training Act, the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, the Uniform Crime Reporting Act, the Criminal Code of 2012, the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Unified Code of Corrections, and the Reporting of Deaths in Custody Act. Makes changes to Public Act 100-652 which was the omnibus criminal justice reform bill from lame-duck session concerning body cameras, use of force, chokeholds and Tasers, extends the timetable on some training mandates, and clarifies that you can arrest someone for obstructing without an underlying offense by separating resisting from obstructing.

**Opioid Overdose Reduction (HB 3445):** Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. In a provision concerning overdose and limited immunity, provides that specified violations must not serve as the sole basis of a violation of a person's pretrial release or furlough so long as the evidence for the violation was acquired as a result of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance in the event of an overdose.

**Corrections Referral Services (HB 3463):** Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to require the Illinois Department of Corrections to make known to inmates the various referral services available to them upon their release.

**Domestic Violence Hope Cards (HB 3485):** Requires the Supreme Court to implement a program to issue a Hope Card to the petitioner of a plenary order of protection for the petitioner to distribute to any individual who may need to be aware of the order. A Hope Card shall have the same effect as the underlying plenary order of protection.

**Juvenile Corrections Centers (HB 3513):** Requires the clerk of the court to forward all police reports for sex offenses allegedly committed by a minor committed to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Provides that all adult sentences shall run concurrent to any and all sentences under the Juvenile Court Act. Provides that the target release date for youth committed to DJJ as a Habitual Juvenile Offender or Violent Juvenile Offender under the Juvenile Court Act shall be extended by not less than 12 months rather than requiring commitment until age 21.





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**Defendant Closed Circuit (HB 3575):** Allows the Illinois Supreme Court or any circuit court to adopt rules permitting the use of videoconferencing in forensic mental health matters. Also creates a pilot program in two counties that would demonstrate tele-hearings in forensic mental health matters.

**Resentencing Motion (HB 3587):** Creates the Resentencing Task Force to study ways to reduce the prison population in Illinois from initiations of resentencing motions filed by incarcerated individuals, State's Attorneys, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the judicial branch.

**State Police (HB 3656):** Provides that drivers in any lane shall heed the warning of the visual signal, reduce the speed of the vehicle, proceed with due caution, maintain a safe speed for road conditions, be prepared to stop, and leave a safe distance until safely passed the stationary emergency vehicle. Creates and tasks the Move Over Early Warning Task Force with studying: 1.) the issue of violations of the provisions of the Code prescribing how to safely enter a highway construction zone, approach a disabled vehicle, and approach an authorized emergency vehicle; and 2.) new technologies and early warning systems in cellular phones and vehicles that alert the public to the presence of first responders and road safety hazards. Prescribes membership for the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall meet and present its report and recommendations, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly no later than Jan. 1, 2023.

**Corrections Medical Release (HB 3665):** Gives the Prisoner Review Board (PRB) discretion to grant early release to medically incapacitated and terminally ill patients.

**Grand Juror Oath (HB 3678):** Amends both the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and the Jury Act by changing the oath taken by grand jurors and deleting a duplicative provision concerning the oath taken by the foreman of a Grand Jury.

**Asset Forfeiture (HB 3762):** The Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is amended by deleting a provision that requires when the property seized for forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property has to immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are pending regarding the vehicle.

**Electric Turn Signal (HB 3854):** Provides that electric turn signal lamps shall not be flashed or left in the on position other than for indication of the driver's intention to turn a vehicle left or right, change lanes, or otherwise turn or maneuver a vehicle from a direct course of travel.

**Correctional Officer (HB 3895):** Makes sure the wellness program is open to all staff instead of just correctional officers and makes it so that the services provided to Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice and the Illinois Department of Corrections staff are on a voluntary basis instead of being mandatory.

## Education

**High-Cost Special Education Funding Commission (SB 517):** Amends the School Code to create the High-Cost Special Education Funding Commission for the purpose of making recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly for an alternative funding structure for high-cost special education students that is aligned to



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the principals of the evidence-based funding formula. The Commission is to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2021.

**Muhammad Ali Birthday (SB 564):** Amends the School Code to add Jan. 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali) to the list of commemorative holidays. Provides that the teaching of history of the United States shall include the contributions made to society by Americans of different faith practices, including but not limited to, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, Christian Americans, Hindu Americans, Sikh Americans, Buddhist Americans, and any other collective community of faith that has shaped America.

**School Report Cards (SB 633):** Amends the School Code to provide that beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the Illinois State Board of Education's school report card is required to include data on the number of incidents of violence that occurred on school grounds or during school-related activities and that resulted in an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or removal to an alternative setting.

**Absence, Truancy Policy (SB 605):** Amends the School Code to require each school district, charter school, or alternative school or any school receiving public funds to develop an absenteeism and truancy policy to be communicated to students and their parent or guardian on an annual basis. The absentee and truancy policy must be updated every two years and filed with the State Board of Education and the regional superintendent of schools.

**Local School Council (SB 652):** Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code to provide that if the number of members serving on a local school council falls below seven members due to vacancies, then four serving members of whom at least two are elected members of the local school council shall constitute a quorum for the sole purpose of convening a meeting to fill vacancies through appointments.

**Mandated School Playtime (SB 654):** Amends the School Code to provide that all public schools shall provide daily time (30 minutes) for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. Play time must allow unstructured play including organized games, but shall not include the use of computers, tablets, phones, or videos. It is encouraged to be held outdoors, but it may be held indoors in a space that promotes physical activity. All public schools are required to prohibit the withholding of play time as a disciplinary or punitive action, except when a student's participation in play time poses an immediate threat to the safety of the student or others.

**Bullying Restorative Measures (SB 673):** Provides that in regard to bullying prevention, "restorative measures" would include alternatives to exclusionary discipline that increase student accountability if the bullying is based upon religion, race, ethnicity, or any other category identified by the Human Rights Act.

**School Unused Food Program (SB 805):** Requires school districts to establish a food sharing plan for unused food with a focus on needy students. Each school district is to incorporate the plan into its local wellness policy. Requires the plan to be developed and supported jointly by the district's local health department.

**Educator Licensure (SB 808):** Amends the Educator Licensure Article of School Code to provide that with regard to licensure candidates being required to pass a teacher performance assessment, a candidate may not be required to submit test materials by video submission.



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**School Support Personnel (SB 812):** Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to make available on its Web site, not later than December 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the total number of personnel with a school support personnel endorsement, along with other information for each school district. Requires a school district (including Chicago Public Schools) to report the required information to the Illinois State Board of Education no later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter.

**Average Student Enrollment (SB 813):** Amends the School Code. Provides that in recognition of the impact of COVID-19, the definition of Average Student Enrollment (ASE) in the evidence-based formula shall be adjusted for calculations for fiscal years 2022 through 2024. For fiscal years 2022 through 2024, the enrollment used in the calculation of ASE representing the 2020-2021 school year shall be the greater of the enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year or the 2019-2020 school year.

**Mentoring Programs (SB 814):** Amends the School Code to establish new teacher and new principal mentoring programs. Provides that each new teacher induction and mentoring program under the grant program must align with the Illinois Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards set in administrative rule.

**School Dress Code (SB 817):** Provides that a school uniform or dress code policy adopted by a school board or local school council shall not include or apply to hairstyles, including hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture. Provides that a non-public elementary or secondary school registering with the State Board of Education must provide assurances that the school will not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture. The Act may be referred to as the Jett Hawkins Law.

**Sex Education Classes (SB 818):** Abolishes current sex-education standards in public schools and replaces them with new sex education guidelines written by outside advocacy groups. The new standards are for grades K-12. Requires a school, if it chooses to teach sex education, to abide by these new standards.

**Education Pillar Trailer (SB 820):** Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act to provide that beginning Jan. 1, 2022 (rather than July 1, 2022), children who receive early intervention services prior to their third birthday and are found eligible for an individualized education program and whose birthday falls between May 1 and Aug. 31 may continue to receive early intervention services until the beginning of the school year following their third birthday. Amends the School Code in a provision concerning accelerated placement to provide that for a student entering grade 12, the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in English language arts or mathematics shall be a dual credit course, an Advanced Placement course, or an International Baccalaureate course. Makes changes to the membership of the Whole Child Task Force.

**School Construction and Debt Limitation Exemptions (SB 1305):** Allows a school district meeting certain specifications to opt out of the portion of School Construction Law that requires school districts to get certification for the project from the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEEDs) Green Building Rating System. Amends the School Code to include debt limitation exceptions for Iroquois Community Unit School District 9 and Field Community Consolidated School District 3.

**Mental Health Excused Absence (SB 1577):** Provides that absence from school for cause by illness shall include the mental or behavioral health of a student for up to five days for which the child need not provide a medical note. The child shall be given the opportunity to make up any school work missed during the mental or



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behavioral health absence. After the second mental health day used, a student may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

**Financial Literacy Course (SB 1830):** Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code to provide that of the 2 years of social studies required to receive a high school diploma, one semester, or part of one semester, may include a financial literacy course beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Return to Work (SB 1989):** Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide that through June 30, 2023, (instead of June 30, 2021), an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing his/her retirement status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year.

**ISBE School Code (SB 2043):** Provides the Sick Leave Bank Act does not apply to the State Board of Education. Amends the School Code to make changes relating to ISBE's strategic plan, a State mandate report, a reading advisory group, school district and school report cards, the suspension and expulsion of students, licensure requirements for educators trained in other states or countries, chronic absenteeism in preschool children, physical fitness assessments, State reimbursement for transportation, and the Chicago Educational Facilities Task Force.

**Assessment, Learning Loss Prevention (SB 2088):** Provides that state policy advocates, early childhood administrators, and other stakeholders are included as members of the Illinois State Board of Education's committee relating to kindergarten assessment. Also adds, as a goal of the Whole Child Task Force, recommending legislation, policies, and practices to prevent learning loss in students during periods of suspension and expulsion, including, but not limited to, remote instruction. Adds one member who represents an organization representing regional offices of education to the membership of the Whole Child Task Force.

**School Board Training (SB 2109):** Requires school board members' leadership training (excluding Chicago Public Schools) to include trauma-informed practices for students and staff beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The training on trauma-informed practices for students and staff may be provided by an association established under the School Code for the purpose of training school board members or other qualified providers approved by the State Board of Education.

**Forensic Speech Elective (SB 2354):** Offers a forensic speech course (speech and debate) as an additional option to fulfill the elective graduation requirement. Also, provides that a forensic speech course used to satisfy one of the four years of required language arts classes may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.

**Educator Misconduct (SB 2357):** Provides that the notification regarding the dismissal or resignation of an individual holding a Professional Educator License as a result of abuse or neglect of a child must include the Illinois Educator Identification Number of the license holder and a brief description of the misconduct alleged. Provides that a homicide conviction is grounds for disqualification for educator licensure or suspension or revocation of a license.



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**Student Records (SB 2434):** Amends the Illinois School Students Records Act. Permits the release, transfer, and disclosure of student records under an intergovernmental agreement between overlapping elementary and high school districts.

**Polling Places (HB 4):** Amends the School Code. Permits student instruction to be received electronically under the school districts program for e-learning days when students are not present at school due to the school being used as a polling place. Provides that a school district shall pay its contractors that provide custodial, transportation or food services to the school, their regular rate of pay for the days that e-learning is required due to the school being used as a polling place.

**Parental Notification (HB 15):** Requires Chicago Public Schools to provide written notification to the parent or guardian of a student who commits an act of misconduct involving offensive touching, a physical altercation, or the use of violence. A school is to make reasonable attempts to provide a copy of any disciplinary report resulting from an investigation into a student's act of misconduct to the student's parent or guardian within two school days after the completion of the report.

**Teacher Evaluations (HB 18):** Amends the School Code to provide that with regard to teacher evaluations, no later than September 1, 2022, each school district (including Chicago Public Schools) must establish a teacher evaluation plan that ensures that each teacher in contractual continued service whose performance is rated as either "excellent" or "proficient" is evaluated at least once in the course of the 3 school years after receipt of the rating (rather than at least once in the course of every 2 school years) and establish an informal teacher observation plan that ensures that each teacher in contractual continued service whose performance is rated as either "excellent" or "proficient" is informally observed at least once in the course of the 2 school years after receipt of the rating. Extends the sunset of the Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee to June 30, 2024.

**Sexting (HB 24):** Requires sex education classes in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> to include age-appropriate discussion about sexting that includes the following: possible consequences of sharing sexualized media; identification of situations in which bullying or harassment may result; possible long-term legal, social, academic, and other consequences that may result from possessing sexual content; importance of using the Internet safely and how sexting may pose a risk on the Internet; individuals in school who may be contacted for assistance; and strategies for resisting peer pressure and communicating in a positive manner.

**Website Accessibility Guidelines (HB 26):** Provides that to ensure that the content available on an Internet web or web service of a school district is accessible to persons with disabilities, school districts must require that the Internet website or web service comply with Level AA of the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 or any revised version of those guidelines.

**Special Education Services (HB 40):** Provides that a student whose 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday occurs during the school year is eligible for special education services through the end of the school year.

**In-State Facility (HB 41):** Provides that prior to the placement of a child in an out-of-state special education residential facility, a school district, Illinois placing agency, or court must refer to the child or the child's parent or guardian the option to place the child in a special education residential facility located within this State that



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provides treatment and services comparable to those provided by the out-of-state facility, if any. A school district, Illinois placing agency, or court is required to annually review the placement of a child in an out-of-state special education residential facility and to refer the option of placement in a comparable facility located within this State, if any.

**Anaphylactic Policy (HB 102):** Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health, shall establish an anaphylactic policy for school districts setting forth guidelines and procedures to be followed both for the prevention of anaphylaxis and during a medical emergency resulting from anaphylaxis. Provides the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services shall require each licensed daycare center, daycare home, and group daycare home to have a plan for anaphylactic shock to be followed for the prevention of anaphylaxis and during a medical emergency resulting from anaphylaxis.

**School Team Uniforms (HB 120):** Requires the governing board of each school district, public university, and community college to allow a student athlete to modify his/her team uniform for the purpose of modesty in clothing or attire that is in accordance with the requirements of his/her religion or his/her cultural values or modesty preferences.

**Hygiene Products (HB 156):** Provides that a school district shall make menstrual hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in bathrooms of every school building that are open for student use in grades 4 through 12 during the regular school day.

**Religious Fasting (HB 160):** Provides a student shall be excused from engaging in any physical activity components of a physical education course during a period of religious fasting if the student's parent or guardian notifies the school principal in writing that the student is participating in religious fasting.

**Excused Absences (HB 169):** Provides that a child may be absent from a public school because of religious reasons, including the observance of a religious holiday or participation in religious instruction. Also provides that a district superintendent shall develop and distribute to schools appropriate procedures regarding a student's absence for religious reasons, how schools are notified of a student's impending absence for religious reasons, and the requirements related to making up exams and coursework for the days or time the student was absent.

**Time Out and Restraint (HB 219):** Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education shall adopt rules governing the use of isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint in public schools and special education nonpublic facilities. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall create a grant program for school districts, special education nonpublic facilities, and special education cooperatives to implement school-wide, culturally sensitive, and trauma-informed practices, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and restorative practices within a multi-tiered system of support aimed at reducing the need for interventions, such as isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint. Mechanical restraint and chemical restraint are prohibited. Prone restraint is prohibited except when all specified conditions are satisfied including that the use of prone restraint occurs within the 2021-2022 school year.



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**Media Literacy (HB 234):** Provides that beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, every public high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy.

**Special Education Guide (HB 290):** Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation with the Illinois Department of Human Services, through school districts, shall provide to parents and guardians of students a copy of the Department of Human Services' guide titled "Understanding PUNS: A Guide to Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services" each year at the annual review meeting for the student's individualized education program.

**Asian American History (HB 376):** Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian American history beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

**Military Dependent Enrollment (HB 557):** Provides that if, at the time of enrollment, a dependent of United States military personnel is housed in temporary housing located outside of a school district (including Chicago Public Schools), but will be living within the district within six months (instead of within 60 days), the dependent must be allowed to enroll and must not be charged tuition.

**Mental Health Day (HB 576):** Amends the Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code. Provides that absence from school for cause by illness shall include the mental or behavioral health of a student for up to five days for which the child need not provide a medical note. The child shall be given the opportunity to make up any school work missed during the mental or behavioral health absence. After the second mental health day used, a student may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

**Youth Suicide Prevention (HB 577):** Amends the School Code. Makes changes to provisions regarding youth suicide prevention and awareness by adding some of the characteristics of students that are at an increased risk of suicide.

**Student ID Information (HB 597):** Requires each school district (including Chicago Public Schools) to provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and for the Crisis Text Line on the back of each student ID card issued by the district. If the school district does not issue student ID cards, the school district must publish this information on its website.

**Local School Councils (HB 1158):** Provides that beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the membership of the local school council for each secondary attendance center shall include three full-time student members (rather than one full-time student member).

**Substance Abuse Education (HB 1162):** Requires, in every public school maintaining grades kindergarten through 8, instruction, study, and discussion on effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse.

**ISD/ISVI Superintendents (HB 1710):** Amends the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Act. Requires the Superintendent of the Illinois School for the Deaf to have a degree in educational administration, together with



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at least 10 years of experience in either deaf or hard of hearing education, the administration of deaf or hard of hearing education, or a combination of the two. Requires the Superintendent of the Illinois School of the Visually Impaired to have a degree in educational administration, together with at least 10 years of experience in either blind or visually impaired education, or a combination of the two.

**School Counselors (HB 1719):** Replaces the terms “school guidance counselor” and “guidance counselor” with the term “school counselor” in the School Code, the Seizure Smart School Act, the College and Career Success for All Students Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, and the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

**School Units (HB 1725):** Requires trustees of schools in Class II county school units (Cook County) to maintain an Internet Web site on which specified information shall be available for public viewing. Requires township school treasurers in Class II county school units to submit to each school district that they serve, an investments report that includes specified information within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

**Suicide Prevention Info (HB 1778):** Provides that each school district that serves pupils in any of grades 6-12, and that issues an ID card to pupils shall provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988), the Crisis Text Line, and either the Safe2Help Illinois helpline or a local suicide prevention hotline or both on the ID card. The contact information shall be included in the school's student handbook and also the student planner if a student planner is custom printed by the school for distribution to pupils in any of grades 6 through 12.

**School Closure Hearings (HB 1785):** Provides that prior to closing a school building and unless a school building is unsafe, unsanitary, or unfit for occupancy and notice of condemnation has been served or notice is provided by a licensed entity able to determine the safety of a school building, the school board must hold at least three public hearings, the sole purpose of which shall be to discuss the decision to close a school building and to receive input from the community.

**Financial Audits (HB 1934):** Allows a regional office of education or educational service center to utilize a cash basis, modified cash basis, or generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements relative to the Illinois Auditor General’s annual financial audits of a regional superintendent of schools or educational service region. Requires audit reports to be published on the Auditor General’s Web site and distributed in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

**School Safety Drills (HB 2400):** Amends the School Safety Drill Act, and replaces references to “law enforcement drill” with “law enforcement lockdown drill” throughout the School Safety Drill Act. Provides lockdown drills must not include simulations that mimic an actual shooting incident or active shooter event. Requires schools to provide sufficient information and notification to parents and guardians in advance of any walk-through lockdown drill that involves the participation of students. Schools must also provide parents and guardians an opportunity to exempt their child for any reason from participating in the walk-through lockdown drill.

**Special Education Complaints (HB 2425):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that complaints concerning delays and denials of special education services in the 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 school year by the Chicago Public Schools system as a result of the adoption of policies and procedures





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identified by the Illinois State Board of Education as unlawful must be filed on or before Sept. 30, 2022 (rather than September 30, 2021).

**National Board Certified Teachers (HB 2438):** Requires the Illinois State Board of Education's school report cards to include the number of teachers who are National Board Certified Teachers disaggregated by race and ethnicity.

**Special Education Transition (HB 2748):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code to provide that if a student with an individualized education program (IEP) reaches the age of 22 during the time in which the student's in-person instruction, services, or activities are suspended for a period of 3 months or more during the school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the student is eligible for such services up to the end of the regular 2021-2022 school year, unless the student is no longer a resident of the school district that was responsible for the student's IEP at the time the student reached the student's 22nd birthday.

**Charter Schools Audit (HB 2795):** Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. With respect to a charter school's retention of an outside, independent contractor to audit the charter school's finances, provides that the contractor shall not be an employee of the charter school or affiliated with the charter school or its authorizer in any way, other than to audit the charter school's finances.

**Chicago School Board (HB 2908):** Amends the Election Code and the School Code. Provides for a hybrid Chicago school board beginning on Jan. 15, 2025. It shall consist of: 10 members appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council to serve two years (successors shall be elected); a president appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council to serve two years (with veto power); and 10 members elected by district to serve four-year terms. Beginning with the 2026 general election, the president shall be elected at large, but shall lack veto power.

**Chronic Truants (HB 3099):** Eliminates the requirement that the Chicago Board of Education establish an Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication. Instead, requires the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer's designee to implement a socio-emotional focused attendance approach that targets the underlying causes of chronic truancy.

**State Education Equity (HB 3114):** Creates the State Education Equity Committee within the State Board of Education and repeals the Advisory Council on At-Risk Students.

**Committee of Agriculturalists (HB 3178):** Amends the School Code, and makes changes to the Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education which currently advises the State Board on vocational agricultural education.

**Health Education E-Cigarettes (HB 3202):** Adds e-cigarettes and other vapor devices as one of the educational areas the Comprehensive Health Education Program must include.

**Student Rights (HB 3223):** Creates Article 26 in the School Code to provide a number of new rights to students that are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence. Creates the Ensuring Success in School Task Force.



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**Student Pregnancy (HB 3272):** Requires a school board to adopt written policies related to absences and missed homework or classwork assignments as a result of or related to a student's pregnancy.

**Naturalization Curriculum (HB 3281):** Provides that every public high school may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction about the process of naturalization.

**Sexual Abuse Policy (HB 3461):** Provides that by no later than July 1, 2022, a school district shall adopt and implement a policy addressing sexual abuse of children that shall (rather than may) include an age-appropriate and evidence-informed curriculum for students in grades PreK-12 (rather than PreK-5<sup>th</sup>).

**Location of Parent/Guardian (HB 3906):** Provides that the State Superintendent of Education may determine that the location of the parent or guardian of a student is unknown after considering information submitted from the school district that last enrolled the student or from the school or special education facility providing special education and related services to meet the needs of the student.

## Energy and Public Utilities

**Energy Assistance Program (SB 265):** Doubles fees on utility bills for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) energy assistance program (48 cents to 96 cents per month). States that the program cannot reject families based on immigration status.

**Public Utilities (SB 515):** Allows smaller private water companies to bid and purchase city water systems if the city agrees to the buyout (private water with 15,000 customers). Changes current law referred to as the American Water utility law in which large utilities pay cash to small city-owned water systems because of the poor financial health of the water system.

**Cell Tower Tracking (SB 2530):** Amends the Illinois Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that upon request of a law enforcement agency or a public safety answering point on behalf of a law enforcement agency, a wireless service provider shall provide call location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user to the requesting law enforcement agency or public safety answering point.

**Water Districts (SB 2663):** Amends the Public Water District Act. Provides that specified areas in Champaign County are annexed into the territory of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District on the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**Carbon Capture Study (HB 165):** Amends the University of Illinois Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in consultation with an intergovernmental advisory committee, must develop a report on potential for carbon capture, utilization, and storage as a climate mitigation technology throughout Illinois. The report must be filed with the Governor and General Assembly no later than Dec. 31, 2022. Provides that the report must provide an assessment of Illinois subsurface storage resources, state of readiness, and provide recommendations for policy and regulatory needs at the State level based on its findings.



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**Water Financial Assistance (HB 414):** Creates all new water assistance fees and programs for low-income families in Illinois. Adds a 20-cents per-month fee on water systems in Illinois. Criteria for assistance is 200 percent of federal poverty line.

**ICC Emergency Powers (HB 3113):** Provides that in specified war-like emergency times, the Illinois Commerce Commission may issue an interim order to authorize or require any public utility to curtail or discontinue service and otherwise regulate the furnishing of service in specified emergency circumstances, effective for a period not exceeding 45 days (rather than 15 days), if the circumstances do not reasonably permit the holding of a hearing.

**ARES and ARGAS Reporting (HB 3116):** Changes annual calendar dates for various reports that must be filed by alternative electric and alternative gas suppliers in Illinois.

**Pembroke Township Program (HB 3404):** Creates new pilot program for the distribution of grants for the construction of new natural gas pipelines and infrastructure. Creates new NICOR gas line in Kankakee County Township that now uses propane.

**Water Report (HB 3853):** Provides that the water rates report for the Lake Michigan service area of northeastern Illinois must be issued no later than Dec. 1, 2022. Provides that the water rates report for the remainder of Illinois must be issued no later than Dec. 1, 2023. Changes the repeal date of the water rates report provisions to Jan. 1, 2024.

## Environment and Conservation

**PFAS Reduction (SB 561):** Prohibits persons, local governments, fire departments, or state agencies from discharging or otherwise using for training or testing purposes any class B firefighting foam containing intentionally-added PFAS, which are man-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s. On and after Jan. 1, 2027, prohibits the knowing manufacture, sale, offering for sale, distribution for sale, or distribution for use of a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally-added PFAS.

**Coal Tar Sealant (SB 692):** Requires public schools and public school districts, and State agencies to disclose the use of a coal tar-based sealant or high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon sealant product.

**EPA Authority (SB 695):** Provides for a new sunset date of Dec. 31, 2026, for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's "fast-track" rulemaking authority to adopt regulations under the Federal Clean Air Act.

**Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Surface Impoundments (SB 1086):** Eliminates the acceptance of a permit issued by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency under Section 4005 of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act even if it is deemed an acceptable permit under Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

**Construction and Demolition (SB 1089):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires a 40 percent rate of construction and demolition debris that must be recycled. Requires construction and demolition facilities to



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sort drywall before material is processed. Prohibits construction and demolition facilities from taking in any material other than construction and demolition debris. Requires construction and demolition facilities to file regular reports with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Allows IEPA to issue administrative citations to construction and demolition facilities that are not following the law.

**Coal Plant Demolition (SB 1920):** Requires owners of former coal-fired power plants to provide notice to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and public of demolition activity 60 days prior to the event. Requires such owners to provide demolition plans to the IEPA.

**Portable Emissions Testing (SB 2563):** Requires the Department of Transportation to research and publish a report on diesel emission testing data by March 15, 2023. Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to issue 12-month permits to portable emissions testing companies if the companies: pay a \$10 fee; file an application; provide proof of the experience, training, and ability necessary to conduct testing; provide proof of approved testing equipment; and provide bond of \$1,000.

**EPA Groundwater Monitoring (HB 653):** Amends the Illinois Environmental Protection Act. Raises the fees on the owners/operators of clean construction and demolition debris fill operations.

**Radon Sampling (HB 713):** Provides that all electronic radon detection devices sold in this State to radon contractors, must be calibrated to ensure the accuracy and precision of their measurements of radon and radon progeny.

**Recycling Activities (HB 2785):** Makes corresponding changes throughout the statute of the transfer of various powers, duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Office of Energy and Recycling under the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

**PFA Disposal (HB 3190):** Provides that the disposal by incineration of aqueous film-forming foam that contains any perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFA) substance is prohibited in Illinois. Provides that disposal by incineration of any perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance, including, but not limited to, aqueous film forming foam (rather than disposal by incineration of aqueous film-forming foam that contains any perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance), is prohibited in Illinois.

**CCR Training (HB 3783):** Provides that no person shall construct, install, modify, or close a coal combustion residual (CCR) surface impoundment in accordance with a permit issued under the Act without certifying to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that all contractors, subcontractors, and installers utilized to construct, install, modify, or close a CCR surface impoundment are participants in specified training programs.

**Conservation Task Force (HB 3928):** Creates the Illinois Thirty-by-Thirty Conservation Task Force Act. Provides that the Task Force shall hold listening sessions regarding ways in which Illinois can protect 30 percent of its land and water resources by 2030. Provides that the Task Force shall hold a minimum of three separate listening sessions in geographically distinct areas of the State.



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## Executive

**Youth Vaping/Cigarettes (SB 512):** Creates the Preventing Youth Vaping Act and amends other acts to further regulate the sale of vaping products and limit youth access to such devices.

**Public Labor Relations (SB 525):** Amends the Public Labor Relations Act. Amends the definitions of "confidential employee," "managerial employee," and "supervisor" to specify that confidential/managerial/supervisor employee status determinations shall be based upon actual duties and not solely on written job descriptions. Specifies under which conditions a unit clarification petition may be filed. Permits labor agreements to extend 12 months after a constitutional officer takes office (instead of until June 30). Provides that the prohibition on collective bargaining agreements including wage, salary, benefit increases from the assumption of office by a constitutional officer until June 30 does not apply to automatic pay increases/schedules/etc. that maintain the status quo.

**Court Clerks (SB 583):** Specifies that receipts, obligations, and use of public funds by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County are public records subject to public inspection. Specifies that clerks of court shall, rather than may, accept credit card payment over the Internet for fines, penalties, and court costs. For purposes of calculating community service toward the payment of a court assessment, one hour of community service shall be worth \$10 (currently, \$4).

**Illinois Way Forward Act (SB 667):** Creates the Illinois Way Forward Act amending the Illinois TRUST Act and the VOICES Act. Sets guidelines for local and state law enforcement in areas of civil immigration enforcement. Specifies conditions under which local police are prohibited from collaborating with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on civil immigration enforcement. Creates a rebuttable presumption of cooperation for applicants for certification as victims of qualifying criminal activity. Provides for the Attorney General to investigate law enforcement for violations of the act.

**Park District Land (SB 740):** Allows the Village of Bensenville to sell up to 125 acres of the White Pines Golf Course owned by the Bensenville Park District if the sale meets specified conditions.

**Higher Education Funding (SB 815):** Creates the Commission on Equitable Higher Education Funding in order to recommend specific data-driven criteria and approaches to the General Assembly to adequately, equitably, and stably fund public universities in Illinois and to evaluate the existing funding methods used for public universities. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly starting no later than Oct. 15, 2021. The Commission shall deliver a report to the General Assembly on the Commission's recommendations no later than July 1, 2023.

**Education Pillar Trailer (SB 820):** Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act to provide that beginning Jan. 1, 2022 (rather than July 1, 2022), children who receive early intervention services prior to their third birthday and are found eligible for an individualized education program and whose birthday falls between May 1 and Aug. 31 may continue to receive early intervention services until the beginning of the school year following their third birthday. Amends the School Code in a provision concerning accelerated placement to provide that for a student entering grade 12, the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in English language arts or



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mathematics shall be a dual credit course, an Advanced Placement course, or an International Baccalaureate course. Makes changes to the membership of the Whole Child Task Force.

**Election Omnibus (SB 825):** Amends the Election Code making various changes including:

- Changes the 2022 primary date to June 28.
- Permits counties to use American Community Survey (ACS) data, instead of census data, for reapportionment in 2021.
- Extends the time period that county boards have to complete the reapportionment of county boards to December 31 (2021 only).
- Permits candidates/officeholders to use campaign funds for child or dependent care if the care is reasonably necessary for public or political purposes.
- Permits voters to apply to be put on a permanent vote-by-mail list; requires election authorities to notify all qualified voters of the option to be put on the permanent vote-by-mail list.
- Requires the State Board of Elections to prepare legislation to establish a procedure to send vote by mail ballots electronically and to enable voters with disabilities to independently and privately mark a ballot using assistive technology.

**Construction and Demolition (SB 1089):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires a 40 percent rate of construction and demolition debris that must be recycled. Requires construction and demolition facilities to sort drywall before material is processed. Prohibits construction and demolition facilities from taking in any material other than construction and demolition debris. Requires construction and demolition facilities to file regular reports with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Allows IEPA to issue administrative citations to construction and demolition facilities that are not following the law.

**COVID-19 Testing for Nursing Home Employees (SB 1096):** Effective January 1, 2022, eliminates the mandate that insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for routine COVID testing to nursing home employees.

**Project Labor Agreement (SB 1360/PA 102-0013):** Requires a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with local labor unions to receive an owner's license under the Illinois Gaming Act. States that, for any pending application before the Gaming Board, an applicant must provide proof of compliance within 30 days of this legislation becoming law. Prohibits the Gaming Board from awarding any owners license without compliance of the PLA.

**Cairo Port District (SB 1770):** Amends the Forestry Cooperative Agreement Act. Provides that the special forestry protection provisions of this Act does not apply to construction activities at facilities of property located within six miles of the Ohio River and the Mississippi River and covered by the Alexander-Cairo Port District Act.

**Juneteenth State Holiday (SB 1965):** Provides that June 19 of each calendar year be observed as a state holiday known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day." *(This is a duplicative bill to HB 3922, which was signed into law.)*

**VOICES (SB 2079):** Amends the Voices of Immigrant Communities Empowering Survivors (VOICES) Act. Requires state officials, if they deny an application for an individual to be certified as a victim of a qualifying criminal



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activity for immigration purposes, to inform the applicant and permit the applicant 30 business days to appeal the decision. Permits applicants to file for mandamus action or seek other relief in court prior to filing an administrative appeal or other administrative relief.

**IDOC Employment (SB 2249):** Prohibits the Illinois Department of Corrections from making possession of a Firearm Owner’s Identification (FOID) Card a condition of continued employment for a Correctional Officer, under certain conditions. Provides DOC employees the same expedited appeal process for denied, revoked, or seized FOID Cards as is afforded to law enforcement.

**Portable Emissions Testing (SB 2563):** Requires the Department of Transportation to research and publish a report on diesel emission testing data by March 15, 2023. Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to issue 12-month permits to portable emissions testing companies if the companies: pay a \$10 fee; file an application; provide proof of the experience, training, and ability necessary to conduct testing; provide proof of approved testing equipment; and provide bond of \$1,000.

**Conditional Permanent Residents (SB 2662):** Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act to treat conditional permanent residents the same as permanent residents, so that conditional permanent residents’ IDs are no longer “limited term” IDs.

**Polling Places (HB 4):** Amends the School Code. Permits student instruction to be received electronically under the school districts program for e-learning days when students are not present at school due to the school being used as a polling place. Provides that a school district shall pay its contractors that provide custodial, transportation or food services to the school, their regular rate of pay for the days that e-learning is required due to the school being used as a polling place.

**State Agency Certification (HB 132):** Requires the Business Enterprise Program, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, to accept minority-owned and women-owned business certifications by the City of Chicago, Cook County, or other entities approved by the Business Enterprise Council, provided that the certifying entities have more stringent certification requirements than those required under the Business Enterprise Program.

**Health Care, Human Services Reforms (HB 158):** Omnibus healthcare and human services reform bill. Many of the provisions that call for spending increases are subject to funding availability or subject to appropriation.

Legislative highlights include:

- Medicaid coverage for a new class of healthcare workers: Community Health Workers.
- Medicaid coverage for doula and home-visiting services for the prenatal, pregnancy and 12-month postnatal periods.
- \$630 inpatient psychiatric rate per diem for psychiatric hospitals.
- \$50 million pool of funding for safety-net hospitals to maintain perinatal designation.
- Requires implicit bias training for virtually every type of healthcare provider for license registration and renewals.



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- Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention language. Raises threshold of limited immunity for someone seeking emergency care for an overdose.
- Creates the Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study Act to identify high-violence communities.
- Creates the Sickle Cell Prevention, Care and Treatment Grant Program.
- Creates the Medicaid Business Opportunity Commission to support women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with developmental disabilities.
- Creates the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Commission and authorizes it to impose financial penalties on managed care organizations.
- Creates the Behavioral Health Workforce Education Center of Illinois Act to address the behavioral health workforce crisis and to coordinate a role for workforce, research and planning.

**Personal Needs Allowance (HB 292):** Provides that residents of Community Integrated Living Arrangements who are eligible for Public Aid shall retain all earned income, beginning July 1, 2021. Expands the program for no-bid contracts with not-for-profit agencies that provide employment for persons with significant disabilities to not-for-profit agencies that provide employment for persons with disabilities or mental health challenges.

**Procurement Leases (HB 355):** Permits the state to amend property leases to reduce its leased square footage if operational requirements no longer require the full space. Leases can be amended regardless of the procurement or source selection.

**Immigrant Youth (HB 369):** Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the Probate Act of 1975. Provides that an unmarried youth (ages 18-20) may consent to the appointment of a guardian or the continuation of a guardianship after the age of 18. A petition for guardianship may be filed by anyone over 21. If the minor consents, the court shall appoint the petitioner as a guardian.

**Property Tax Vendors (HB 453):** Requires taxing districts with an aggregate property tax levy of more than \$5 million to make a good-faith effort to collect and publish data from all the vendors and subcontractors doing business with the taxing district on whether: the vendors are minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned businesses; the vendors or subcontractors are certified as such or if they are self-certifying; if self-certifying, whether they are small businesses.

**EPA Groundwater Monitoring (HB 653):** Amends the Illinois Environmental Protection Act. Raises the fees on the owners/operators of clean construction and demolition debris fill operations.

**Alzheimer's Scratch-off (HB 848):** Amends the Illinois Lottery Law. Extends the sunset date of the Alzheimer's scratch-off from Jan. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1, 2025.

**HIV Transmission (HB 1063):** Deletes the provision criminalizing the intentional transmission of HIV.

**Firearms Restraining Orders (HB 1092):** Expands the Firearms Restraining Order Act. Expands the list of family members who can file such a petition to include former spouses and people who have or allegedly have a child with the subject of the restraining order. Applies firearm restraining orders (FRO) to more than just firearms so





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that a court could also prohibit someone from purchasing or owning ammunition and weapon parts. Would allow a FRO petition to be filed in any county where an alleged incident occurred involving the subject of the order where they posed a danger by owning a gun. Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to promote awareness of firearm restraining orders, especially in relation to instances of domestic violence and mental health crises.

**Cannabis Licensing Updates (HB 1443):** Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, and the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act. Provides for additional social-equity licenses and the relocation of existing adult-use cannabis dispensaries.

**ISD/ISVI Superintendents (HB 1710):** Amends the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Act. Requires the Superintendent of the Illinois School for the Deaf to have a degree in educational administration, together with at least 10 years of experience in either deaf or hard of hearing education, the administration of deaf or hard of hearing education, or a combination of the two. Requires the Superintendent of the Illinois School of the Visually Impaired to have a degree in educational administration, together with at least 10 years of experience in either blind or visually impaired education, or a combination of the two.

**School Units (HB 1725):** Requires trustees of schools in Class II county school units (Cook County) to maintain an Internet Web site on which specified information shall be available for public viewing. Requires township school treasurers in Class II county school units to submit to each school district that they serve, an investments report that includes specified information within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

**Sexual Assault Evidence (HB 1739):** Requires health care providers and law-enforcement officials working with victims of sexual assault to inform the victims about the Illinois State Police sexual assault evidence tracking system. Provides additional processes to safeguard crime victims, imposing additional obligations on State's Attorneys. Grants the Office of the Attorney General authority to investigate complaints relating to the violation of the rights of crime victims.

**DCEO Innovation Voucher (HB 1855):** Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Authorizes that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish the Illinois Innovation Voucher Program to foster research and development and the creation of new products and services. The department may award innovation vouchers to eligible businesses to offset a portion of expenses incurred through a collaborative research engagement with an Illinois institution of higher education.

**Voting Reforms (HB 1871/ PA 102-0001):** Permits the Illinois State Board of Elections to make remaining Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds available to election authorities for the maintenance of secure collection sites for the return of absentee ballots. Permits election authorities to establish curb-side voting locations designating at least two judges (from opposite parties) per vehicle. Requires election authorities to accept any absentee ballot returned, even if it has insufficient or no postage. Election authorities with drop-off sites must collect all



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ballots at the close of business each day and note the date the ballot is received. Ballots dropped off after the close of business on Election Day shall be considered as having been received on Election Day.

**Autism Acceptance Day (HB 1954):** Designates the first full week of April of each year as Autism Acceptance Week.

**Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection (HB 2408):** Creates the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. Requires the inspection and testing of HVAC fire and smoke dampers to be conducted by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and accredited to comply with requirements by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or another nationally recognized certifying body.

**Suburban Mass Transit (HB 2413):** Provides for the discontinuance of the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District on Jan. 1, 2021.

**Cannabis Taxes (HB 2415/ PA 102-0002):** Provides that if a county passed an ordinance imposing a recreational cannabis sales tax on or before Oct. 1, 2020, and filed a certified copy of the ordinance with the Illinois Department of Revenue on or before Nov. 1, 2020, the Illinois Department of Revenue will begin to collect the tax on May 1, 2021.

**Unfair Labor Practices (HB 2521):** Amends the Public Labor Relations Act and the Educational Labor Relations Act. Permits public-sector workers to indicate interest in a representation petition electronically. Creates additional unfair labor practices: to threaten or take action to permanently replace an employee who participates in a lawful strike; to discriminate against an employee who is working or has unconditionally offered to return to work for the employer because the employee supported or participated in a lawful strike; and to lockout, suspend, or otherwise withhold employment from employees in order to influence the position of the employees or such representatives of employees in collective bargaining prior to a lawful strike.

**Procurement Reform (HB 2567):** Makes numerous changes to the Procurement Code, the Human Rights Act, and the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act, the Procurement Code, and the Commission to End Hunger Act. Provides that the Department of Human Rights, by rule, shall establish a reasonable opportunity to cure any noncompliance with the Human Rights Act's requirements for public contractors. Mandates that all small purchases of \$50,000 or more (on an annual basis) be accompanied by Standard Illinois Certifications. Provides that contracts with an annual value of \$100,000 or less that are awarded through an exemption to the Procurement Code (i.e. are not subject to competitive bidding) are not subject to public posting in the appropriate procurement bulletin. Extends the sunset on the design-build and the design-bid-build contracting provisions to 2024. Allows public institutions of higher learning to renew contracts for vendors that failed to meet utilization goals if the vendors are making good faith effort to do so. Repeals the establishing language for the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council (defunct) and makes related changes.

**Marriage Certificates (HB 2590):** Requires county clerks to issue a new marriage certificate upon the receipt of legal documentation indicating that one of the parties on the certificate has changed his/her name. The certificate shall reflect the name change and bear no additional markings.



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**Procurement Code Exemption (HB 2616):** Exempts acquisitions for repairs, modifications, and replacement parts for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services that provide reasonable accommodations for the following purposes from competitive bidding and other provisions of the Procurement Code: 1.) that enable individuals with disabilities to apply for state employment; 2.) that modify the work environment to enable individuals with disabilities from performing the functions of a job; 3.) that enable current employees with disabilities to enjoy equal benefits and privileges as other employees; 4.) that permit members of the public to fully utilize and enjoy the state’s programs, services, and benefits.

**Liquor Omnibus (HB 2620):** Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides for brewer to-go and curbside sales. Requires brewer production reports. Creates “beer showcase permits” for special-event beer sales. Provides for cooperative purchasing agreements. Specifies that retailers that purchase wine or spirits from other retailers shall only be subject to warnings for the first two violations within a 12-month period. Permits a retailer to transfer wine and spirits to another licensed location owned by the licensee. Creates a new class 3 brewer license to permit brew pubs to self-distribute. Permits licensees to obtain licenses for and manufacture more than one type of liquor within the same manufacturing tier. Specifically, permits self- distributors to distribute multiple types of liquor (up to 25,000 gallons of wine/year, 930,000 gallons of beer/year, and 50,000 gallons of spirits/year). Sets/adjust fees for first-class wine manufacturers, first-class wine-maker, class 3 brewers, and beer showcase permits. Includes mead-sale provisions. Includes liquor stocking/merchandising provisions.

**Housing (HB 2621):** Provides for a COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program. Extends the Illinois Tax Credit for Affordable Housing Donations. Provides for a reduced assessed value program for new/refurbished affordable housing hunts. Requires non-exempt local governments to hold a public hearing for adoption and revisions of Affordable Housing Plans. Makes changes to the assessment process in Cook County for housing funded by the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

**Changes to Illinois Department of Employment Security (HB 2643):** Places restrictions on the disclosure of social security numbers. Extends special COVID-19 unemployment provisions until September 4, 2021 (expired December 31, 2020). Requires individuals who incorrectly received unemployment benefits to be served notice of their appeal rights prior to any recoupment. Provides for the permanent waiver of such recoupment if specified conditions are met.

**Public Defender (HB 2790):** Provides that the Cook County Public Defender, with the concurrence of the county board, may act as attorney to noncitizens in immigration cases. Such representation shall be limited to cases arising in immigration courts located within the geographical boundaries of Cook County unless the board authorizes the public defender to provide representation outside the county.

**Illinois Constitution Day (HB 2834):** Provides that Aug. 26 of each year be designated as “Illinois Constitution Day,” to commemorate Aug. 26, 1818, the day Illinois ratified its first State Constitution.

**COVID Emergency Housing (HB 2877/PA 102-0005):** Creates the Covid-19 Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program Act. Implements an emergency rental assistance program, provides for the sealing on all residential evictions, and enacts a stay on all foreclosure proceedings.



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**Veterans Gardening Day (HB 2894):** Provides that the first Saturday in May of each year be observed as Veterans Gardening Day, in honor and remembrance of veterans.

**Chicago School Board (HB 2908):** Amends the Election Code and the School Code. Provides for a hybrid Chicago school board beginning on Jan. 15, 2025. It shall consist of: 10 members appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council to serve two years (successors shall be elected); a president appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council to serve two years (with veto power); and 10 members elected by district to serve four-year terms. Beginning with the 2026 general election, the president shall be elected at large, but shall lack veto power.

**Medical Cannabis in Park Districts (HB 3139):** Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Permits participants in a park-district program for persons with disabilities to receive medical-cannabis infused products on the park district's premises.

**Health Education E-Cigarettes (HB 3202):** Adds e-cigarettes and other vapor devices as one of the educational areas the Comprehensive Health Education Program must include.

**Dream Resources (HB 3438):** Requires public universities and community colleges to, beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year, designate an employee as an "undocumented student resource liaison" to provide assistance to undocumented students and mixed status students in streamlining access to financial aid and academic support, including to successfully matriculate. A liaison must be available at each campus.

**IEMA Cyber Attack (HB 3523):** Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Expands the definition of disaster to include "cyber incidents."

**Car-Sharing Program (HB 3712):** Regulates insurance for car-sharing programs. Provides that a car-sharing program shall assume liability for a shared-vehicle owner during the car-sharing period. The car-sharing program must ensure that, during the car-sharing period, both the shared-vehicle owner and the shared-vehicle driver are insured for liability.

**Fire Sprinkler Licensing (HB 3714):** Updates and makes changes to the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Delays the requirement to inspect and test fire sprinkler systems an individual must hold NICET Level III certification to Jan. 1, 2023 (currently, Jan. 1, 2022).

**IDOT Seasonal Employment (HB 3716):** Provides that veterans shall be preferred for employment with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the position of snow removal operator and winter salaried highway maintainer under the Department's Winter Seasonal Employment Program.

**Lead Service-Line Replacement (HB 3739):** Requires owners/operators of community water supplies to replace lead service lines. Provides timelines for inventories, plans, and replacements. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to establish a low-income water assistance program.



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**Telecom Updates (HB 3743/PA 102-0009):** Provides for a major rewrite and extensive updates of Telecommunications law. Extends telecommunication sunset dates. Broadens the definition to “public work” to make more telecommunication contractors subject to prevailing wage. Modifies provisions governing Next Gen 9-1-1 and 5G coverage.

**State Police Fund Transfer (HB 3811):** Amends the Illinois Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code, the State Finance Act, and other acts. Dissolves the Over Dimensional Load Police Escort Fund and transfers its remaining balance to the State Police Operations Assistance Fund. Dissolves the Firearm Dealer License Certification Fund and transfers its remaining balance to the State Police Firearm Services Fund. Dissolves the State Offender DNA Identification System Fund and transfers its remaining balance to the State Crime Laboratory Fund. Dissolves the State Police Vehicle Maintenance Fund and transfers the remaining balance to the State Police Vehicle Fund.

**State Holiday Juneteenth (HB 3922/PA 102-0014):** Provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the state.

**Vehicle Franchise Warranty (HB 3940):** Changes the manner in which dealers are reimbursed by manufacturers. Provides that manufacturers must pay a dealer no less than the amount a retail customer pays the dealer for the same services. Authorizes the use of agreed-upon time guides. Requires the manufacturer to pay each dealer no less than the amount a retail customer pays for the same services and for the effective labor rate, including diagnoses times and warranty repairs. Applies to warranty work and factory recall.

**Circuit Court Clerk Regulation (HB 3956):** Allows a clerk or deputy clerk of a circuit court to draft or prepare documents required or authorized by statute or Supreme Court order (rather than “by law required, or by some statute authorized”).

## Financial Institutions

**State Moneys (SB 653):** Amends the Deposit of State Moneys Act to update how a financial institution can become an approved State depository and defines what entities are considered to be a financial institution.

**Banking Emergency (SB 2360):** Amends the Banking Emergency Act to provide that on a day when a bank or one of its offices must close due to an emergency or impending emergency, the day shall be deemed a legal holiday with respect to any banking business to reduce liability.

**College Savings Programs (HB 741):** Changes the College Savings Pool by updating and clarifying provisions related to the Bright Start and Bright Directions College Savings Programs and recent federal changes allowing 529 College Savings Accounts to be used for apprenticeship program expenses.

**Collection Agency Fees (HB 1803):** Provides that any fees collected under the Collection Agency Act are to be deposited into the Financial Institution Fund rather than the General Professions Fund. Upon becoming law, the



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Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may transfer any fees collected under this Act from the General Professions Fund to the Financial Institutions Fund.

**Illinois Credit Unions (HB 3698):** Allows credit unions to serve targeted populations in addition to investment areas. Also, authorizes credit unions to meet virtually, appoint associate directors, and to meet quarterly rather than monthly. A credit union can loan or invest up to 6 percent, rather than 3 percent, into a credit union service organization.

## Healthcare Access and Availability

**Acute Net Safety Net Hospital Reestablishment (SB 168/PA 102-0003):** Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. Permits an acute care safety net hospital discontinued between 1/1/2019 and 1/31/2020 to be reestablished, so long as the party seeking to do so commits to invest \$20,000,000.

**Non-Transplant Organ Donation (SB 363):** Establishes a task force on best practices and licensing of non-transplant organ donation organizations to report on national standards for licensing and regulation of these organizations.

**Prescription Monitoring Program (SB 1842):** Authorizes the Prescription Monitoring Program to issue an unsolicited report to the prescribers and dispensers informing them of potential medication shopping, when a person has been identified as having five or more prescribers, or five or more pharmacies that do not utilize a common electronic file for controlled substances within the course of a six-month period.

**Department on Aging Fact Sheet (HB 32):** Provides that, on an annual basis, requires each recipient of home-delivered meals to receive a fact sheet developed by the Illinois Department on Aging with a current list of toll free numbers to access various information on health conditions, elder abuse and programs for persons 60 years of age and older.

**Healthy Illinois Survey (HB 3504):** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to administer an annual survey, named the Healthy Illinois Survey. The survey shall include interviews of a sample of State residents such that statistically reliable data for every county, ZIP code groupings within more highly populated counties and cities, suburban Cook County municipalities, and Chicago community areas can be developed, as well as statistically reliable data on racial, ethnic, gender, age, and other demographic groups of State residents important to inform health equity goals.

**Income Eligibility Threshold (HB 3620):** Increases income eligibility threshold for child care assistance from 185 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 200 percent of the FPL.

**Fair Patient Billing (HB 3803):** Requires a hospital to proactively offer information on charity care options available to uninsured patients, regardless of their immigration status or residency.



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**Student Aid Forms (SB 63):** Requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to ensure that every youth in care entering their final year of high school has completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form or a State financial aid form between Oct. 1 and Nov. 1 of that year. Requires DCFS to assist youth in identifying and obtaining all documents necessary to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form.

**Medicaid Eligibility (SB 100):** Requires a person who uses spend-down to qualify for Medicaid to be provided up to six consecutive months to submit and have medical receipts and have bills processed by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as evidence of payment of the person's monthly spend-down amount before becoming ineligible.

**DCFS Annual Reports (SB 106):** Requires additional information in the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth in Care Annual Reports. Requires DCFS to post the annual report on its Web site.

**Long-Term Care Wage (SB 110):** Places a floor on the local Long-Term Care wage adjustor into statute, which would hypothetically increase the amount of money available to certain rural nursing home providers.

**Education Stipend Program (SB 136):** Requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to establish the Child Welfare Education Stipend Pilot Program for a period of six academic years.

**School Dental Program (SB 346):** By January 1, 2022, HFS is required to administer and regulate a school-based dental program that allows for the out-of-office delivery of preventative dental services in a school setting to children under 19 years of age.

**Youth Vaping/Cigarettes (SB 512):** Creates the Preventing Youth Vaping Act and amends other acts to further regulate the sale of vaping products and limit youth access to such devices.

**Tobacco Compliance Checks (SB 555):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Human Services may conduct compliance checks on tobacco and vape retailers to ensure that they are not selling tobacco products to individuals younger than the legal age of 21.

**Unused Medication (SB 579):** Allows hospital patients, particularly those who had eye surgery, to be offered the unused portion of the eye drops that they were prescribed in the hospital for use at home.

**Juvenile Court (SB 651):** Sets timelines in statute governing how long a court can take to transfer, and receive, a child protection case moving from one county court to another.

**Pregnancy/Postpartum Healthcare (SB 967):** Provides that Medicaid and insurance plans cover various specified pregnancy and postpartum health services associated with reducing the rate of maternal mortality.



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**COVID-19 Testing for Nursing Home Employees (SB 1096):** Effective January 1, 2022, eliminates the mandate that insurers and health maintenance organizations provide coverage for routine COVID testing to nursing home employees.

**Non-Emergency Transportation (SB 1740):** Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to approve licensed providers of non-emergency medi-car and service car transportation to have in-house safety programs for training their own staff if they meet established HFS training components.

**Community Benefits (SB 1840):** Provides that the Act now applies to all nonprofit and public hospitals licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act. Also provides that the Attorney General shall post relevant information pertaining to the financial information on charity care to the Office's Web site.

**Children Meals (SB 1846):** Amends the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to create a new Section for "default beverages for children's meals" sold at restaurants. Requires restaurants to include certain beverages with offered children's meals, by default. Imposes penalties and fees to be paid by the restaurant for noncompliance. Prohibits added sweeteners for the water and sparking water beverage option.

**Abused and Neglected Children (SB 1904):** Expands the types of unfounded reports that can be admitted in Juvenile Court proceedings to those that involve members of the child's household, in addition to reports involving the same child, a sibling of the child or the same perpetrator. Also requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to notify the parties to the case of its final finding if an investigation was pending when the case was screened in to court.

**Smoke Evacuation System (SB 1908):** Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act, the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, and the Hospital Licensing Act. Requires facilities under these acts to adopt policies to ensure the elimination of surgical smoke plume by use of a surgical smoke plume evacuation system for each procedure that generates surgical smoke plume.

**HFS Federal Funding (SB 1977):** Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to apply for all federal funding to promote community inclusion for persons with disabilities, regardless of age.

**Cottage Foods (SB 2007):** Allows the sale of cottage foods directly to consumers through online purchases, pick up or delivery, and at an expanded list of venues outside of the traditional farmers markets. Also expands the list of foods that can be sold by cottage food operators to include fermented or acidified foods, as well as buttercream.

**Visitation Plan Policies (SB 2137):** Changes the structure of visitation plan policies at long-term care facilities, and requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to adopt rules regarding a long-term care facility's Internet access and subsequent Internet barriers in relation to a resident's visitation plan.

**Nurse Staffing Improvement (SB 2153):** Creates the Nurse Staffing Improvement Act, which modifies various acts to better engage nurses in the hospital staffing process and address the long-standing issues surrounding nurse shortages in Illinois.





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**DCFS Baggage (SB 2177):** Requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to ensure youth in care have appropriate baggage for belongings when moving through the system.

**Psychotropic Medications (SB 2265):** Provides that informed consent is only necessary if the dosage of a psychotropic medication is being increased. Also allows for a dispensing pharmacist for a facility to discuss the medication with the resident to obtain informed consent.

**Nursing Home Rules (SB 2270):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health shall file with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office proposed rules or proposed amendments to existing rules to certify nursing homes or distinct self-contained units within existing nursing homes for the behavioral management of persons with a high risk of aggression no later than Jan. 1, 2022.

**Medicaid Omnibus (SB 2294):** Makes several changes to Medicaid. Requires long acting injectable medications administered for mental health disorder in the hospital inpatient setting to be reimbursed separately by Medicaid at the prevailing fee schedule. Requires hospitals and the MCO's to implement a reimbursement policy and prior authorization criteria by rule. Mandates Medicaid coverage for chiropractic services including but not limited to chiropractic manipulative services. Requires Medicaid coverage for immunosuppressive drugs and related services associated with post-kidney transplant management for noncitizens.

**DCFS Transportation (SB 2323):** Prohibits the use of restraints for youth in care during transportation services provided by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or its contractual assigns. Also requires DCFS to prepare individualized trauma Sensitive transportation plans for certain transport situations.

**Appeals Process for Ambulance Service Providers (SB 2325):** Establishes that for appeals concerning ambulance services between Dec. 15, 2012 and Jan. 1, 2021, Medicaid claims denied due to failure to submit a Medical Certification for Non-Emergency Ambulance form are eligible to be reimbursed. Provides for the processing of those claims by May 31, 2022, including the establishment of a \$2 million pool by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reimburse those claims.

**Pediatric Palliative Care Program (SB 2384):** Provides that the Medical Assistance Program shall cover community-based pediatric palliative care. Also requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop a pediatric palliative care program, as opposed to a pilot program, under which a qualifying child may receive pediatric palliative care and may choose to pursue aggressive curative or disease-directed treatments for a serious illness.

**DCFS Cleanup (HB 19):** Clarifies professional requirements for members wanting to serve on the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Direct Child Welfare Service Employee License Board. States that DCFS must respond to requests from the public about its post-placement and post-adoption support services no later than one business day (currently, 24 hours) after receiving the request.

**Hospital Licensing (HB 68):** Amends the Hospital Report Card Act to include statistics specifically about women's health in a reporting period, including, but not limited to, female patients with underlying condition(s) COVID-19 statistics.



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**TANF Cash Eligibility (HB 88):** Prohibits persons from being determined ineligible for TANF cash assistance based upon a conviction for any drug-related felony under state or federal law.

**Prescription Drug Repository (HB 119):** Creates the Prescription Drug Repository Program Act and requires the creation of the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

**Benefits Expansion (HB 155):** Provides that if the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service makes available a waiver to the States permitting SNAP and WIC recipients to use their benefits to purchase diapers and menstrual hygiene products, then the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services is required to apply for the waiver and implement the provisions upon federal approval.

**Health Care, Human Services Reforms (HB 158):** Omnibus healthcare and human services reform bill. Many of the provisions that call for spending increases are subject to funding availability or subject to appropriation.

Legislative highlights include:

- Medicaid coverage for a new class of healthcare workers: Community Health Workers.
- Medicaid coverage for doula and home-visiting services for the prenatal, pregnancy and 12-month postnatal periods.
- \$630 inpatient psychiatric rate per diem for psychiatric hospitals.
- \$50 million pool of funding for safety-net hospitals to maintain perinatal designation.
- Requires implicit bias training for virtually every type of healthcare provider for license registration and renewals.
- Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention language. Raises threshold of limited immunity for someone seeking emergency care for an overdose.
- Creates the Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study Act to identify high-violence communities.
- Creates the Sickle Cell Prevention, Care and Treatment Grant Program.
- Creates the Medicaid Business Opportunity Commission to support women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with developmental disabilities.
- Creates the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Commission and authorizes it to impose financial penalties on managed care organizations.
- Creates the Behavioral Health Workforce Education Center of Illinois Act to address the behavioral health workforce crisis and to coordinate a role for workforce, research and planning.

**Drug Labeling (HB 279):** Codifies that an oral drug would be considered misbranded if gluten is an inactive ingredient and has not been listed on the label.

**Homeless Hygiene Products (HB 310):** Provides that feminine products including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and panty liners shall be available free of charge at all homeless shelters that provide temporary housing assistance to women or youth.



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**Admission Document Extension (HB 357):** Extends the amount of time that a long-term care facility has to submit new admissions with associated admission documents to the Illinois Department of Human Services from 45 to 120 days after first arrival of the resident at the facility.

**Rehabilitation Services Cleanup (HB 452):** Makes a number of technical fixes and clean-ups to the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Act to reflect current practices, update statutes, and align with federal law. Transfers the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service Program from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Human Services.

**Ground Ambulance Services (HB 684):** Requires fee-for-service rate to be paid for ground ambulance services. Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to exempt ground ambulance services from managed care, and pay for the services under fee-for-service.

**Birthing Centers Expansion (HB 738):** Expands the number of birthing centers under the demonstration program from 10 to 17, with the expansion being targeted to Chicago, Cook County, and the collar counties.

**STD Prescriptions (HB 739):** Adds the sexually transmitted disease trichomoniasis to a list of infections for which a health care professional may prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to the infected person's sexual partner or partners for the treatment of the disease without a physical examination.

**DCFS Liaison for Children in Schools (HB 1746):** Provides that each school board must appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services when enrolling or changing schools, by the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

**DCFS Per Diem (HB 1776):** Extends the provision concerning the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services per diem rates for inpatient psychiatric stays through July 1, 2023. Also requires hospitals with a pediatric or adolescent inpatient psychiatric units to be included.

**Aftercare Plan Requirement (HB 1854):** Provides that when a recipient of voluntary or involuntary services is being discharged from an inpatient facility, the Illinois Department of Human Services is required to provide the recipient and the recipient's guardian, or other legally authorized representative, a written aftercare plan prior to the recipient's discharge from the facility.

**Tuberculosis Sanitariums (HB 1926):** Repeals the City and Village Tuberculosis Sanitariums Division and the Contagious Disease Hospitals Division of the Illinois Municipal Code. Amends the Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, and the Tuberculosis Sanitarium District Act to make conforming changes.

**Autism Acceptance Day (HB 1954):** Designates the first full week of April of each year as Autism Acceptance Week.



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**Long-Term Care (HB 2433):** Adds one nonvoting member to the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board representing local health departments. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health's annual review and report concerning the complaint process must include substantiated complaints that were completed in a specified time frame.

**Child Welfare Report (HB 2914):** Provides that no later than Dec. 31, 2022, and no later than Dec. 31 of each year thereafter, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services shall prepare and submit an annual report, covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly regarding racial disparities for children and families involved in the child welfare system.

**Epilepsy Services Reimbursement (HB 3025):** Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reimburse epilepsy specialists to provide treatment services or related disorders via telehealth.

**Contracted Claims Report (HB 3069):** Removes requirement that the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services post the contracted claims report required by HealthChoice Illinois on its Web site every three months.

**Pandemic Contact Policy (HB 3147):** Provides that, upon request, a facility shall make every reasonable effort to facilitate at least one phone call or video call between a resident and a single family member of the resident each day during a disaster declared by the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Provides that during a pandemic or other public health emergency, a hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act shall develop and implement a contact policy to encourage patients' ability to engage with family members throughout the duration of the pandemic or other public health emergency.

**Medical Cannabis in Park Districts (HB 3139):** Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Permits participants in a park-district program for persons with disabilities to receive medical-cannabis infused products on the park district's premises.

**Foster Care Commission (HB 3267):** Creates the Advisory Commission on Reducing the Disproportionate Representation of African-American Children in Foster Care to be a coordinating and advocating body that acts on behalf of the interests of African-American children who are at risk of placement within the state's child welfare system.

**Medical Examiner Offices (HB 3592):** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure that medical examiner offices are included as part of medical facilities for the purposes of complying with and implementing specified federal laws.

**Parent-Child Contact Visits (HB 3793):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may immediately restrict or terminate parent-child contact or sibling contacts, without either amending the parent-child visiting plan or the sibling contact plan or obtaining a court order, where the Department or its assigns reasonably believe there is an immediate need to protect the child's health, safety, and welfare.



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**Child Welfare Task Force (HB 3821):** Creates the Racial Disproportionality in Child Welfare Task Force within the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

**Healthcare Telementoring (HB 3879):** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to designate one or more healthcare telementoring entities, based on an application to be developed by the Department.

**Birth Center Licensing (HB 3995):** Creates the Birth Center Licensing Act and requires birth centers to obtain a valid license issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

## Higher Education

**Higher Education Housing (SB 190):** Provides that each institution of higher education shall designate at least one staff member to serve as a liaison to assist homeless students enrolled at their institution. After three academic years, if data submitted by the Illinois Board of Higher Education indicates the number of students in care exceeds two percent of the student body of the institution, the institution must create a position whose primary function is to carry out the responsibilities of a liaison.

**Student Data (SB 267):** Provides that the Illinois Board of Higher Education, in consultation with the Illinois Community College Board, public institutions of higher education, and advocates, shall prepare a question or questions to be placed on one or more forms that are used by an institution on an annual basis to collect demographic data from its students for the purpose of determining the parental status or legal guardian status of each of its enrolled students.

**Higher Ed Veterans Service (SB 641):** Requires colleges and universities currently required to have a Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services to advertise the office location, phone number, and electronic contact information and a short description of what services the Coordinator might be able to provide on the school's website and social media accounts. Adds requirement to report to the Board of Higher Education the efforts the school is making to attract, recruit, and retain veterans and military personnel.

**Social Work Scholarships (SB 661):** Subject to appropriation, creates a "Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work Professional Educator License" scholarship, to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. This scholarship would pay for those already holding a master's degree to take courses required to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator License with an endorsement in School Social Work.

**Social Work Grants (SB 662):** Subject to appropriation, creates the School Social Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program, with the stated intent to encourage school social workers to work, and continue to work, in this field at public schools. Administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

**Student Debt Settlement (SB 669):** Adds language to the Debt Settlement Consumer Protection specifically addressing services provided to student loan borrowers by student debt settlement relief providers.

**Higher Education Funding (SB 815):** Creates the Commission on Equitable Higher Education Funding in order to recommend specific data-driven criteria and approaches to the General Assembly to adequately, equitably, and



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stably fund public universities in Illinois and to evaluate the existing funding methods used for public universities. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly starting no later than Oct. 15, 2021. The Commission shall deliver a report to the General Assembly on the Commission's recommendations no later than July 1, 2023.

**Sexual Misconduct Survey (SB 1610):** Requires each higher education institution to conduct a sexual misconduct climate survey of all students at its institution every two years. A summary of the survey is to be submitted to the Attorney General and published on the higher education institution's website. The survey shall collect anonymous responses and shall not provide for the public disclosure of any personally identifying information.

**Agriculture Classes (SB 1624):** Provides that agricultural sciences will count toward the three years of science required to be admitted into a public university. Provides that agricultural education will count toward the two years of electives required to be admitted into a public university.

**Academic Major Report (SB 1638):** Creates an academic major report for all public universities in Illinois. At the time a student declares or changes his/her major, each public university is required to provide that student with a report that contains information regarding the student's choice of major early on that would help them determine their academic and professional careers based upon financial data.

**Guidance Counselor Gift Ban (SB 1640):** Provides that a guidance counselor may not solicit or accept any gift from a prohibited source in excess of \$100 per year. An intentional violation of the gift ban can be charged as a business offense and is subject to a fine of \$1,001 to \$5,000.

**Higher Education Grants (SB 1697):** Allow universities to use the same process of reporting their state grants as they do for federal grants. Removes state appropriations from a state agency to public institutions of higher education from Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) provisions. For public institutions of higher education, the GATA provisions only apply to awards funded by federal pass-through awards from a state agency to public institutions of higher education.

**SIU Management (SB 1928):** Removes the Superintendent of Public Instruction as an ex-officio member of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees. Adds the Dean of the College of Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to the Ethanol Research Advisory Board.

**Mental Health on Campus (SB 2014):** Requires public universities and community colleges to provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, and mental health counseling center on the back of each Student ID or publish the contact information on their Web sites if college or university does not issue student IDs.

**University Contracts (SB 2240):** Provides that if a university enters into a contract renewal or renegotiation of an existing contract with a university president or chancellor that includes transitioning to another position in the university, the contract must include: 1.) Which department the president or chancellor will transition into; and 2.) A provision that the president or chancellor will not be paid more than the highest paid employee in that department.



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**Student Athlete Endorsement Act (SB 2338):** Creates the Student Athlete Endorsement Act to allow student athletes to accept compensation for the use of their name, image, likeness, or voice of the student-athlete while enrolled at a post-secondary educational institution. It also allows a student-athlete to obtain and retain a certified agent for any matter relating to compensation.

**Higher Education Admissions (HB 226):** Creates the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act. Provides that each public university and community college shall adopt a test-optional policy as part of its undergraduate admissions process.

**College Course Materials (HB 332):** Creates the College Course Materials and Equitable Access Task Force to conduct a collaborative college course materials affordability and equitable access study. The Task Force is to submit a report to the Governor, General Assembly and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

**Affordable Housing (HB 374):** Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district and non-exempt local governments may develop affordable housing for community college students in coordination with the Housing Authority having jurisdiction of the area where the community college is located.

**Adjunct Professor (HB 375):** Provides that the board of trustees at public university or community college must notify an adjunct professor about the status of enrollment of the class the adjunct professor was hired to teach at least 30 days before the beginning of the term and 14 days before the beginning of the term.

**Higher Education Savings (HB 573):** Establishes the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program as a part of the College Savings Pool, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

**Free Hygiene Products (HB 641):** Mandates free feminine hygiene products at public higher education institutions in Illinois.

**University Admission Program (HB 796):** Requires the University of Illinois to create a four-year uniform admission system pilot program to admit community college transfer students. All universities under the uniform admission program that require prerequisites must connect students to a community college that offers the required curriculum or offer that curriculum online. All universities under the uniform admission program cannot deny Illinois applicants enrollment on the basis of enrollment capacity.

**ISAC Student Members (HB 1802):** Provides that the term of a student member on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall be for two years and until a successor is appointed.

**Private Education Loans (HB 2746):** Creates the Know Before You Owe Private Education Loan Act. Before a private educational lender may disburse any funds with respect to a private education loan, the private educational lender shall obtain information from the relevant institution of higher education about the enrollment status of the borrower, the borrower's cost of attendance at the institution and the difference between the cost of attendance and the borrower's estimated financial assistance.



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**Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Act (HB 2878):** Creates the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Act. IBHE and ICCB shall provide administrative support for the operation of the Consortium until a permanent governance structure is developed and implemented. By January 31, 2022 the Consortium shall decide how to assign college credit for the incumbent workers who have a Childhood Development Associate (CDA) credential and for future workers obtaining a CDA.

**Agriculture Sciences (HB 3218):** Provides that agricultural sciences will count toward the three years of high school science required to be admitted into a public university. Agricultural education will count toward the two years of electives in foreign language required to be admitted into a public university.

**Personal Support Workers (HB 3359):** Requires all public universities and community colleges in Illinois to allow personal support workers to attend class with a qualified student at no expense to the personal support worker, if the worker is attending solely to provide personal support services to the student.

**Dream Resources (HB 3438):** Requires public universities and community colleges to, beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year, designate an employee as an “undocumented student resource liaison” to provide assistance to undocumented students and mixed status students in streamlining access to financial aid and academic support, including to successfully matriculate. A liaison must be available at each campus.

**Dual Credit Courses (HB 3950):** Requires school districts and community colleges to ensure that students with disabilities have access to dual credit courses.

## Human Rights

**Survivor Support (SB 506):** Removes the expiration date of the Survivor Support and Trafficking Prevention Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Eligible people under this Act and their family members receive cash assistance provided under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the benefits provided under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**Holocaust and Genocide Commission (SB 544):** Extends the repeal date of the Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission Act by 10 years from Jan. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1, 2032. The Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission promotes and provides guidance on Holocaust and genocide education and commemoration across the state.

**Address Confidentiality Program (SB 593):** Allows victims of human trafficking to apply for the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

**Human Trafficking (SB 1599):** Creates the 18-member Human Trafficking Task Force to study human trafficking in the state and develop policies and practices to improve the handling of such cases.

**Human Trafficking Recognition (SB 1600):** Amends the Lodging Services Human Trafficking Recognition Act to require restaurant and truck stop employees to undergo training in the recognition of human trafficking.





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**Data Governance (SB 2133):** Expands the data requirements for various State Departments to report for each major program they administer. In addition to race and ethnicity, the demographic categories of age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary language must be reported.

**Immigrant Task Force (SB 2665):** Creates a 28-member Illinois Immigrant Impact Task Force to examine the following issues:

- what the state is doing to help immigrant communities, including help to become citizens, help to become business owners, and aid for educational purposes;
- what the state is doing to improve relations with immigrant communities;
- what the status of immigrant communities are in the state (urban, suburban, and rural);
- the extent of discrimination faced by immigrants;
- whether laws intended to benefit immigrants actually do;
- the practices and procedures of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Illinois;
- the use and condition of detention centers in the state;
- all contracts in Illinois entered into with ICE, including contracts with private detention centers, the Illinois State Police, and the Illinois Secretary of State's Division of Motor Vehicles;
- the impact of COVID-19 on immigrant communities;
- the disbursement of funds by state agencies to immigrant communities;
- language access programs and their impact on immigrant communities and whether state agencies provide non-English information;
- the extent to which disparities in access to technology exist in immigrant communities and whether they lead to educational, financial, or other disadvantages; and
- the extent to which state programs intended for vulnerable populations are being implemented or need to be implemented.

The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations by May 31, 2022.

**Right to Counsel (HB 25):** Creates the Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Task Force to investigate the implementation of universal representation for covered individuals in immigration removal proceedings and to submit a report of findings and recommendations for how to fully provide legal representation for covered individuals facing immigration proceedings.

**Restrictive Covenants (HB 58):** Provides the conditions for which an individual or a common interest community association or cooperative can file an unlawful covenant modification. A restrictive covenant is a legally binding contractual obligation that restricts the use of land or property.

**Discrimination Prevention (HB 121):** Amends the Human Rights Act. Provides that it is the public policy of the State to prevent discrimination based on the specific status or term of status that accompanies a legal work authorization.



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**Immigrant Youth (HB 369):** Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the Probate Act of 1975. Provides that an unmarried youth (ages 18-20) may consent to the appointment of a guardian or the continuation of a guardianship after the age of 18. A petition for guardianship may be filed by anyone over 21. If the minor consents, the court shall appoint the petitioner as a guardian.

**Human Trafficking (HB 588):** Provides certain businesses and establishments may post the notice required by the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act in all restrooms open to the public.

**Immigrant Rights (HB 709):** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services, in consultation with other Departments, to conduct a public information campaign to educate immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and other noncitizens, of their rights under the United States Constitution and state law.

**Disability Discrimination (HB 1838):** Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to provide that discrimination based on disability includes unlawful discrimination against an individual because of the individual's association with a person with a disability.

**Procurement Reform (HB 2567):** Makes numerous changes to the Procurement Code, the Human Rights Act, and the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act, the Procurement Code, and the Commission to End Hunger Act. Provides that the Department of Human Rights, by rule, shall establish a reasonable opportunity to cure any noncompliance with the Human Rights Act's requirements for public contractors. Mandates that all small purchases of \$50,000 or more (on an annual basis) be accompanied by Standard Illinois Certifications. Provides that contracts with an annual value of \$100,000 or less that are awarded through an exemption to the Procurement Code (i.e. are not subject to competitive bidding) are not subject to public posting in the appropriate procurement bulletin. Extends the sunset on the design-build and the design-bid-build contracting provisions to 2024. Allows public institutions of higher learning to renew contracts for vendors that failed to meet utilization goals if the vendors are making good faith effort to do so. Repeals the establishing language for the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council (defunct) and makes related changes.

**Ethnic Group Terms (HB 3217):** Amends various Acts to remove the phrase "terms such as 'Haitian' or 'Negro' can be used in addition to "Black or African American" in 17 Acts or Codes.

## Insurance

**Total loss of vehicle (SB 61):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require auto insurers to reimburse for sales taxes, title, and transfer fees in third-party total loss vehicle claims.

**Medigap Birthday Rule (SB 147):** Offers a 45-day annual open enrollment period for Medigap policyholders aged 65 or older. Allows the policyholder to switch to a plan of equal or lesser benefits with the same issuer, without being subject to a health screening. Requires the insurer to notify the eligible policyholder at the time of application. Sets an effective date of January 1, 2022.



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**Telehealth Updates (SB 332):** Updates the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act to allow for a “family caregiver” to attend a patient’s telehealth appointment. Also requires network plans to update their directories with information regarding telehealth.

**Mental Health/Substance Abuse (SB 471):** Amends the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act to establish timely and proximate access to treatment requirements for mental health services.

**Dental Care Billing (SB 493):** Creates the Uniform Electronic Transactions in Dental Care Billing Act to require providers and carriers to transact electronically using requirements provided for under HIPAA.

**TMD/TMJ Coverage (SB 499):** Amends the State Employees Group Health Insurance Act of 1971 to mandate coverage for the treatment of temporomandibular joint disorder and craniomandibular disorder. The coverage will be optional and provided for at an additional premium. Makes conforming changes to all relevant insurance statutes and the Illinois Public Aid Code.

**Insurance Task Force (SB 930):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that the task force on disability income insurance and parity for behavioral health conditions shall submit findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2022 (rather than Dec. 31, 2020). Provides that the task force is dissolved and the provision is repealed on Jan. 1, 2023 (rather than Dec. 31, 2021).

**Pancreatic Screening Coverage (SB 968):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for the medically necessary screening of pancreatic cancer.

**Discontinue CHIP (SB 1087):** Amends the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) Act to discontinue the program no later than Jan. 1, 2022.

**Rental Damage Waiver (SB 1536):** Provides a vehicle rental company may void the damage waiver if the vehicle is stolen and the renter fails to return the vehicle’s ignition key and key tag identifying the rental vehicle; fails to file a police report within 24 hours of discovery of the theft; and fails to fully cooperate with the rental company, law enforcement agency, or any other authority in all matters connected to the investigation of the stolen vehicle.

**Travel Insurance (SB 1588):** Makes updates suggested by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to provisions regarding travel insurance, including ensuring consistency throughout sales, advertising, and marketing materials provided to consumers prior to purchasing a policy.

**Autism Treatment (SB 1592):** Regarding coverage for autism spectrum disorder and facilitative services for children, provides to prohibit insurers from denying or refusing to provide covered services solely based on the location of the service.

**Homeowner’s/Renter’s Insurance (SB 1672):** Requires that all homeowner's and renter's insurers to submit the data on dog-bite related claims to the Department. Provides this information will be collected for a 2-year



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period beginning on January 1, 2022 and will be reported to the Department on an annual basis. Provides the Department will publish the data on its website.

**Surplus Lines Market (SB 1753):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code in Sections regarding surplus line insurance contracts. Eliminates “diligent effort” provisions in commercial wholesale transactions. Provides clarification on annual declinations for master policies and program business.

**Testing Mandates (SB 1854):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and the Illinois Public Aid Code to mandate coverage for A1C testing and Vitamin D testing. Outlines risk factors and defines terms.

**Loss of Coverage Prevention (SB 1876):** Includes a prevention of loss of coverage provision in group life insurance policies when the policy is being replaced with another insurance carrier. The provision would apply to active employees who are not actively working, subject to certain criteria.

**Consumer Family Disclosure (SB 1905):** Requires employers to provide employees with a list of mandates under the Illinois Insurance Code that are included in the policy and those that are not included. Applies to policies that are written outside of Illinois.

**Recoupments Timeline (SB 1974):** Prohibit insurers, HMOs, independent practice organizations, or physician hospital organizations from requesting recoupment 12 months or more after the original payment. Specifies that an insurer contracted with HFS will recoup or offset payments due to federal Medicaid requirements.

**Life Insurance Policies (SB 2112):** Provides a life insurance policy covering a person 64 years or older that has been in force for at least one year, cannot lapse due to non-payment of premium unless the insurer has mailed a notification of the impending lapse to the policy owner and to a specified secondary addressee and agent of record.

**Port-Wine Stain Treatment (SB 2158):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for the treatment or maximum feasible treatment of nevus flammeus, or port-wine stain. Sets an age limit at 18 and younger.

**Insurance Regulations (SB 2411):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides credit for reinsurance to be allowed in interactions involving reciprocal jurisdictions. Requires insurance groups to submit group capital calculations to the lead state commissioner.

**Substance Use Treatment (HB 33):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to prohibit life insurers from denying an individual, limiting the amount, kind or extent of coverage solely based on the individual’s participation in a substance use treatment program no less than five years before apply or if the individual obtained an opioid antagonist.

**Pharmacist Reimbursement for Patient Services Regarding Birth Control (HB 135):** Allows pharmacists to dispense hormonal contraceptives pursuant to a prescription OR a standing order from the medical director of the local health department. Requires insurers to cover health and patient care services related to the



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dispensing of birth control subject to certain criteria. Sets the Medicaid reimbursement rate for these services at 85% of the fee for physician services.

**State Employee Group Insurance (HB 706):** Amends the State Employee Group Insurance Act of 1971 to make several technical changes and to align the Act with federal regulations and current practices. Major changes include: 1.) Clarifying coverage through MCOs and OAPs is authorized; 2.) clarifying the amount of a dependent's life insurance coverage is based on the dependent's age, not the annuitant's; 3.) removes the proof of other insurance coverage requirement when opting out of group health insurance; 4.) removes the limit on the time period a person may re-enroll in group health insurance; and 5.) clarifies refunds can be paid for any premiums paid in error.

**Prior Authorization Reform (HB 711):** Creates the Prior Authorization Reform Act for the purposes of creating a transparent, fair, and consistent prior authorization process for health care providers and patients. Requires health insurers to publish on their Web sites, a list of all services in which require a prior authorization. Includes services where prior authorization is performed by an entity under contract with the insurer.

**Prescription Drugs Co-Pay (HB 1745):** Amends the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act to make changes to the prescription drug benefit structure for individual and group health plans. Requires individual plans to apply a flat-dollar copay structure for at least 10% of the plans beginning Jan. 1, 2023, and increase to at least 25% of the plans beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Requires group plans to apply a flat-dollar copay structure for at least one plan beginning Jan. 1, 2023, and increase to at least two plans beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

**Biomarker Testing (HB 1779):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for biomarker testing. Applies to policies beginning Jan. 1, 2022. Makes conforming changes to all relevant insurance statutes and the Illinois Public Aid Code.

**Holding Company (HB 1955):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to update the Insurance Holding Company Systems Article in order to maintain accreditation with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Authorizes the Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance to act as a group-wide supervisor for an internationally active insurance group.

**DOI Cleanup (HB 1957):** Corrects several drafting errors and provides clarification regarding the timing of mental health parity provisions in policies. Changes the workers' compensation pool actuarial filing date from June 1 to March 1. Partially codifies the Governor's Executive Order 2020-29 into law by allowing a Webinar option for the ethics requirement completion.

**Comprehensive Cancer Testing (HB 2109):** Creates a new comprehensive cancer testing mandate section under the Illinois Insurance Code and makes conforming changes to the HMO Act.

**Insurance Guaranty Fund (HB 2405):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund Article under the Illinois Insurance Code to clarify the Fund's authority to contract with the Illinois Department of Insurance to provide consulting and claims-related services.



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**E-Learning Option (HB 2570):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to add an eLearning option for the fulfillment of motor vehicle accident prevention courses.

**Opioid Overdose Prevention (HB 2589):** Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act to include opioid overdose prevention activities as eligible grant activities. Provides a healthcare professional or person acting under the direction of a healthcare professional can obtain, store and dispense an opioid antagonist to a patient in certain healthcare settings.

**Mental Health Coverage (HB 2595):** Creates the Generally Accepted Standards of Behavioral Health Care Act of 2021. Requires insurers to cover medically necessary mental health and substance use disorder care and follow generally accepted standards of mental health and substance use disorder care.

**Colonoscopy Coverage (HB 2653):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require coverage for a follow-up colonoscopy exam where the initial screening determined the colonoscopy was medically necessary.

**Wellness Mandate/Navigators (HB 3175):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to correct a discrepancy in Illinois law, the Administrative Code, and federal law regarding the wellness cap percentage. Amends the Navigator Certification Act to prohibit navigators from engaging in unfair or fraudulent methods in regard to the health marketplace and enrolling an individual in a health benefit plan.

**Telehealth Payment Parity (HB 3308):** Gives the Illinois Department of Insurance emergency rulemaking authority until Jan. 1, 2022, and mandates insurers to cover telehealth services, when clinically appropriate and medically necessary. Makes changes to coverage criteria in order to ensure equitable access and delivery of telehealth services.

**Group Health Policies (HB 3598):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require insurers offering group health insurance policies to offer such policies to local chambers of commerce.

**Infertility Coverage (HB 3709):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to make changes to sections regarding infertility coverage.

**Uninsured Motorist Penalties (HB 3855):** Provides that out-of-state drivers are subject to the penalties for uninsured motorists under the Illinois Vehicle Code.

## Judiciary

**Real Property Transfer (SB 47):** Updates the Illinois Residential Real Property Transfer on Death Instrument Act to apply to all real property and become the Real Property Transfer on Death Instrument Act.

**Surplus Property (SB 60):** Grants the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) and agency heads more flexibility in determining if a property is surplus. Grants CMS the ability to sell surplus properties at



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less than their fair-market value – under certain circumstances. Also permits CMS to sell surplus properties via an electronic auction.

**Privileged Communications (SB 64):** Creates certain privileges that would make communications during restorative justice practices inadmissible in any civil, juvenile, criminal, or administrative proceeding.

**Installment Sales Contract (SB 71):** Amends the Code of Civil Procedure to clarify that installment sales contracts for residential real property will be subject to foreclosure, not eviction, where the amount unpaid at the time of filing the foreclosure complaint is less than 80 percent of the original purchase price of the real estate.

**Prejudgment Interest (SB 72/PA 102-0006):** Mandates a six percent annual prejudgment interest rate on defendants in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

**Adult Guardianship (SB 80):** Authorizes separate guardianships of the person and of the estate. Authorizes co-guardianships. Requires the court to approve the fees to be paid to a guardian. Establishes a process to transfer guardianships from an outgoing to an incoming public guardian. Creates a form for notification to the ward of the right to seek revocation or modification of the guardianship.

**DNR Land Transfer (SB 84):** Authorizes the transfer of the unused portions of the Rock Island Railroad right away in Dunlap from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to the Village of Dunlap. This parcel is adjacent to existing park space and will be used for additional park space and eventually walking trails or other recreational amenities.

**Adoption Process (SB 107):** Streamlines the process of adoption. Provides that an Illinois court has jurisdiction over the adoption of a child born/residing in Illinois and being adopted by an out-of-state family if a licensed Illinois agency provides certain adoption services, including counseling the birth parent as to a surrender or consent.

**Health Care Surrogate (SB 109):** Clarifies that emergency responders and other health care personnel are to follow a Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form that has been executed by a patient and to clarify when a health care surrogate can void or revoke a POLST form.

**Shareholders Meetings (SB 116):** Provides that if the Board of Directors is authorized to determine the place of a meeting of shareholders, the Board may determine the meeting may be held by remote communication. If the remote meeting option is chosen, the Board must provide shareholders with a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and vote on matters submitted to shareholders.

**Marriage Certificates (SB 139):** Adds a provision to allow a person to change or remove gender identifying language on a marriage certificate.

**Section 8 Housing (SB 154):** Prevents the Illinois Housing Development Authority from restricting any tenant from having one or more household pets with them in their housing unit. Adds a definition of “common household pet” to mean a domesticated animal such as a dog or cat which is commonly kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.



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**Solar Power Policy (SB 215):** Amends the Homeowner's Energy Policy Statement Act to make solar energy more available. Adds to the definition of "solar storage mechanism" to include all equipment and batteries. A property owner may not prohibit the installation of a solar energy system, but they may determine the specific configuration of the solar energy system on any given roof facing. A homeowners association or condo association must provide a policy statement on solar panels within 75 days of a request. An application for installing a solar panel system with an association must be decided within 60 days of submission of the application.

**Facial Recognition (SB 225):** States that the Illinois Secretary of State shall not provide facial recognition search services or photographs obtained in the process of issuing an identification card or a driver's license or permit to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency or other governmental entity for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws.

**Foreclosure (SB 255):** Amends the Mortgage Foreclosure Law of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended to provide that the order confirming the foreclosure sale may approve the mortgagee's fees and costs incurred on or after the date of execution of an affidavit of indebtedness and prior to the judgment but not included in the judgment.

**Divorce Law Updates (SB 258):** Repeals conflicting language in the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. These conflicts have been caused by multiple changes in the IMDMA in the last decade.

**Permission to Relocate (SB 259):** Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act in the temporary order statute to allow a party to seek permission to relocate while the case is pending if it is in the child's best interest.

**Mandatory Arbitration (SB 277):** Allows the Supreme Court to provide for mandatory arbitration of civil actions as the Court deems appropriate in order to expedite in a less costly manner any litigation wherein a party asserts a claim not exceeding \$75,000 (rather than \$50,000) or any lesser amount authorized by the Supreme Court.

**Court Security (SB 337):** Allows the Office of Marshal for the Supreme Court to also employ court security officers. They must have the same training as Marshals. They will have same arrest powers as a court security officer hired by a county sheriff.

**Unclaimed Property (SB 338):** Makes several changes to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Authorizes data matching with the Illinois Secretary of State and the State Board of Elections for unclaimed property of \$2,000 or less to facilitate the payment of such claims. Expands coverage of U.S. Savings Bonds to include matured, unredeemed savings bonds not physically in the possession of the State Treasurer's Office. Makes other changes.

**Anatomical Gifts (SB 500):** States that a hospital, physician and surgeon, procurement organization, or other person shall not, solely on the basis of an individual's mental or physical disability to determine an individual ineligible to receive an anatomical gift or organ transplant or deny medical and other services related to organ transplantation.





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**Foreclosure Notice (SB 595):** Provides that in mortgage foreclosure actions, the plaintiff or their attorney shall send a copy of the publication to each defendant (currently, Clerk of the Court).

**Land Transfer (SB 622):** Lists properties that are part of the Illinois Department of Transportation's annual land conveyance bill.

**Condo Bylaws (SB 636):** States that Condominium Bylaws may require that a majority of board members must be unit owners that live on the property as primary residents.

**Adult Protective Services (SB 701):** Requires the Illinois Department on Aging to offer an annual trauma-informed training program that includes instruction on how trauma impacts caseworkers and other employees who respond to and prevent adult abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment. Increases the statute of limitations for theft by deception of a victim age 60 or older or a person with a disability from three to seven years.

**Electronic Wills, Remote Witnesses (SB 730):** Creates the Electronic Wills and Remote Witnesses Act. Provide for the valid execution, attestation, self-proving, and probate of electronic wills, paper copies of electronic wills, and wills attested to by witnesses through audio-video communication; and the valid execution, attestation, and witnessing of documents, other than wills, through audio-visual communication.

**Court-Appointed Guardians (SB 755):** Requires the disclosure of contact information of court-appointed guardians to foster parents caring for youth. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services will provide a flyer to all youth entering care of their duties and obligations, phone number and email for the Advocacy Office, and a description of the role of the guardian ad litem.

**Educational Planning (SB 1085):** Creates the Educational Planning Services Consumer Protection Act. Makes it unlawful to act as an educational planning service provider except as authorized by the Act. If an educational planning service provider communicates with a consumer primarily in a language other than English, the educational planning service provider shall furnish to the consumer a translation of all the disclosures and documents required in that other language. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) must make available on its Web site the most current disclosure of free support and the educational planning services provider is responsible for providing to the consumer the most current disclosure of free support available on the Commission's Web site.

**Human Rights Housing (SB 1561):** States that it is a civil rights violation for a third-party loan modification service provider to refuse to do the following services because of unlawful discrimination, familial status, or an arrest record: 1) Engage in loan modification services or to discriminated in making those services available; or 2) Alter the terms, conditions, or privileges of their services.

**Electronic Signatures (SB 1611):** Allows the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) to accept electronic signatures via administrative rules. An electronic record or electronic signature accepted by the SOS shall be admissible in all administrative, quasi-judicial, and judicial proceedings.



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**Land Transfers (SB 1655):** Updates land transfers by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the City of Wyoming (Rock Island Trail); in Pulaski County (Cache River) and the Dunning Read Conservation Easement.

**Manufactured Homes (SB 1779):** Requires that a lender offering a mortgage for the purchase of a manufactured home make specified disclosures: any affiliation between the landlord and the lending company; that the loan is a chattel loan; that the terms of a chattel loan prohibit refinancing; and any other reason that prohibits refinancing.

**Mobile Homes (SB 1780):** Provides that if exigent circumstances arise, the park owner is responsible for providing a water supply to each household. States that the park owner shall provide water following a three-day period in which the normal supply of water is disrupted, and shall provide water for as long as the disruption in water service continues.

**LLC Updates (SB 1795):** Makes several conforming and substantive changes about Fiduciary Duties and Operating Agreements to the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act.

**Mobile Home Safety (SB 1839):** Amends the Illinois Modular Dwelling and Mobile Structure Safety Act. Mandates that any rules or codes enforced by the Illinois Department of Public Health with respect to modular dwellings and mobile homes shall not be any more stringent than codes and rules enforced on single or multi-family homes.

**Property Tax Notice (SB 1845):** Provides that the owner of a certificate of purchase must file with the county clerk the names and addresses of the owners of the property and those persons entitled to service of notice at their last known addresses.

**Defective Corporate Actions (SB 1872):** Provided for the ratification and validation of defective corporate actions. Authorizes corporations to correct actions taken without proper documentation or the over-issuance of shares.

**Insurance Compliance Division (SB 1993):** Transfers all powers, duties, rights, responsibilities and personnel of the Insurance Compliance Division within the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to the Illinois Department of Insurance.

**Parental Rights (SB 2110):** Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, and the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015 to provide that the procedures, actions, and remedies in the amended Acts shall not be exclusive, but shall be available in addition to other actions and remedies of support, including remedies provided in specific other Acts. Adds that actions and remedies under the Act do not require a custody/allocation of parental rights or visitation determination as a prerequisite to a determination of a support obligation.

**Uniform Electronic Transactions (SB 2176):** Creates the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, which allows electronic signatures for all business transactions to be valid. Applies to all electronic records and signatures related to a transactions unless 1.) A conflict between a law governing wills, codicils, or testaments or 2.) A transactions governed by the Uniform Commercial Code.



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**Statute of Repose (SB 2179):** Amends the Limitations Article of the Code of Civil Procedure so that a six-year statute of repose that would take effect immediately. Also includes a “safe harbor” period to ensure judicial approval of the legislation.

**Tollway Information (SB 2235):** Prohibits the tollway from releasing personally identifiable information, except to a law enforcement agency with a search warrant.

**Consumer Fraud (SB 2312):** Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to provide that it is an unlawful practice violation to solicit, offer or enter into an agreement to refer patients to a substance treatment or mental health disorder treatment in exchange for a fee.

**Mechanics Lien (SB 2494):** Amends the Mechanics Lien Act. Amends the sunset of the lien for payment on work done with three years to expire Dec. 31, 2026 (currently, December 2021).

**Collateral Recovery (SB 2496):** Extends the repeal date of the Collateral Recovery Act to Jan. 1, 2032 (currently, Jan. 1, 2022).

**Conflict of Interest (SB 2520):** Amends the Counties Code so that if a majority of the county board, by resolution, declares there to be a conflict of interest between the State’s Attorney and the county board, the county board may, petition the circuit court to authorize the county board to hire outside legal counsel. The outside legal counsel may only represent the county board while the conflict of interest remains.

**Quick-Take Proceeding (SB 2522):** Amends the Eminent Domain Act to allow quick-take proceeding to be used for a period of no more than two years after the effective date by Moultrie County for the acquisition of property for a new bridge to be built by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Electronic Notary (SB 2664):** Amends the Notary Public Act to create rules and requirements for electronic notarization and electronic notaries. Provides that the Illinois Secretary of State will create rules to implement the new electronic notary public procedure and will have authority to create a registry of all notaries in the state.

**Video Interview (HB 53):** Provides that employers who rely solely upon artificial intelligence to determine whether an applicant will qualify for an in-person interview must collect demographic data about the race and ethnicity of applicants who are and are not afforded the opportunity for an in-person interview after the use of artificial intelligence analysis; and data about the race and ethnicity of applicants who are hired. The data must be reported to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity annually by Dec. 31.

**Disability Guardian (HB 55):** Amends the Guardians For Adults With Disabilities Article of the Probate Act of 1975 so that in the case of an intellectual disability, the required report for a petition for adjudication of disability and for appointment of a guardian may include a psychological evaluation by a clinical psychologist within one year of the date of the filing of the petition (rather than requiring an analysis by a licensed physician).

**Quick-Take Woodstock (HB 185):** Provides that quick-take proceedings may be used for a period of no more than two years after the effective date by the City of Woodstock for the acquisition of certain described



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property for the purpose of widening the right-of-way proximate to the intersection of Madison Street, South Street, and Lake Avenue to construct a traffic roundabout.

**Temporary Guardian (HB 263):** Amends the Guardians For Adults with Disabilities Article of the Probate Act of 1975 so that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian for an alleged person with a disability shall be filed at the time of or subsequent to the filing of a petition for adjudication of disability and appointment of a guardian. Requires specified information in petitions for appointment of temporary guardian. Provides that notice of the appointment of a temporary guardian shall be given at least three days before the hearing.

**Ward Preferences (HB 266):** Amends the Guardians For Adults With Disabilities Article of the Probate Act of 1975 so that a guardian shall consider the ward's current preferences to the extent the ward has the ability to participate in decision making when the preferences are known or reasonably ascertainable by the guardian. The guardian's decisions shall conform to the ward's current preferences unless the guardian reasonably believes it would result in substantial harm to the ward's welfare or personal or financial interests; and so long as those decisions give substantial weight. If the guardian is unable to ascertain the ward's preferences, the decisions may be made by conforming as closely as possible to what the ward would have done or intended under the circumstances.

**State's Attorney (HB 282):** Provides that upon receipt of a written request by the superintendent of the county Veterans Assistance Commission, the State's Attorney shall have the discretionary authority to render an opinion, without fee or reward, upon any question of law relating to a matter in which the county Veterans Assistance Commission may be concerned.

**Hearing Officer (HB 410):** Exempts Judges from the formal training requirements for administrative hearing officers.

**Dispute Resolution Fees (HB 574):** Amends the Illinois Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act. Changes the dispute resolution fund fee charged and collected by the clerks of the circuit court to \$2 (currently, \$1).

**Solar Panels (HB 644):** Provides that a property owner may not prohibit the installation of a solar energy system, but may determine the specific configuration of the solar energy system on any given roof facing. Provides that a homeowners association or condo association must provide a policy statement on solar panels within 75 days of a request (currently 120 days). An application for installing a solar panel system with an association must be decided within 60 days of submission of the application (currently 90 days).

**Health Care Agent (HB 679):** Amends the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. Provides that a principal may elect a 30-day delayed revocation of the principal's healthcare agency.

**Probate Money (HB 814):** Provides that if the estate of a ward consists only of money, the court may order, among other dispositions, that the money be deposited in a qualified tuition program.

**Lawyer Assistance Program (HB 835):** Provides for the repeal of the Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund and program funding. Provides for the transfer of the balance of the money in the Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.



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**Payment of Fees (HB 842):** Amends the Adult Guardianship Article of the Probate Act of 1975 so that instead of the court ordering the petitioner to pay all fees or amounts of the guardian ad litem or appointed counsel if the respondent or their estate is unable to pay, the allocation of guardian ad litem fees and costs is within the discretion of the court. No costs, in addition to legal fees or appointed counsel fees, shall be assessed against the Office of the State Guardian, public guardian, adult protective services agency, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, or agency designated by the Governor under the Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act.

**Juvenile Permanency Goals (HB 1068):** Provides that at a permanency hearing, allows for permanent guardianship of the minor as long as the other permanency goals have been deemed inappropriate and not in the child's best interests (rather than ruled out). Requires the court confirm that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has discussed adoption, if appropriate, and guardianship with the caregiver prior to changing a goal to guardianship.

**Firearms Restraining Orders (HB 1092):** Expands the Firearms Restraining Order Act. Expands the list of family members who can file such a petition to include former spouses and people who have or allegedly have a child with the subject of the restraining order. Applies firearm restraining orders (FRO) to more than just firearms so that a court could also prohibit someone from purchasing or owning ammunition and weapon parts. Would allow a FRO petition to be filed in any county where an alleged incident occurred involving the subject of the order where they posed a danger by owning a gun. Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to promote awareness of firearm restraining orders, especially in relation to instances of domestic violence and mental health crises.

**Illinois Trust Code (HB 1795):** Amends the Illinois Trust Code (ITC) to clarify several areas of original bill. Examples of the Trailer Bill's ITC clarifications include: 1.) Added definitions of terms in Article I which appear in multiple places in the ITC and added consistency other definitions, e.g., a "qualified beneficiary"; 2.) Clarifying that someone other than a settlor may create a trust, e.g., a court in a special-needs setting; and 3.) Clarifying the "pre-ITC" and "post-ITC" dividing line of the applicability of notice and accounting sections.

**Injunctive Relief (HB 1831):** Amends the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 to allow a licensee or interested party who successfully obtains injunctive relief against a party who is in violation of the Act be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.

**Service Of Process (HB 2401):** Provides that the Illinois Secretary of State has the duty to accept service of process only in those specifically mandated areas of the law and as determined by the General Assembly. Provides that the Secretary is not the default agent for service of process in the State of Illinois.

**Household Privacy (HB 2553):** Creates the Protecting Household Privacy Act. Prohibits a law enforcement agency from obtaining household electronic data or directing the acquisition of household electronic data from a private third party. Exempts data obtained pursuant to a warrant, data obtained to respond to a call for emergency services, certain emergency situations, or with the consent of the device owner. Provides that in emergency situations where data was obtained a warrant must be obtained within 72 hours. Requires



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household electronic data to be destroyed within 60 days if no charges are filed unless it contains evidence of criminal activity or there is an ongoing investigation.

**Court-Ordered Counseling (HB 2741):** Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Provides that counseling ordered under this Act is subject to the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act and federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

**Public Defender (HB 2790):** Provides that the Cook County Public Defender, with the concurrence of the county board, may act as attorney to noncitizens in immigration cases. Such representation shall be limited to cases arising in immigration courts located within the geographical boundaries of Cook County unless the board authorizes the public defender to provide representation outside the county.

**Mandated Reporter (HB 3100):** Requires mandated reporters to complete an initial in-person or Web-based implicit bias training. The training must include information on implicit bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity. Requires the training to provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking and ultimately eliminate discriminatory behaviors.

**Ottawa Canal (HB 3165):** Amends the Illinois and Michigan Canal Development Act to remove canal lands conveyed to the City of Ottawa Illinois by deed dated Aug. 18, 1970, and recorded Sept. 15, 1970, as Document #563847. Removes all restrictions imposed under law and in the deed of conveyance.

**Rape Crisis Center (HB 3265):** Amends the Evidence Article of the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that “rape crisis organization” includes, but is not limited to, rape crisis centers certified by a statewide sexual assault coalition. Changes the definition of “rape crisis organization” to mean any organization or association a major purpose of which is providing information, counseling, and psychological support to victims of any or all of the crimes of aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual assault, sexual relations between siblings, criminal sexual abuse, and aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

**CASA Expansion (HB 3277):** Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to require the court to appoint a special advocate (CASA), if available, upon the filing of a petition to declare a minor an abused, neglected, or dependent minor and to adjudge the minor a ward of the court. Makes appointment of a special advocate permissive in Cook County. Provides that the court appointed special advocate shall review all court documents that relate to the minor child. Upon presentation of an order of appointment, a CASA shall have access to all records and information relevant to the minor’s case.

**Crime Victims Compensation (HB 3295):** Changes the dates of application to Jan. 1, 2022, from Jan. 1, 2021, in provisions amending the Crime Victims Compensation Act. Extends the applicant’s period for submitting requested information to 45 days (from 30 days). Caps final award as not to exceed \$45,000 (instead of \$27,000) for a crime committed on or after Aug. 7, 2022. Allows emergency awards to be issued to the applicant for the purpose of paying funeral and burial expenses.

**Child Forensic Interview (HB 3462):** Provides that every child reported to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or to law enforcement to be a victim of sexual assault or sexual abuse whose case is accepted for



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investigation has the right to have that child's forensic interview conducted by a forensic interviewer from an accredited children's advocacy center and serving the child's area, when such service is available.

**Retainer Fees (HB 3484):** Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to allow either party to petition or move for an allowance from the other party for a retainer fee to obtain an attorney, accompanied by a financial affidavit that is supported by documentary evidence, and a certificate stating that if an allowance is granted, the party shall only use it for retaining an attorney. The court shall review the financial affidavit and, if appropriate, grant an allowance to the party for a retainer fee.

**Worker Cooperatives (HB 3577):** Amends the Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act. Incorporates the Limited Liability Company Act into the Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act. Codifies specific operational rules for worker cooperatives.

**Unpaid Leave (HB 3582):** Amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Expands the types of codified events for which an employee can take leave. Expands the definition of family member covered under the Act.

**Minor Custody (HB 3595):** Amends the Abused, Neglected, or Dependent Minors Article of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 so that if the minor is being restored to the custody of a parent, legal custodian, or guardian who lives outside of Illinois, and an Interstate Compact has been requested and refused, the court may order the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to arrange for an assessment of the minor's proposed living arrangement and for ongoing monitoring of the health, safety, and best interest of the minor and compliance with any order of protective supervision.

**Remote Notarization (HB 3764):** Amends Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act. Changes the definition of "acknowledged before me" to mean that, among other things, the person acknowledging appeared before the person taking the acknowledgment in a manner prescribed by the laws or regulations applicable in the place in which the acknowledgment is taken.

**Supported Decision-Making (HB 3849):** Creates the Supported Decision-Making Agreement Act. Authorizes the creation of supported decision-making agreements and allows a supporter to assist a principal with an intellectual or developmental disability in accessing, collecting, or obtaining information relevant to a decision authorized under agreement. Presumes all adults to be capable of making decisions on daily living and to have capacity unless otherwise determined by a court. Requires abuse to be reported, allowing for guardianship and termination of the agreement. States that the supporter will advocate for the wishes and decisions of the individual instead of "assisting." Add that the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission will develop training and education materials for principals and supporters, which will be publicly available on their Web site.

**Blighted Areas Redevelopment (HB 3864):** Repeals the Blighted Areas Redevelopment Act of 1947. Makes conforming changes to the Illinois Municipal Code, the Housing Authorities Act, the Housing Development and Construction Act, the Urban Community Conservation Act, the Redevelopment Project Rehousing and Capital Improvements Act, the Neighborhood Redevelopment Corporation Law, the Urban Community Conservation Act, the Urban Renewal Consolidation Act of 1961, and the Eminent Domain Act.



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**Contact With Media (HB 3886):** Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to prohibit the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) from preventing its youth from communicating with the media if they choose. When media request to speak with a minor, DCFS shall provide notice to the minor, minor's attorney, and guardian ad litem within one business day.

**Positive Action (HB 3914):** Amends the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides requirements concerning Positive Action toward addressing systemic racism and barriers to increase workforce diversity in State employment. Requires each State agency to establish the goal of increasing diversity on interview panels in order to increase State employment opportunities provided to women, minority persons, and specified other persons. Makes other changes.

**Circuit Court Clerk Regulation (HB 3956):** Allows a clerk or deputy clerk of a circuit court to draft or prepare documents required or authorized by statute or Supreme Court order (rather than "by law required, or by some statute authorized").

## Labor

**Medical Respirator Evaluation (SB 121):** Allows the Occupational Safety and Health Administration respirator form to be filled out by a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or paramedic.

**Public Labor Relations (SB 525):** Amends the Public Labor Relations Act. Amends the definitions of "confidential employee," "managerial employee," and "supervisor" to specify that confidential/managerial/supervisor employee status determinations shall be based upon actual duties and not solely on written job descriptions. Specifies under which conditions a unit clarification petition may be filed. Permits labor agreements to extend 12 months after a constitutional officer takes office (instead of until June 30). Provides that the prohibition on collective bargaining agreements including wage, salary, benefit increases from the assumption of office by a constitutional officer until June 30 does not apply to automatic pay increases/schedules/etc. that maintain the status quo.

**Child Labor (SB 696):** Allows for a minor seeking employment to submit the necessary application remotely.

**Project Labor Agreement (SB 1360/PA 102-0013):** Requires a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with local labor unions to receive an owner's license under the Illinois Gaming Act. States that, for any pending application before the Gaming Board, an applicant must provide proof of compliance within 30 days of this legislation becoming law. Prohibits the Gaming Board from awarding any owners license without compliance of the PLA.

**Prevailing Wage (SB 1767):** Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that beginning on Jan. 1, 2022, the Illinois Department of Labor shall make accessible to the public certain information from certified payroll records. Removes the requirement that the worker's name is included in the searchable database.

**Equal Pay Compliance Application (SB 1847):** Requires businesses with 100 or more employees to submit an application for compliance with equal pay. Provides for confidential protections for employers.





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**Personnel Record Review (SB 2486):** Amends the Personnel Record Review Act, which makes it unlawful for an employer or former employer to disclose an employee's disciplinary report, letter of reprimand, or other disciplinary action to any third party, with some codified exceptions. Provides that an individual may file complaint or commence action within three years should there be a violation of this Act.

**Family and Medical Leave (HB 12):** Allows for all employees of public schools and universities to qualify for federal family and medical leave if the employee has worked for 1,000 hours over the previous 12 months.

**Wage Underpayment Penalty (HB 118):** Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act and changes the penalty for underpayment of wages from 2 percent to 5 percent.

**Employee Sick Leave (HB 816):** Organizes certain benefits that must be provided to school employees in relation to leave after the birth, adoption, placement for adoption or fostering of a child.

**Financial Benefits (HB 1207):** Allows for potential employers to discuss certain financial benefits a prospective employee would forfeit should the prospective employee resign from their current position.

**Unfair Labor Practices (HB 2521):** Amends the Public Labor Relations Act and the Educational Labor Relations Act. Permits public-sector workers to indicate interest in a representation petition electronically. Creates additional unfair labor practices: to threaten or take action to permanently replace an employee who participates in a lawful strike; to discriminate against an employee who is working or has unconditionally offered to return to work for the employer because the employee supported or participated in a lawful strike; and to lockout, suspend, or otherwise withhold employment from employees in order to influence the position of the employees or such representatives of employees in collective bargaining prior to a lawful strike.

**Health Insurance Options (HB 2568):** Amends the Public Safety and Employee Benefit Act, and limits what type of health insurance plans that are allowed to be offered to employees as those that are codified in the employees' collective bargaining agreement.

**Wind Energy Businesses (HB 3174):** Eliminates language that exempted new wind power and wind energy companies that did not comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

**Workplace-Related Infection (HB 3662):** Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. With respect to firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), a contagious staph infection, including MRSA, is rebuttably presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment.

## Licensed Activities

**Advanced Practice Nursing (SB 105):** Allows the clinical experience of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to be attested to by the employer, instead of just the collaborating physician or physicians in current law. Also adds that if a collaborating physician or employer is unable to attest to the completion of the clinical experience that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may accept other evidence of clinical experience as established by rule.



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**Remote Prescription Processing (SB 194):** Allows a student pharmacist or licensed pharmacy technician engaged in remote prescription processing of dialysate or devices necessary to perform home peritoneal renal dialysis at a licensed pharmacy shall be permitted to access an employer pharmacy's database from their home or other remote location while under the supervision of a pharmacist.

**Landscape Architecture (SB 214):** Creates the Landscape Architecture Registration Act. Provides that no person may hold themselves out as a registered landscape architect without being registered by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Establishes qualifications and procedures for registration. Provides that the Act is repealed on Jan. 1, 2027.

**Dental Practice (SB 335):** Adds dental anesthesiology to the branches of dentistry. Changes the definition of "teledentistry" to include limited patient diagnosis and treatment planning (rather than patient care) using synchronous and asynchronous communications under an Illinois licensed dentist's authority (rather than a dentist's authority).

**Private Detective (SB 548):** Amends the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004. Makes changes relating to training requirements for: Private detectives and employees; Alarm contractors and employees; Private security contractors and employees; Firearm control card; and Armed proprietary security force. Also amends the Criminal Code to reflect the updated training requirements.

**Optometric Telehealth (SB 567):** Adds to and clarifies definitions and provisions in the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 to further regulate the use of telehealth by optometrists.

**Alzheimer's Continuing Education (SB 677):** Requires "health care professionals" who have continuing education requirements must complete at a one hour course in training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias per renewal period.

**Autism Awareness (SB 965):** Amends the Autism and Co-Occurring Medical Conditions Awareness Act by extending the date of the repeal to Jan. 1, 2027. The Act is currently set to be repealed on Aug. 12, 2021. Continues to promote a greater awareness and the detection, diagnosis, and treatment of underlying and co-occurring medical conditions that occur more commonly in persons with autism to further awareness, scientific understanding, and health outcomes for persons living with autism.

**Dry Needling (SB 1078):** Regulates the use of dry needling by athletic trainers, occupational therapists and assistants, and physical therapists and assistants. Removes the current dry needling education requirements for athletic trainers and replaces them with requirements that have been adopted by rule by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

**Harassment Prevention Training (SB 1079):** Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code. Requires every licensee to complete sexual harassment prevention training provided by the licensee's employer, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, or any continuing education authorized under the Act.



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**Social Worker Examination (SB 1632):** Removes the requirement that those applying to be licensed social workers pass an examination authorized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

**Prescription Costs Request (SB 1682):** Deletes language allowing for no more than 10 price disclosure requests for prescription drugs or medical devices for which the person making the request has a prescription. Requires a pharmacy to post a notice informing customers that they may request, in person or on the phone, the current usual and customary retail price of any brand or generic prescription drug or medical device that the pharmacy offers for sale to the public.

**CPA Exam Requirements (SB 1723):** Allows those who have completed 120 semester hours to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Prospective CPAs would then have to complete their final 30 semester hours before being licensed.

**Corrections Healthcare Vendors (SB 1771):** Provides that “health care employer” includes the Illinois Department of Corrections or a third-party vendor employing certified nursing assistants working with the Department of Corrections.

**IDFPR License (SB 1790):** Requires that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation publish on its Web site information concerning the process for requesting a rehearing and the process for restoring a license after the successful completion of a term of probation, suspension, or revocation of a license.

**Pharmacy Practice Act (SB 2172):** Extends the repeal date of the Pharmacy Practice Act from Jan. 1, 2023, to Jan. 1, 2030. The Pharmacy Practice Act is intended to instill confidence in residents that pharmacists have the required education and knowledge to ensure their safety.

**IDFPR Licensing (HB 14):** Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes the following changes: 1.) Requires the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), if they refuse to issue a license or certificate or grant registration to an applicant based upon a criminal conviction or convictions, to include in its notification to the applicant an explanation of how exactly the conviction directly related to and would prevent the person from effectively engaging in the position for which a license, registration, or certificate is sought. 2.) Requires IDFPR to post on its website a list of all State licensing restrictions that would prohibit an applicant from working in a position for which a license is sought. 3.) In provisions concerning an annual report summarizing statistical information relating to new license, certification, or registration applications during the preceding calendar year, requires IDFPR to also include the types of criminal convictions that contributed to the denial of a license, certificate, or registration.

**Vital Records (HB 214):** Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that death certificates and medical certifications shall be completed and signed by specified certifying health care professionals (rather than by the physician in charge). Defines “certifying health care professional” as a physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

**Temporary Dental Permit (HB 690):** Amends the Dental Practice Act. Amends the provision for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to issue a temporary permit authorizing the practice of



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dentistry without compensation. Requires Board recommendation for the permit. Requires the services improve the welfare of residents eligible for Medicaid or are uninsured income below 200 percent of the poverty level.

**Healthcare Surrogate (HB 704):** Amends the Health Care Surrogate Act. Provides that “attending physician,” “healthcare provider,” and “qualified physician” include a physician licensed in the state where the patient is being treated.

**Licensing Omnibus (HB 806):** Makes numerous changes to the following acts and extends their sunsets to January 1, 2027:

- The Boxing and Full-Contact Martial Arts Act
- The Cemetery Oversight Act
- The Community Association Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act
- The Home Inspector License Act
- The Massage Licensing Act
- The Medical Practice Act of 1987
- The Petroleum Equipment Contractors Licensing Act
- The Radiation Protection Act of 1990
- The Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002
- The Registered Interior Designers Act
- The Detection of Deception Examiners Act

**Water Well Installation (HB 2543):** Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal date of the Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor’s License Act from Jan. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1, 2027.

**Expedited Licensing (HB 2776):** Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to process all military service members and their spouses’ licensure applications within 30 days of receiving the completed application (currently, 60 days).

**EMS Systems (HB 2864):** Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that, in a rural population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants, each EMS System Medical Director may create an exception to the credentialing process to allow registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to apply to serve as volunteers who perform the same work as Emergency Medical Technicians.

**Opioid Pamphlet (HB 3355):** Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Human Services shall develop and make available on its Web site information on the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids and any alternative treatments, including the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program. Provides that the Department shall develop and make available upon request to all prescribers, pharmacists, and patients in the State a pamphlet which explains the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids. Provides that a pharmacist shall, prior to dispensing an opioid that is a Schedule II controlled substance, furnish the pamphlet or information therein developed by the Department and discuss the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids.



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**State Board of Pharmacy (HB 3497):** Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Provides that the State Board of Pharmacy shall consist of 11 members (rather than nine members). Provides that eight members (rather than seven members) shall be licensed pharmacists. Provides that one of the licensed pharmacists shall have a primary site for the practice of pharmacy at an inpatient hospital pharmacy. Adds one member who is a pharmacy technician.

**Electronic Prescriptions (HB 3596):** Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescription for a substance classified in Schedule II, III, IV, or V must be sent electronically. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescriber shall not be required to issue prescriptions electronically if he or she certifies to the Illinois Department of Financial Regulation (IDFPR) that he or she will not issue more than 25 prescriptions during a 12-month period. IDFPR shall adopt rules for the administration of these provisions to allow exemptions.

**Corrections Healthcare Vendors (HB 3798):** Provides that “healthcare employer” includes the Illinois Department of Corrections or a third-party vendor employing certified nursing assistants working with the Illinois Department of Corrections.

## Local Government

**Competitive Bidding (SB 85):** Requires that any procurement by an FPD board involving improvements to real estate costing more than \$20,000 must go through competitive bidding whether the building was directly bought or by beneficial ownership (such as a lease).

**Public Agency Investments (SB 273):** Allows public agencies to invest in up to one-third in specific corporate investments and an additional one-third in corporate investments if the obligations are, at the time of purchase, rated at one of the three highest classifications established by at least two standard ratings services. The investments must mature more than 270 days but not less than three years from the date of purchase and must not exceed 10 percent of the corporation’s outstanding obligations.

**Township Names (SB 501):** Requires the Illinois Secretary of State to inform the county clerk if he/she finds two or more townships in a county with the same name. The county board must then adopt a different name for one of the townships. No longer requires the Secretary of State to address situations where different township names are the same among different counties.

**Court Clerks (SB 583):** Specifies that receipts, obligations, and use of public funds by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County are public records subject to public inspection. Specifies that clerks of court shall, rather than may, accept credit card payment over the Internet for fines, penalties, and court costs. For purposes of calculating community service toward the payment of a court assessment, one hour of community service shall be worth \$10 (currently, \$4).

**Election Omnibus (SB 825):** Amends the Election Code making various changes including:

- Changes the 2022 primary date to June 28.



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- Permits counties to use American Community Survey (ACS) data, instead of census data, for reapportionment in 2021.
- Extends the time period that county boards have to complete the reapportionment of county boards to December 31 (2021 only).
- Permits candidates/officeholders to use campaign funds for child or dependent care if the care is reasonably necessary for public or political purposes.
- Permits voters to apply to be put on a permanent vote-by-mail list; requires election authorities to notify all qualified voters of the option to be put on the permanent vote-by-mail list.
- Requires the State Board of Elections to prepare legislation to establish a procedure to send vote by mail ballots electronically and to enable voters with disabilities to independently and privately mark a ballot using assistive technology.

**General Assistance Funds (SB 1799):** Allows township boards to do a one-time funds transfer by board vote.

**Municipal Meetings (SB 2356):** Requires each unit of local government to review the minutes of all closed meetings once every six months.

**Township Meeting (SB 2390):** Amends the Township Code by providing that in the event of a conflict with the celebration of Ramadan, an annual township meeting may be postponed to the first Tuesday following the last day of Ramadan.

**County Officials (HB 56):** Requires compensation of county elected officers to be fixed by ordinance or resolution by the county board/board of commissioners. Such ordinance must separately list each stipend as well as compensation for each elected officer.

**Property Tax Vendors (HB 453):** Requires taxing districts with an aggregate property tax levy of more than \$5 million to make a good-faith effort to collect and publish data from all the vendors and subcontractors doing business with the taxing district on whether: the vendors are minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned businesses; the vendors or subcontractors are certified as such or if they are self-certifying; if self-certifying, whether they are small businesses.

**Vegetable Gardens (HB 633):** Pre-empts Home Rule and creates a new Garden Act that states that any person may cultivate vegetable gardens on their own property in any municipality or county.

**Firefighter Appointments (HB 809):** Clarifies that the fire Joint Labor and Management Committee is not mandated to establish or operate a community outreach program or a master register of eligible firefighter candidates, or to contract with a testing agency to establish or operate these programs.

**Local Government Grants (HB 1760):** Provides that for grants to local governments for parks and recreation under the Open Space Lands Acquisition Act, an advance payment of a minimum of 50 percent of a grant must be made to the local government at the time the grant is awarded.



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**Voting Reforms (HB 1871/ PA 102-0001):** Permits the Illinois State Board of Elections to make remaining Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds available to election authorities for the maintenance of secure collection sites for the return of absentee ballots. Permits election authorities to establish curb-side voting locations designating at least two judges (from opposite parties) per vehicle. Requires election authorities to accept any absentee ballot returned, even if it has insufficient or no postage. Election authorities with drop-off sites must collect all ballots at the close of business each day and note the date the ballot is received. Ballots dropped off after the close of business on Election Day shall be considered as having been received on Election Day.

**Industrial Project (HB 1931):** Amends the definition of “Industrial Project” with regard to redevelopment and capital projects, to include the disposal of surplus real estate owned by a municipality.

**Building Fees (HB 1932):** States that counties, municipalities and townships may waive fees for building, inspection, and construction work that is taking place after a disaster, in the interests of welfare, recovery, and public safety of the community.

**County Board Special Meetings (HB 2449):** Allows the Chairman of a County Board to hold special meetings regardless whether they are elected as Chairman by voters at large, or elected as Chairman internally by the County Board Members.

**Permit Fees (HB 2454):** Permits counties and municipalities to either waive or provide credit for any application/permit costs, fees, or other business regulation costs to an application/review process and will require a demonstration of need based on financial or logistical hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Marriage Certificates (HB 2590):** Requires county clerks to issue a new marriage certificate upon the receipt of legal documentation indicating that one of the parties on the certificate has changed his/her name. The certificate shall reflect the name change and bear no additional markings.

**Housing (HB 2621):** Provides for a COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program. Extends the Illinois Tax Credit for Affordable Housing Donations. Provides for a reduced assessed value program for new/refurbished affordable housing units. Requires non-exempt local governments to hold a public hearing for adoption and revisions of Affordable Housing Plans. Makes changes to the assessment process in Cook County for housing funded by the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

**Volunteer Boards (HB 2806):** Provides for the removal of volunteer board officials for misconduct.

**COVID Emergency Housing (HB 2877/PA 102-0005):** Creates the Covid-19 Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program Act. Implements an emergency rental assistance program, provides for the sealing on all residential evictions, and enacts a stay on all foreclosure proceedings.

**Design-Build Contracts (HB 3160):** Authorizes Forest Preserves and Conservation Districts to enter into design-build contracts, allowing for one entity to provide both design and fabrication services. Also increases the threshold requiring competitive bidding.



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**Lead Service-Line Replacement (HB 3739):** Requires owners/operators of community water supplies to replace lead service lines. Provides timelines for inventories, plans, and replacements. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to establish a low-income water assistance program.

**Response Time Study (HB 3763):** Amends various local government statutes to require that when there is a jurisdictional or territory change involving fire protection, a response time study must be conducted that shows estimated response times from the receiving unit to the territory being transferred and estimated response times of the current jurisdictional arrangement.

## Pensions

**Occupation Disease Benefit (SB 307):** Allows retired Chicago firefighters to be eligible for a disease benefit in lieu of their annuity payment if they: 1.) have not reached age of compulsory retirement (63); 2.) have not been receiving an annuity for more than five years; and 3.) have a condition that would have qualified the retired fireman for the annuity had they still been working.

**Emerging Manager Contract (SB 460):** Provides that all contracts for investment services are to be awarded by the Illinois State Board of Investment using a competitive process similar to what is present in the Procurement Code for professional and artistic services. However, emerging investment managers are to be exempt from specified requirements such as net assets of \$5,000,000 or more and other financial/market related parameters.

**Credit Accumulation (SB 603):** Provides that for Chicago firefighters, a future entrant not subject to the mandatory retirement age (63), the annuity is fixed at the age of withdrawal from service.

**Pension Omnibus (SB 1056):** Includes the provisions of 15 bills previously heard in the Senate Pensions Committee, calling for a wide variety of technical changes to pension systems contained in the Illinois Pension Code. These individual bills were agreed to be included in a pension omnibus bill by all members of the Senate Pensions Committee.

**Teacher Service Credit (SB 1646):** Allows for the purchase of up to 2 years of private/parochial school service credit by TRS active participants starting from when the bill becomes law until June 30th, 2023. Includes an exemption to the 6% Final Average Salary cap for school districts in which summer school is rendered between May 1, 2021 and September 15, 2022 to address learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Deferred Compensation (SB 1675):** Makes technical corrections to the automatic enrollment aspect of public employees' deferred compensation plan and provides automatic annual increases for said plan.

**Contract School Teachers (SB 2093):** Amends the CTPF article of the pension code to allow teachers of "contract schools" to participate in the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund. Adds to the underlying bill a grace period for submitting payroll records and contributions between January and April 1, 2022, if good-faith efforts are made. If the April 1, 2022, date is not met, liquidated damages, penalties and interest shall be calculated according to statute.





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**SURS and TRS Deferred Compensation Auto-Enrollment (SB 2103):** Requires all persons who first become participants of the State Universities' Retirement System (SURS) on or after July 1, 2023 to be auto-enrolled into the SURS Deferred Compensation Plan. Removes the State Deferred Compensation Plan option for those affected persons. Additionally, beginning January 1, 2022, new Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) members must automatically be enrolled into an optional deferred compensation plan at 3% of their gross compensation deferred into their deferred compensation account, unless that member opts out.

**Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund (SB 2107):** Allows employees of the recently created Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund and the Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Excludes board members from participation.

**Service Credit Transfer (HB 126):** Allows a Downstate Police Pension Fund member to transfer service credit previously earned in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to their Downstate Pension Fund.

**Prohibited Investments (HB 232):** Provides that prohibited investments/transactions for retirement systems include for-profit companies that contract to shelter migrant children.

**Public Employees Benefits (HB 275):** Allows a downstate police officer who has time served as a Chicago Police Officer to purchase up to 5 years of credit toward their downstate pension if employer, employee contributions and interest are paid before 12/31/2023. The bill allows the widow of a Chicago Police Officer to be eligible for a survivor benefit equal to the difference of the annuity and 60% of salary until the date when the officer when the officer would have turned 65 in situations where the death was the Result of COVID-19. Also allows retirees of the city of Chicago to work as a special education classroom assistant or classroom assistant part time for CPS without using their pension payment so long as they work no more than 120 days per school year and make no more than \$30,000 per school year.

**Firefighter Injury Report (HB 351):** Requires the fire chief of a secondary employer to report any injury, illness, or exposure incurred by a secondary employee during his/her employment to the Illinois Department of Insurance.

**Downstate Fire Fund (HB 381):** Allow for transfers from a Downstate Police fund to a Downstate Fire fund that is administered by another unit of local government within six months of Jan. 1, 2022.

**Park Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago Pension Funding Reform (HB 417):** Creates a 100% funding target by 2059, assuming a 35-year closed amortization period and entry-age normal cost accounting. Allows the aforementioned funding plan to be phased-in over the next four years, reaching full implementation in 2024. Provides the Chicago Park District authorization to issue up to \$250 million in bonds not to exceed a 30 year maturity, for the purpose of making supplemental pension contributions to the Park Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago. Proceeds from these bond issuances shall not decrease the amount of the employer contributions required in a given year. Bond proceeds must be used "in addition to", rather than "in lieu of" employer contributions required under the Article. The Chicago Park District shall not issue more than \$75 million in bonds in a given year.



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**Leave of Absence (HB 426):** Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Pension Code. Clarifies provisions surrounding applying for service credits for “investigative work.” Adds a provision saying that credits will not be granted to an officer who, before their date of retirement, has not contributed to the fund within five years after the approval of their application. Creates a deadline of Dec. 21, 2022, for reconsideration of service application.

**CTA Healthcare (HB 1428):** States that on Jan. 1, 2022, employees of Chicago Transit Authority will contribute an amount not less than 1 percent (currently, not less than 3 percent).

**Benefit Notification (HB 1777):** Requires Chicago police officers and firefighters must be notified of catastrophic injury benefits available to them. Requires that those benefits are to be provided immediately.

**Teacher Service Credit (HB 1966):** Allow teachers to buy up to two years of credit for service at parochial school.

**Subject Shortage Areas (HB 2569):** Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Concerning “eligible employment” for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity, the sunset is extended from June 30, 2021, to no later than June 30, 2024.

**Annuity Withholding (HB 2766):** Allow annuitants who were employees of the City of Chicago to authorize a portion of their annuities to a labor organization (current law allows this only for the labor organization that represented the annuitants during their employment).

**Revolving Door Prohibition (HB 3004):** Prevents members of pension fund board members from being employed by the respective fund, investment board, or retirement system for 12 months after ceasing to be a board member.

**Trustee Eligibility (HB 3474):** Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a person who meets the criteria to be an executive trustee may not serve as an employee trustee.

## Public Safety

**Domestic Violence (SB 685):** Creates a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission. Establishes domestic violence fatality review teams on a regional basis – one team in each of the 24 Judicial Circuits – to review past domestic violence cases.

**Park District Land (SB 740):** Allows the Village of Bensenville to sell up to 125 acres of the White Pines Golf Course owned by the Bensenville Park District if the sale meets specified conditions.

**Firefighter Exam (SB 2150):** Amends the Illinois Municipal Code and Fire Protection District Act regarding qualifications to sit for the exam to be a firefighter. Provides that a person 35 years of age or older who has



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served a municipality as a regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time firefighter is eligible to take an examination for a position as a firefighter.

**Smoke Detectors (HB 51):** Amends the Smoke Detector Act to remove language providing that specified smoke detector requirements shall not apply to dwelling units and hotels within municipalities with a population of more than one million inhabitants.

**Amusement Ride Safety (HB 60):** Amends the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act. Adds “trampoline court” to the definition of “amusement ride.” Adds language that specifies that any slide that is placed in a playground that does not require supervision or services to operate is NOT an “amusement ride.” Adds language that specifies that any slide that is not open to the public and which is accessed through admission or invitation is NOT an “amusement ride.”

**Driver’s Education Procedures (HB 3097):** Adds requirements to driver’s education for school students and adults about the proper actions motorists should take during a traffic stop, and what would be the appropriate interactions with law enforcement. The Rules of the Road manuals would also be updated with the information.

## Redistricting

**Circuit Court Districts (SB 2406):** Removes Randolph, Monroe, Washington, and Perry counties from the 20th Circuit and places them in a new 24<sup>th</sup> Circuit on Dec. 5, 2022. The 19th Circuit (Lake County) will be divided into at least 10 sub-circuits. Upon the division of the 19th Circuit: each resident judgeship shall be assigned to the newly drawn sub-circuit in which the judge of the resident judgeship in question resides; and each at-large judgeship shall be converted to a resident judgeship and be assigned to the sub-circuit in which the judge of the converted judgeship in question resides. When a vacancy occurs in a resident judgeship, the resident judgeship shall be allotted by the Supreme Court and filled by election.

**Cook County Board of Review Redistricting (SB 2661/PA 102-0012):** Redraws the boundaries of the Cook County Board of Review, which includes three districts.

**Legislative Redistricting (HB 2777/PA 102-0010):** Creates the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021. Reapportions the House of Representatives and Senate districts in Illinois.

**Redistricting Illinois Supreme Court (SB 642/PA 102-0011):** Creates the Judicial Districts Act of 2021. Redistricts the Illinois Supreme Court into 5 new Districts.

## Revenue

**Trade-in Cap (SB 58):** Repeals the \$10,000 cap on the exclusion from sales tax when you trade in your vehicle at a dealership.



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**Income Tax Checkoff (SB 81):** Creates an income tax checkoff for the Ronald McDonald House Charity on the Illinois income tax return forms.

**Downstate Fire Pension (SB 167):** Provides that a downstate a person who becomes a firefighter after Dec. 31, 2010, may transfer pension credit between employers. A firefighter must notify a new employer, all previous employers under this article, and the Public Pension Division of the Illinois Department of Insurance of intent to receive benefits and make the required contributions with applicable interest.

**Student Assistance Tax Credit (SB 340):** Extends the tax credit for employers that make a contribution to an employee's education for an additional 10 years.

**PTELL Adjustment (SB 508):** Provides that a taxing district's aggregate extension base will be adjusted in the following levy year to account for certificates of error (COE) and board of review (BOR) or PTAB decisions issued in the previous levy year.

**Revenue Recapture (SB 1138):** Amends the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act. Trailer bill that updates definitions, makes technical changes, and clarifies intent of the Local Government Recapture Act that was passed in 2019.

**Disabled Police/Firefighter Homestead Exemption (SB 1572):** Creates a \$5,000 homestead Property Tax Homestead Exemption for police/firefighters disabled in the line of duty.

**Tax Levy Certification (SB 1667):** Allows taxing districts to certify their tax levy electronically.

**DCEO EDGE Statute (SB 1690):** Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit Act and eliminates the Illinois Business Investment Committee.

**Delinquent Property (SB 1721):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes to prevent properties from being sold at tax sales, rather to allow local governments to work with land banks to purchase the properties, rehab them, and sell them. The bill does the following things: 1.) Reduces the interest penalty for properties at tax sales from 18 percent to 12 percent. Additionally, the bill limits the compounding of interest to once a year, rather than every six months. 2.) Expands the type of properties that can be acquired by the local government to include vacant lots. Additionally, the standard for which the local government can acquire the property is being changed from the property is dangerous or unsafe to the property's condition impairs public health, safety, or welfare. 3.) Allows the county/municipality to petition the circuit court for the deed of the property or they can petition for the deed for "another governmental body" designated in the petition, such as a land bank.

**Peoria TIF Extension (SB 1822):** Extends the life of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for the City of Peoria for an additional 12 years, from 23 years to 35 years.

**Auctions Not Marketplace Facilitators (SB 2066):** Provides that auctions are not marketplace facilitators, and adds language that clarifies that in 2020 marketplace sellers were exempt from the Use Tax (because the marketplace facilitators collected the Use Tax from the purchaser and remitted the Use Tax to the Illinois



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Department of Revenue). Also, the agreed upon language creates a credit mechanism by which remote sellers based in Illinois which remitted the Use Tax can recover the tax they should not have been required to pay.

**Data Centers (SB 2182):** Clarifies that campus-style data center facilities are allowed and encouraged, by providing that qualifying data centers must meet certain standards. Clean-up legislation to further align the statute with industry standards.

**Senior PTAX Assistance (SB 2244):** Raises the income threshold for the senior citizen assessment freeze homestead exemption to \$75,000 for Cook County for tax year 2020. As well as, raises the income threshold to \$75,000 for all counties beginning in tax year 2021.

**Tax Use Oversight (SB 2278):** Requires that a county that is authorized to impose a Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax For Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, or Transportation to establish a seven-member board, which shall oversee the use of funds received from the tax.

**IDOR Omnibus Cleanup (SB 2279):** Makes changes in four subject areas relating to the Illinois Department of Revenue: 1.) Extend Assessment Life for High Risk; 2.) Pollution Control Facility – Effective Date Change; 3.) Statute of Limitations – Extension for Claims; and 4.) Create Fund for Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB).

**SALT Cap Workaround (SB 2531):** Allows partnerships and Subchapter S corporations to elect to have the profits of the partnership/Subchapter S corporation attributable to Illinois, taxed at an entity level rather than on the individual partner/shareholder level.

**Enterprise Zone Act (HB 34):** Adds requirements concerning enterprise zone applications and provisional certification and decertification of enterprise zones. Modifies requirements concerning qualifications for enterprise zones. Modifies reporting requirements under the Act.

**TIF Extensions (HB 227):** Extends a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in the City of Ottawa from 23 to 35 years, and adds a 12-year TIF extension for the Lake Street Corridor TIF in Melrose Park created in 2007.

**TIF Reporting Requirements (HB 571):** Adds additional reporting requirements for Tax Increment Financing Districts to include on their annual report to the Illinois Comptroller.

**Rental Housing Assistance Support Program (HB 648):** Requires a tenant receiving assistance from the Rental Housing Support Program to be eligible for support until they reach 35 percent of the area median family income.

**TIF Extensions (HB 2061):** Provides for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District extensions for the City of Mount Carroll and the Village of Elizabeth.

**TIF Extensions (HB 2365):** Amends the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Act of the Municipal Code to provide a TIF district extension for the City of Mt. Pulaski, from 23 to 35 years. Adds a TIF extension for the City of Polo for an additional 12 years.



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**DCEO BRIMPA (HB 2411):** Requires data centers to be certified as carbon neutral within two years of being put into service. As well as, extends the Brownfields Redevelopment and Intermodal Promotion Act (BRIMPA) for projects through Fiscal Year 2026.

**Cannabis Taxes (HB 2415/ PA 102-0002):** Provides that if a county passed an ordinance imposing a recreational cannabis sales tax on or before Oct. 1, 2020, and filed a certified copy of the ordinance with the Illinois Department of Revenue on or before Nov. 1, 2020, the Illinois Department of Revenue will begin to collect the tax on May 1, 2021.

**Delinquent Tax Fund (HB 2614):** Allows the Northwest Home Equity Assurance Program, if authorized via voter referendum or two-thirds vote of the Program's commissioners, to implement a program that would offer low or zero interest loans aimed at helping homeowners stay in their home who are unable to pay their property tax bill.

**Washington TIF Extension (HB 2826):** Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code to extend a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in the City of Washington by 12 years.

**Homestead Exemptions (HB 3289):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Allows chief county assessment officers to automatically renew homestead exemptions in 2021 if the properties had homestead exemptions in 2020.

**TIF Extension (HB 3313):** Provides for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District extension for the City of Morris.

## State Government

**Infrastructure Development Act (SB 117):** Allows the Illinois Treasurer to make investments from the Treasurer's State investment portfolio, concerning the Infrastructure Development Account.

**Procurement Cleanup (SB 166):** Trailer bill to P.A. 101-657. Makes numerous changes to the Commission on Equality and Inclusion as negotiated between CMS, CDB, and the Chief Procurement Officers. Modifies provisions of the Procurement Code concerning the powers and duties of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion to specify that its powers relate to procurements and contracts for the purpose of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**CMS Reports (SB 189):** Eliminates the requirement that the Illinois Department of Central Management Services file an annual "Report on Reports" that details agency expenditures on the printing of reports. Clarifies language in the Food Donation Report related to the donation of food leftovers under agency contracts.

**Poverty Elimination Commission (SB 295):** Provides that the Illinois Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security shall have two members of the judiciary (rather than a member of the judiciary or a designee) who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

**Ethics Reform (SB 539):** Makes numerous changes to state ethics laws including:



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- Bans legislators from lobbying other units of government
- Makes changes to the statement of economic interest for elected officials
- Prohibits political fundraising the day of, the day before, and the day after a session day.
- Creates a revolving door legislator to lobbyist prohibition for 6 months after leaving office or the end of the current General Assembly, whichever is shorter.
- Allows the Legislative Inspector General to open an investigation without first getting permission from the Legislative Ethics Commission.

**Comptroller Reporting Expansion (SB 581):** Replaces the Governor with the Comptroller to perform specified duties concerning the designation of organizations qualified to receive payroll deductions. Removes provision requiring the Illinois Department of Central Management Services to transmit a certified copy of all reports to the Comptroller. Requires specified information under the Vendor Payment Program to be disclosed on Aug. 1, instead of July 1, for previous fiscal year. Provides that the Comptroller make available, on the Office's Web site, a "fiscal responsibility report card."

**Broadband Advisory Council (SB 919):** Amends the Broadband Advisory Council Act. Adds four members to the Broadband Advisory Council to represent underrepresented and ethnically diverse communities that are appointed by the Governor, including: one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of African-American or Black individuals; one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of Hispanic or Latino individuals; one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of Asian-American or Pacific Islander individuals; and one member from a community-based organization representing the interests of ethnically diverse individuals.

**Forensic Science Commission (SB 920):** Creates the Illinois Forensic Science Commission and provides for membership and duties for the commission. Provides for reporting by publicly funded forensic laboratories of non-conformities with the efficient delivery of forensic services.

**Functional Needs (SB 921):** Creates the Functional Needs Advisory Committee comprised of members that represent persons with different types of disabilities, members that represent first responders and a member representing the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Advisory Committee is intended to provide recommendations to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and other agencies regarding how to ensure that persons with a disability are included in disaster strategies, and ensure that the state is effectively responding to the needs of persons with access and functional needs during a disaster.

**State Museum/Conservation Commission (SB 922):** Eliminates responsibility of the Illinois Museum Board to fix salaries and approve appoint staff to the Illinois State Museum. Makes changes to the terms of appointment for members of the Illinois Conservation Commission.

**Quincy Veterans' Home (SB 1539):** Clarifies the existing statute to ensure that certain design-build contracts entered into under the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act and executed prior to the repeal of that Act, do not expire. Extends the automatic repeal of the section allowing for these contracts from July 2021 to July 2023.



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**Line-of-Duty Claim (SB 1650):** Provides that a line-of-duty claim for a death benefit for a death occurring after Dec. 31, 2016, and before Jan. 1, 2021 may be filed no later than Dec. 31, 2022.

**Line of Duty Compensation Act (SB 1681):** Amends the Line of Duty Compensation Act. States that for the purposes of the Act, "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" also means a probation officer.

**Volunteer Firefighter Training (SB 1714):** Removes labor history training requirements from volunteer firefighters in the state, while retaining them for professionals hired under the municipal code.

**Interview Diversity (SB 1765):** Establishes as a goal that state agencies should increase diversity on their hiring panels. Requires each agency to submit an annual report to the Illinois Department of Central Management Services providing data related to diversity in their hiring process.

**Commission on Poverty (SB 1962):** Repeals the Commission on the Elimination of Poverty Act.

**Juneteenth State Holiday (SB 1965):** Provides that June 19 of each calendar year be observed as a state holiday known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day." *(This is a duplicative bill to HB 3922, which was signed into law.)*

**Corrections Personnel (SB 1976):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Corrections to appoint a person to receive suggestions, complaints, and requests from visitors at its facilities and the general public.

**ISP Modernization (SB 2037):** Renames the Illinois Department of State Police to the Illinois State Police (ISP). Makes additional changes to modernize the ISP statute, including restructuring agency divisions, eliminating non-existent positions, consolidating code sections, adding a new agency division of Academy and Training, and eliminating old sections.

**State Park Flags (SB 2089):** Requires that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources fly a US Flag, an Illinois flag, and a POW/MIA flag at all State parks.

**DOIT Act (SB 2175):** Reconfigures the enabling act for the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology (DOIT).

**SOS Emergency Rules (SB 2232):** Grants the Illinois Secretary of State the authority to extend the expiration dates of driver's licenses, driving permits, identification cards and disabled parking permits in response to COVID-19. Clarifies the maximum statutory distribution for the annual Public Library Per Capita Grants, administered by the Secretary of State and State Librarian, from \$1.25 to \$1.475 per capita within a public library service area.

**Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund Act (SB 2290):** Creates the Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund Act. Establishes a program for the purpose of expanding availability of broadband connectivity throughout the state by providing financial assistance to residents, promoting the adoption of home broadband internet, and supporting digital skills training.





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**Annual Revisory Bill (SB 2435):** Provides for the 2021 General Revisory Bill, prepared to combine multiple versions of statutes, eliminate duplication, remove obsolete or outdated terminology, and make stylistic and grammatical corrections.

**Electronic Signature Waiver (SB 2459):** Provides that Illinois Department of Transportation, the Tollway and the Capital Development Board shall accept electronic signatures in transactions.

**Municipal ID Cards (SB 2460):** Permits the use of municipal identification (ID) cards from Illinois as a secondary form of identification when applying for state services and for entry into state buildings. States that an Illinois municipal ID card may not be sufficient to access certain secure areas within the premises and may require additional authorization or identification at the discretion of the premises' security, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, or the user agency.

**Mahomet Aquifer Council (SB 2515):** Creates the Mahomet Aquifer Council consisting of 23 members, per the amendment. Replaces the defunct task force of similar name.

**Publish Corporation List (HB 115):** Sets out to eliminate distribution and fee requirements for lists of corporations that are published by the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS). Replaces this methodology with a stipulation that SOS publish the lists as "open data" available to anyone.

**Secure Choice Savings Program (HB 117):** Expands employer mandate by amending the Secure Choice Savings Program. Expands the program to include employers with five or more employees.

**Chicago Fire Labor History (HB 202):** Requires that Chicago city firefighters receive training in the history of the labor movement in their profession.

**Bird Safety (HB 247):** Requires each State building constructed, acquired, or of which more than 50 percent of the façade that is substantially altered shall meet specified standards concerning bird safety. Provides requirements for the Director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services in implementing the standards.

**Procurement Leases (HB 355):** Permits the state to amend property leases to reduce its leased square footage if operational requirements no longer require the full space. Leases can be amended regardless of the procurement or source selection.

**State Auditing (HB 368):** Allows special assistant auditors to view all information that a full audit requires.

**Sarcoidosis Awareness Month (HB 590):** Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Designates April of each year as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month.

**IEMA Radiochemistry Lab (HB 592):** Requires the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to develop and maintain a radiochemical laboratory and program capable of preparing environmental samples, performing



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analyses, quantification, and reporting for assessment and radiation exposure control due to accidental radioactive releases from nuclear power plant into the environment.

**Illinois Flags (HB 605):** Provides that Illinois State Flags for use over any and all State institutions must be made in the United States.

**Fire Advisory Commission (HB 640):** Adds two ex officio members to the Illinois Fire Advisory Commission: one from the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, and one from the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Illinois.

**BFR DCEO Cleanup (HB 832):** Provides for Budgeting For Results (BFR) Commission mandate clean-up for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Repeals several obsolete mandates for DCEO.

**Alzheimer's Scratch-off (HB 848):** Amends the Illinois Lottery Law. Extends the sunset date of the Alzheimer's scratch-off from Jan. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1, 2025.

**BFR Cleanup (HB 1726):** Provides for a Budgeting For Results (BFR) bill that cleans up statutes with either technical changes, or removing funds that have run their course.

**Kaskaskia Port District (HB 1755):** Amends the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that DCEO shall evaluate eligibility of special districts for State and federal programs, grants, and subsidies based on eligibility requirements set forth in their statutory charters. Amends the Kaskaskia Regional Port District Act. Provides that the Port District has power to apply for and accept grants, loans, or appropriations from the federal and State government (currently, only federal government) or any agency or instrumentality thereof, to be used for any of the purposes of the District and to enter into agreements with the federal and State government (currently, only federal government) in relation to such grants, loans or appropriations.

**ABLE Account Program (HB 1836):** Allows for funds remaining in an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account to be transferred pursuant to a payable on death account agreement executed by the designated beneficiary or designated representative. Provides that the Illinois State Treasurer may require verification that funeral/burial expenses of the beneficiary have been paid.

**Official State Microbe (HB 1879):** Provides that *Penicillium rubens* NRRL 1951 is designated the official State microbe of the State of Illinois.

**Required Newspaper Postings (HB 2412):** Provides that if a notice is required to be published in a newspaper where the city, town, or county consists of more than 45 percent of a single minority group, the notice shall also be published in a local newspaper of that minority group, if available, and in the official language of the minority group's country of origin.



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**DHS Facility Transfer (HB 2426):** Provides that a recipient of services in an Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) facility for persons with developmental disabilities be provided with a notice of their rights, which includes a new provision that they have a right to request a transfer to a different DHS facility. Sets forth a process by which the recipient may apply to transfer.

**Procurement Code Exemption (HB 2616):** Exempts acquisitions for repairs, modifications, and replacement parts for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services that provide reasonable accommodations for the following purposes from competitive bidding and other provisions of the Procurement Code: 1.) that enable individuals with disabilities to apply for state employment; 2.) that modify the work environment to enable individuals with disabilities from performing the functions of a job; 3.) that enable current employees with disabilities to enjoy equal benefits and privileges as other employees; 4.) that permit members of the public to fully utilize and enjoy the state's programs, services, and benefits.

**Changes to Illinois Department of Employment Security (HB 2643):** Places restrictions on the disclosure of social security numbers. Extends special COVID-19 unemployment provisions until September 4, 2021 (expired December 31, 2020). Requires individuals who incorrectly received unemployment benefits to be served notice of their appeal rights prior to any recoupment. Provides for the permanent waiver of such recoupment if specified conditions are met.

**Illinois Constitution Day (HB 2834):** Provides that Aug. 26 of each year be designated as "Illinois Constitution Day," to commemorate Aug. 26, 1818, the day Illinois ratified its first State Constitution.

**IEMA Cyber Attack (HB 3523):** Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Expands the definition of disaster to include "cyber incidents."

**State Police Fund Transfer (HB 3811):** Amends the Illinois Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code, the State Finance Act, and other acts. Dissolves the Over Dimensional Load Police Escort Fund and transfers its remaining balance to the State Police Operations Assistance Fund. Dissolves the Firearm Dealer License Certification Fund and transfers its remaining balance to the State Police Firearm Services Fund. Dissolves the State Offender DNA Identification System Fund and transfers its remaining balance to the State Crime Laboratory Fund. Dissolves the State Police Vehicle Maintenance Fund and transfers the remaining balance to the State Police Vehicle Fund.

**Amateur Sports Commission (HB 3870):** Creates the Illinois Amateur Sports Commission to make recommendations about how best to promote and develop amateur sports in the state, with an emphasis on physical fitness. The Commission is to have 28 members, 24 of which are appointed by the Governor.

**State Holiday Juneteenth (HB 3922/PA 102-0014):** Provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the state.



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## Tourism and Hospitality

**Pandemic Hospitality Recovery (SB 104/PA 102-0008):** Permits retailers to use credit cards to pay for their liquor purchases. Adds single-servings of wine to the list of drinks (mixed drinks, cocktails) that can be sold via delivery or carry out. Allows for the delivery or carry out sale of manufacturer sealed containers. Extends the cocktails to-go provisions to January 3, 2024. Allows retailers to offer a single free drink to customers who show proof of COVID vaccination. Sets a repeal date of July 10, 2021.

**Hayli's Law (SB 119):** Prohibits the Illinois Department of Public Health or local health departments or districts from regulating lemonade or non-alcoholic drink stands operated by a person younger than age 16.

**Tourism Promotion Grants (SB 317):** Amends the Illinois Promotions Act to include units of local government to the list of entities that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity can award grants to, from the Tourism Promotion Fund for the purposes of promoting, attracting, and hosting tourism events in Illinois. Specifies local parks can be promoted by the Department under its tourism program.

**Cultural District Program (SB 1833):** Creates a State-designated cultural district program under the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law. Provides the certification of a district is valid for 10 years, upon which renewal is every five years.

## Transportation

**SOS Vehicle Services (SB 573):** Makes several changes in the Vehicle Code that affect operations at the Illinois Secretary of State's Department of Vehicle Services.

**Temporary Driver's License (SB 676):** Allows the Illinois Secretary of State to issue additional temporary driver's licenses to an applicant as are necessary to allow the applicant to drive during the length of the investigation. Additional temporary driver's licenses are not to exceed 90 days each.

**SOS Driver Services (SB 698):** Makes several changes in the Vehicle Code that affect operations at the Illinois Secretary of State's Department of Driver Services.

**Non-Highway Vehicles (SB 1231):** Defines a "large non-highway vehicle." Adds large non-highway vehicles to the list of vehicles not allowed on Illinois trails in the recreational trails program. Adds that electric powered recreational off-highway vehicles less than 3,000 pounds are permitted in the Illinois recreational trails program.

**Aeronautics Buildings (SB 1232):** Clarifies existing language to specify that the State can only contribute for the development of public-use aeronautical facilities. Allows financial assistance for construction costs directly related to projects financed in whole or in part by State monies (currently just engineering costs). Provides opt-out language for the channeling of federal pass-through dollars through the State for airports serving at least 10,000 annual enplanements. Defines the State's match of one half of the local share when it comes to FAA Airport Improvement Program funding.



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**Title Transfers (SB 1542):** Requires the Illinois Secretary of State to remove the registration and the license plate number associated with a VIN before issuing a new certificate of title. Also streamlines the record-keeping required of licensees so there is parity across the industry, but still requires documentation related to the acquisition or disposition of vehicles and their essential parts to be kept for three years.

**Salvage Vehicles (SB 1545):** Provides that a vehicle of four model years or older, rather than nine model years or older, may be retained by the registered owner instead of by the insurance company, even after the insurance company makes a payment of damages on total loss claim for the vehicle.

**IDOT Study (SB 1791):** Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study following the occurrence of any accident involving a pedestrian fatality that occurs at an intersection of a State Highway.

**Ag Student Transportation (SB 2164):** Allows a student participating in an agrarian-related activity to be transported in a second division pick-up truck that is registered with a permanent license plate and is owned by the school district. The pick-up truck must be 12,000 pounds or less with an enclosed cabin that can seat up to 6 passengers with seatbelts, and an open cargo area.

**Transportation Network (SB 2183/PA 102-0007):** Pushes the automatic repeal date of the Transportation Network Providers Act back to Jan. 1, 2023.

**Amtrak Supplier Report (SB 2424):** Stipulates that Amtrak may submit an annual supplier-diversity report to the Illinois Commerce Commission by April 15 of each year.

**RTA and MetroLink (SB 2454):** Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to develop, adopt, and implement a system safety program standard and establish procedures to comply with current law. This will enhance the safety oversight of the railway transit system in the Chicago and St. Louis area. IDOT will be responsible for investigations, audits, issue directives/emergency orders, suspending services, conducting hearing, and inspections.

**Accident Reporting Requirements (SB 2455):** Repeals sections of the Vehicle Code requiring the driver of a vehicle that is involved in specified types of accidents to file a report of the accident with the Illinois Department of Transportation in its capacity as the Administrator of the Illinois Safety and Family Financial Responsibility Law.

**Gold Star Plates (HB 20):** Removes the \$151 registration fee for Gold Star license plates for a surviving widow, widower, or parent of a person who served in the United States Armed Forces and lost his/her life while in wartime service.

**Tinted Windows (HB 96):** Adds "light sensitivity as a result of a traumatic brain injury" to the list of medical conditions for which a person is eligible for the tinted windows license plate and therefore exempt from certain window tint restrictions.

**Driver's License Suspension (HB 161):** Allows the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) to terminate a driver's license suspension following an accident when the statute of limitations has expired and no action has been filed



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against the driver during the statute of limitations period. Provides that the SOS may return security deposits made by the at-fault driver upon the expiration of the relevant statute of limitations or two years from the date of default in an installment agreement, whichever is later.

**Transportation Performance Program (HB 253):** Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to establish and implement a transportation performance program for all transportation projects under its jurisdiction including the Department's annual Multi-Year Plan. Requires that IDOT apply different weights to the performance measures based on regional geography or project type. Projects selected as part of the process shall be included in the State's multi-year transportation plan and the annual element of the multi-year plan. Requires that starting Jan. 1, 2022, no project shall be included in the multi-year transportation plan or annual element without being evaluated under the selection process. Also requires the Regional Transportation Authority to establish a similar program for transit projects in Northeast Illinois.

**Project Funding (HB 270):** Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways, in or within one mile of a municipality with a population of more than 1,000 people, in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change to a State transportation facility.

**School Speed Limits (HB 343):** Provides that for the purpose of the Illinois Vehicle Code section concerning special speed limits while passing schools, a school day begins at 6:30 a.m. (rather than 7:00 a.m.).

**Roadside Memorials (HB 365):** Provides that on and after July 1, 2021, a DUI memorial marker shall bear the message "Don't Drive Under the Influence" (rather than "Please Don't Drink and Drive"). Provides that a fatal accident memorial marker shall consist of a white on blue panel bearing the message "Reckless Driving Costs Lives" if the victim or victims died as a proximate result of a crash caused by a driver who committed an act of reckless homicide. Provides that all other fatal accident memorial markers shall consist of a white on blue panel bearing the message "Drive With Care."

**Truck Regulations (HB 396):** Updates truck weight and length regulations to better reflect federal laws.

**High-Speed Railway (HB 399):** Creates the High Speed Railway Commission to create a statewide plan for a high-speed rail line and feeder network connecting St. Louis and Chicago that includes current existing Amtrak and Metra services, connects the cities of Rockford, Moline, Peoria, and Decatur, and uses inter-city bus service to coordinate with the rail line.

**Motorcyclist Passenger Footrest (HB 656):** Requires a passenger of a motorcycle to be capable of resting a foot on the footrest while the motorcycle is in motion.

**Veterans Plates (HB 694):** Provides that, with respect to the supporting documentation required to obtain a plate for a veteran with a disability, the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) shall allow an applicant to redact information on the documentation that pertains to the nature of the applicant's health issue. Allows the SOS to require an applicant to disclose information necessary to confirm that the applicant's disability is service-connected or to establish the degree of the applicant's disability.



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**Fold of Honor Decals (HB 1915):** Allows for the issuance of Fold of Honor special license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**Highway Commissioner Notification (HB 1916):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) shall update its policy for providing notification of construction projects to the public. Provides that the policy shall include a requirement that IDOT contact the highway commissioner located in each IDOT district that will be impacted by a proposed construction project.

**Aviation Enthusiast Decals (HB 1927):** Provides that the Illinois chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association shall have the authority to issue Aviation Enthusiast decals. In addition to the standard \$151 fee, the decals will have an annual renewal fee of \$25.

**Quad Cities Decals (HB 1928):** Allows for the issuance of Child Abuse Council of the Quad Cities license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

**Suburban Mass Transit (HB 2413):** Provides for the discontinuance of the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District on Jan. 1, 2021.

**Electronic System Implementation (HB 2432):** Changes the deadline for the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) to implement the electronic lien and title system created by House Bill 2856 in the 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly from July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022.

**DNR Boating (HB 2499):** Amends the Boat Registration and Safety Act. Updates the Act to mirror the Vehicle Code in terms of titling and registration including salvage and junking certificates. Updates the "rules of the road" for watercrafts to bring Illinois in line with US Coast Guard and federal requirements.

**Automotive Parts Recycling (HB 2529):** Allows an automotive parts recycler, in addition to a scrap processor, to submit a Junk Vehicle Notification to the Illinois Secretary of State.

**Antique Vehicles (HB 2548):** Allows that an expanded-use antique vehicle may be driven on the highways for purposes other than travel to and from an antique auto show or an exhibition or for servicing or demonstration from March 1 through Nov. 30 (instead of April 1 through Oct. 31).

**School Bus Safety (HB 2584):** Allows the Illinois Department of Transportation to establish by rule a pilot program to permit the testing of safety equipment not otherwise prohibited by State or federal law. Adds language that states that safety devices under the pilot program shall not be deemed in violation of the width restrictions.

**Deputy, Assistant Fire Chiefs (HB 2860):** Allows deputy and assistant fire chiefs to have vehicles equipped with sirens and makes them eligible for fire chief license plates.

**Construction Consent (HB 2863):** Provides that, in the case of township roads, the county superintendent of highways may either grant consent for construction or deny the application. Provides that the county



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superintendent of highways shall provide written confirmation, citing the basis of the decision, to both the highway commissioner and the applicant.

**MFT Use (HB 2950):** Expands the use of county motor fuel tax (MFT) funds for pedestrian use. Provides that, in the counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, and McHenry, proceeds from the county MFT funds may also be used for operating, constructing, improving, and acquiring land for shared-use paths for non-vehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths within the county. Provides that the county board of a county with a population of more than 500,000 may also use MFT funds allotted to it for the construction and maintenance of shared-use paths for non-vehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths.

**Expectant Mother Decals (HB 3027):** Allows the Illinois Secretary of State to provide a disabilities motor decal or device to an expectant mother during her third trimester. Provides that a decal or device provided to an expectant mother shall be valid for no more than 90 days, and shall clearly set forth the date that the decal or device expires.

**Hazardous Material Routes (HB 3881):** Defines a local road as it pertains to the movement of hazardous materials and agriculture movements. Local road is defined as any State roadway except for a highway with four or more lanes or an interstate highway.

**Police Vehicles (HB 3882):** Changes the definition of “police vehicle” to include recreational off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft.

**Healthcare Worker Decals (HB 3929):** Allows the issuance of healthcare worker license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

## Veterans Affairs

**State Flag Presentation (SB 505):** Provides that members of the Illinois National Guard shall have a State flag presented to their next of kin upon their death. Requires that the National Guard member be serving in an Active Status with either the State or federal activation codes.

**Veteran-Owned Businesses (SB 687):** Requires the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) to submit a report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB). Requires CMS to perform outreach at least twice annually to VOSB and SDVOSB informing them of procurement and certification opportunities. Requires CMS to assist VOSB and SDVOSB with certification, bidding on state contracts, and creating business goals.

**VA Home Donations (SB 2250):** Provides that each administrator of an Illinois Veterans Home who has an established locally-held member’s benefits fund shall prepare and submit to the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs a monthly report of all donations received.





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**Healthcare Records (HB 714):** Requires a healthcare facility or practitioner to provide a free copy of a patient's medical records for the purpose of supporting a claim for: Federal Veterans' Disability Benefits; Federal Social Security Benefits; or, Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Benefits.

**Military Discharge (HB 1290):** Provides for state benefits for a veteran who was discharged under "other than honorable" conditions due to sexual orientation.

**Veterans Task Force (HB 1815):** Extends the Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force, which was supposed to meet starting July 1, 2019, and issue a report by Dec. 31, 2020. Meetings would now begin July 1, 2021, with a report to be issued by Dec. 31, 2022. The Task Force would dissolve on Dec. 31, 2023.

**Veterans Gardening Day (HB 2894):** Provides that the first Saturday in May of each year be observed as Veterans Gardening Day, in honor and remembrance of veterans.

**Service Officers (HB 3255):** Expands an honorable discharge requirement that is currently only applicable to service officers in a field office, to any supervisors including the field manager of a field office.

**Veterans Assistance (HB 3515):** Creates provisions not currently defined in statute that address delegates and alternates for Veteran's Organizations serving more than one county.

**IDOT Seasonal Employment (HB 3716):** Provides that veterans shall be preferred for employment with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the position of snow removal operator and winter salaried highway maintainer under the Department's Winter Seasonal Employment Program.

**Preventing Deceptive Practices (HB 3865):** Prevents deceptive practices from organizations "servicing" veterans obtaining benefits by requiring disclosure on voice and typed messaging that veterans' benefit services are free of charge at county veteran service offices. Makes it unlawful to violate the fiduciary responsibility of the veteran.