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AN OVERVIEW OF SPRING SESSION



*LEGISLATION THAT PASSED
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*



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Budget Fiscal Year 2022 & BIMP

Budget Implementation (HB 4700): Creates the FY2023 Budget Implementation Act. Makes the changes necessary to implement the State budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Appropriations (HB 900): Amends Public Act 102-17 by changing, adding, and repealing various Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations. Makes Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations and reappropriations for specified purposes. Some provisions are effective immediately; some provisions are effective July 1, 2022.

Notable Legislation

UI Deficit (SB 2803): Appropriates \$2.7 billion to the Illinois Department of Employment Security from the State Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Fund for partial repayment to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Agriculture

Pet Sales and Care (SB 705): Changes the definition of “Dog Dealer” to not include a person who sells dogs at retail to the public. Changes the definition of “Day Care Operator” to not include facilities where dogs or cats are held for the sole purpose of grooming or facilities where dogs or cats are held for less than 12 hours for training purposes.

DNR Approval (SB 3103): Amends the State Parks Act. Specifies that certain actions are not violations of the Act if they are done with the approval of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Conservation Police Officers (SB 3184): Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law. Requires Conservation Police Officers hired after July 1, 2022, to obtain certification pursuant to the Illinois Police Training Act. Limits powers of arrest and permission to carry firearms to Conservation Police Officers 21 years of age or older.

Buckthorn Removal (SB 3433): Amends the Illinois Exotic Weed Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provisions for the control of exotic weeds, a municipality may adopt an ordinance to eradicate common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), glossy buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula*), saw-toothed buckthorn (*Rhamnus arguta*), dahurian buckthorn (*Rhamnus davurica*), Japanese buckthorn (*Rhamnus japonica*), and Chinese buckthorn (*Rhamnus utilis*) on all public and private property within its geographic boundaries.



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State Fair Revenue (SB 3482): Amends the State Fair Act. Provides that all revenues from the operation and use of any facilities of the Illinois State Fair, the Springfield State Fairgrounds, the DuQuoin State Fair, and the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds (rather than only the Illinois State Fair and the Springfield State Fairgrounds) shall be deposited in the Illinois State Fair Fund.

(House Bills)

Healthy Food Access (HB 2382): Creates the Healthy Food Program Development Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Agriculture may coordinate with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a Healthy Food Development Program to expand access to healthy foods in eligible areas in the State by providing assistance to grocery stores, corner stores, farmers' markets, and other small food retailers.

Pyrethroid Pesticide (HB 3118): Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that a pyrethroid pesticide may only be applied by a commercial applicator for commercial or residential use if an evidence-based model of application complying with specified requirements is used. Requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to adopt rules creating a process meeting specified requirements for the licensure of commercial applicators for residential treatment of pyrethroid pesticides.

Commercial Fishing (HB 3717): Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Allows commercial fishermen to obstruct more than one-half the width of any stream or watercourse under specified circumstances. Specifies requirements for commercial fishermen who are unable to be in immediate supervision of their gill and trammel nets.

Veteran Licenses (HB 4680): Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Removes provisions requiring a veteran who has served as an active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or reserves of the United States Armed Forces to apply in person for a fishing license at a regional office of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Behavioral and Mental Health

Statewide Trust Fund (SB 2945): Creates the Statewide 9-8-8 Trust Fund in the State Treasury to create and maintain a statewide suicide prevention and mental health crisis system pursuant to the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020.

Direct Support Person (SB 3156): Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Changes references from "direct support person" to "direct support professional." Provides that the direct support professional credential pilot program shall be administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Illinois Department of Human Services or a Division partner.



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Mental Health (SB 3617): Creates the Ensuring a More Qualified, Competent, and Diverse Community Behavioral Health Workforce Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, to award grants or contracts to licensed community mental health centers or behavioral health clinics to establish or enhance training and supervision of interns and behavioral health providers-in-training pursuing licensure as a licensed clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist. Creates the Mental Health Assessment Reform Act to remove barriers to care in the Medicaid mental health assessment and treatment planning process. Creates the Recovery and Mental Health Tax Credit Act. Requires the Department to establish and administer a recovery tax credit program to provide tax incentives to qualified employers who employ eligible individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder or mental illness in part-time and full-time positions. Creates an Advisory Council to advise the Department regarding employment of persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders in minority communities.

Children's Mental Health (SB 3889): Creates the Children's Mental Health Council Act. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Council shall conduct at least four meetings each year, in addition to emergency meetings called by the chairperson of the Council, research and provide recommendations for the General Assembly on children with mental and behavioral disabilities and residential placements around the State and out of state, research and provide recommendations on how State agencies will be able to provide emergency placement for children with disabilities, research and provide recommendations on expanding residential beds and increasing the workforce, and providing recommendations for the General Assembly, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, and any other agency that is involved in the process of the placement of a child.

(House Bills)

First Responder Mental Health (HB 1321): Creates the First Responder Mental Health Grant Program. Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide grants to units of local government, law enforcement agencies, fire protection districts, school districts, hospitals, or ambulance services that employ first responders. Subject to appropriation. Grants are to be used for expenses related to behavioral health care services for first responders.

Inpatient Facility Access (HB 1592): Creates the Mental Health Inpatient Facility Access Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health to develop a written plan that addresses improving access to inpatient psychiatric beds in State-operated mental health facilities. Includes provisions specifying requirements for the written plan and requires the plan to be publicly available in one year. Prohibits the Department from making further reductions in State-operated inpatient mental health bed capacity.



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Mental Health Care (HB 4306): Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that all youth in care shall be assigned a mental health provider to manage their mental health care needs. Requires a youth's mental health provider to visit the youth and conduct a well-being assessment within 30 days after the youth is removed from his or her home and placed in the temporary custody or guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse (HB 4364): Creates the Fund Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury for grants to local governments and public universities for the following: providing mental health and substance use prevention to incarcerated people; providing mental health and substance use prevention for those encountering the criminal justice system with a primary focus on those incarcerated in a county jail or recently discharged. States that the Illinois Department of Human Services will administer the grant program.

Commerce

Journalism Task Force (SB 3082): Adds five new members to the Journalism Task Force, passed last year. Adds that any additional appointments are to be made 30 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Farmers' Markets (SB 3838): Exempts farmers who sell their products from the premises of their farm from licensing by the farmer's local health department. Allows local health departments to issue Farmers' Market Retail Permits, not to exceed \$150, for the sale at farmers' markets and semi-permanent events. Permits are to be valid for one year.

Home-Grown Business (SB 3930): Adds notification requirements for potential grants and COVID-19 guidelines to the Illinois Home Grown Business Opportunity Act, as well as creates the Border Community COVID-19 Mitigation Grant Program for businesses and municipalities geographically close to bordering states.

(House Bills)

Grocery Display (HB 2910): Provides that the retail mercantile establishment may use any reasonable method available to provide notice of the advertised savings of the discount. Provides that a retail mercantile establishment may request information from the consumer that will facilitate the required notice of the discount to the consumer.

Consumer Fraud (HB 4281): Prohibits the use of a utilities name and logo by a non-utility entity. Prohibits a non-utility business shall use a public utility logo to market, solicit, sell, or bill for home insurance, maintenance, or warranty products.



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Fair Food Delivery (HB 3205): Creates the Fair Food Delivery Act. Prohibits third- party apps from using the likeness of a restaurant/business without a written contract.

Criminal Law

Testimony of Victims (SB 2942): During a prosecution for certain sex offenses where the victim was under 18 years old at the time of the offense, the court may clear the courtroom of non-interested parties while the victim is testifying even if the victim is now 18 or older.

Child Sex Offender (SB 3019): Prohibits a child sex offender from operating, managing, being employed by, or associating with any carnival, amusement enterprise, or fair when children are present. Currently only applies to county fairs.

No-Contact Protection Orders (SB 3157): Clarifies that when a petition for an emergency stalking no-contact order or emergency civil no-contact order is filed, the petition and file shall not be public and shall only be accessible to the court, law enforcement, petitioner, victim advocate, counsel of record for either party, and the State's Attorney for the county until the petition is served on the respondent.

(House Bills)

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Retired Police Officers (HB 1568): Provides that for Tier 2 police officers working in law enforcement and employed by the state, reduces the requirement age from 60 to 55 with 20 years of service. Requires the Training Board to collaborate with the Illinois Community College Board and Higher Education to create a report with recommendations establishing minimum requirements for credits that may transfer from public institutions of higher education to satisfy the requirements of law enforcement and correctional intern courses. Allows retiring police and investigators for specific agencies the ability to buy their badge and service firearm at their time of retirement.

Off-Hours Child Care (HB 1571): Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to establish and administer an Off-Hours Child Care Program. The program is designed to help first responders and other workers identify and access off-hours, night, or sleep time child-care for first responders. Creates the Off-Hours Child Care Program Fund as a special fund in the State



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treasury. Moneys in the Fund are to be expended for the Off-Hours Grant Program only. Subject to appropriation.

Funeral and Burial Assistance (HB 2985): Creates the Murdered Children Funeral and Burial Assistance Act. Allows the Illinois Department of Human Services to issue direct payments of up to \$10,000 to funeral establishments and cemetery authorities for families of murdered children to secure burial rights, funeral and burial services, and merchandise for the deceased. The eligible survivor (parent or guardian) must have a household income of less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level to qualify for directed payment constituted under this Act. Subject to Appropriation.

Reentry Specialists (HB 3465): Provides that each institution or facility of the Illinois Department of Corrections shall hire a reentry specialist to assist with the reentry of offenders into the community.

Vehicle Theft (HB 3699): Expands the scope of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council to allow for multi-jurisdictional law enforcement cooperation and funding to combat vehicular hijacking and renames the Council to the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council.

Stolen Vehicles (HB 3772): Amends the various sections of the Vehicle Code pertaining to violations of traffic regulations concerning standing, parking, or condition of vehicles, and automated traffic or speed violations (red light, speed, school bus, and railroad crossing cameras), to state that notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a person shall not be liable for violations, fees, fines, or penalties under this section during the period in which the motor vehicle was stolen or hijacked, as indicated in a report to the appropriate law enforcement agency filed in a timely manner. Also amends the section pertaining to fees and procedures for impounding vehicles. Adds that no administrative fees charges shall be imposed on the registered owner of the agents of that owner if the vehicle was stolen or hijacked at the time the vehicle was impounded. Owners must prove that the vehicle was stolen or hijacked by submitting proof that a report was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely manner. Also adds that if the administrative hearing officer finds that the county or municipality impounded a vehicle that was stolen or hijacked the county or municipality shall refund any administrative fees already paid. Amends the Crime Victims Compensation Act: Adds expenses incurred for the towing and storage of a victim's vehicle in connection with a crime of violence, to a maximum of \$1,000 to the victims eligible under the act. The victim must exhaust all vehicle insurance coverage before being eligible.

Aggravated Battery DCFS Employee (HB 3850): Makes battery of an Illinois Department of Children and Family Services employee in the performance of his or her official duties, to



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prevent performance of his or her official duties, or in response to his or her official duties an aggravated battery.

Law Enforcement Fund (HB 3863): Creates the Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury to be used by Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to award grants to local governments, higher ed institutions and qualified non-profits for hiring and retention of officers, subject to appropriation.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse (HB 4364): Creates the Fund Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury for grants to local governments and public universities for the following: providing mental health and substance use prevention to incarcerated people; providing mental health and substance use prevention for those encountering the criminal justice system with a primary focus on those incarcerated in a county jail or recently discharged. States that the Illinois Department of Human Services will administer the grant program.

Criminal ID Expungement Drug Test (HB 4392): Prohibits a court from denying an expungement or sealing petition because the petitioner has failed a drug test taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition.

Overdose Prevention Supplies (HB 4556): Allows any pharmacist or physician, or the pharmacist's or physician's designee to dispense drug adulterant testing supplies to any person. Includes advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants in the list of people who can distribute the testing supplies to any person.

Corrections Master Record File (HB 4559): Allows an inmate to request a summary of their master record file once per year and their attorney may also request one summary of the inmate's master record file once per year. Directs the Illinois Department of Corrections to create a form for this and make it available to committed persons and to the public on its Web site.

Solicit Sexual Act (HB 4593): Deletes the affirmative defense to solicitation of sexual act with a person who is younger than 18 or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability. The reason for removing the affirmative defense is that it allows for the offender to simply allege that they reasonably believed the person was age 18 or older or was not a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability at the time of the act.

File and Sentence Credits (HB 4741): Allows for disclosure of an inmate's master record file in accordance with a court order or subpoena. Clarifies the role of the Director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice in the sentencing credits statute.



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Sex Offenses Consent (HB 5441): Provides that for purposes of the Sex Offenses Article of the Criminal Code, expands the definition of “unable to give knowing consent” to also include when the victim is intoxicated, but the accused did not provide or administer the intoxicating substance.

Education

Expansion of Return to Work (SB 3201): Increases the number of days a retired teacher may teach without it affecting his or her retirement status to 150 days or 750 paid hours in a school year with no more than 100 paid days in the same classroom. If the employment is not within the school year during which their service terminated effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. As well as provides that beginning July 1, 2023, a retired teacher would be able to teach without it affecting his or her retirement status up to 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year.

Retired Chicago Teachers Re-Employment Subject Shortage Areas (SB 3465): Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code and provides that until June 30, 2024, a retired teacher’s pension shall not be cancelled if the retired teacher is employed in a subject shortage area and the employer meets specified requirements.

Reduction in Reporting (SB 3663): Requires the State Board of Education to 1.) Combine the Grant Periodic Reporting and Electronic Expenditure Reporting into one report; 2.) Require only school districts that have multiple facilities or schools to comply with the Site-Based Expenditure reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act; 3.) Combine the financial reporting required for all school districts into two reports and establishes a two-year moratorium on the salary and benefit survey. Requires the State Board of Education to review all reports on the State Board of Education’s Web Application system and eliminate all reports that the Board considers to be outdated or obsolete.

Education Support Personnel (SB 3709): Amends the School Code and adds a special education cooperative that dissolves or reorganizes to provisions concerning the continued employment of educational support personnel employees in a new, annexing, or receiving school district. Also, provides with respect to a special education cooperative reorganization, the contractual continued service status of a teacher transfers to the new or different board, and that it is unlawful for an employer to demote an employee because of the exercise of his or her rights or remedies under the Act.

High School Diploma (SB 3792): Amends numerous acts to change references from high school equivalency certificate to State of Illinois High School Diploma.



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Whole Child Task Force (SB 3845): Requires the Task Force to have goals to ensure that historically disadvantaged males or students of color receive academic equity and achieve academic excellence and is required to consider whether to require every school district to have in their strategic plans a focus on historically disadvantaged males of color. Requires the Task Force to consider whether to establish an office within Illinois State Board of Education to focus on the achievement of academic excellence and equity for historically disadvantaged males of color.

Student Fees (SB 3867): Requires all school boards (including Chicago Public Schools) to waive all fees for each student who have a parent that is a veteran with an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and would also apply to active-duty military personnel.

Substitute Teachers (SB 3893): Amends the school code pertaining to the number of days that a substitute teacher may teach for any one contracted teacher increasing the days from 90 to 120 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year through the 2022-2023, any year after that the number of days will revert to 90.

Diploma Prerequisites (SB 3902): Amends the School Code. Cleans up and meshes the provisions of three Public Acts passed last year that amended prerequisites for receiving a high school diploma.

Substitute Teachers (SB 3907): Provides that individuals who hold a Short-Term Teaching License may teach up to 15 consecutive days for a licensed teacher under contract. If a teacher's absence lasts six or more days an individual with a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may not substitute for that teacher unless the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency.

Mental Health Days (SB 3914): Requires school districts to grant full-time employees five mental health days each school year at full pay. Employees would not be required to provide a medical note or other documentation to use the mental health day.

Short-Term Substitute Teachers (SB 3915): Waives the \$25 application fee for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency.

Student Reporting (SB 3936): Creates the Student Confidential Reporting Act and offers for the implementation and administration of Safe2Help Illinois which is a program for the public to report anything regarding intent to cause damage violence or self-hurt to a school, school staff, and students.



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Community Career Connections (SB 3972): Requires the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Human Services to jointly establish and create the Community and Career Connections Program. The Community and Career Connections Program is required to provide high school credits to applicants in participating schools that receives a direct service professional certification.

Student Assessment (SB 3986): Prohibits the Illinois State Board of Education from developing, purchasing, or requiring a school district to administer, develop, or purchase a standardized assessment for students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2, other than for diagnostic purposes. Prohibits the State Board of Education from providing funding for any standardized assessment of students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2.

Paraprofessional Educator (SB 3988): Allows a paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations to be issued to an applicant who is at least 18 years of age only until the individual reaches the age of 19 years and otherwise meets the criteria for a paraprofessional educator endorsement.

School Counselors (SB 3990): Provides that school counselors can promote career and technical education through their services by assisting students to determine a post-secondary plan that is determined through the assessment of a student's strengths, skills, and goals. Also, school counselors are required to develop individual career plans with students including planning for post-secondary education and engage in related CTE coursework in high school, and all post-secondary options must be discussed with all students including four-year colleges or universities, community colleges, vocational schools, and CTE career planning through the engagement in related CTE coursework in high school.

Mental Health Resources (SB 4028): Provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program shall require that the instruction on mental health and illness must discuss how and where to find mental health resources in this State.

ISBE Annual Clean-Up (SB 4056): Amends the School Code, the School Safety Drill Act, the Property Tax Code, Illinois Pension Code, the Illinois Labor Relations Act, and the College and Career Success for All Students Act. Provides that school bullying policies must be filed with the State Board after being updated no later than Sept. 30. Provides that in monitoring the implementation of the policies, the State Board of Education shall review each school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school's filed policy on bullying to ensure all policies meet requirements by Sept. 30 of the subject year. Provides that if a school fails to file a policy by Sept. 30, then the State Board of Education shall provide a written request for the school to file the policy, and if a school fails to file a policy within 14



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days after receiving a written request, then the State Board of Education shall publish notice of the non-compliance on the State Board of Education's Web site.

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Career Readiness (HB 3296): Provides that by July 1, 2025, a school district shall elect to implement the program and if so, must follow the schedule guidelines and award College and Career Pathway Endorsements and requires that a school district who elects to implement the program is to submit the necessary application materials to the State Board of Education.

School Construction Grants (HB 3637): Amends the School Construction Law to update the Law and incorporate the recommendations of the School Construction Task Force.

School Lunch Option (HB 4089): Requires a plant-based school lunch option to be added to the school lunch program.

School Bus Permit (HB 4230): Amends the Vehicle Code. Provides that if an applicant's driver's license has been suspended within the three years immediately prior to the date of application for the sole reason of failure to pay child support, that suspension shall not bar the applicant from receiving a school bus driver permit.

Withholding School Diploma (HB 4243): Provides that no public high school of a school district shall withhold a student's grades, transcripts, or diploma because of an unpaid balance on the student's school account. As well as provides that at the end of each school year, the school districts are required to report to the State Board of Education the amount of money that remains unpaid by students due to outstanding fees after the student has received his or her diploma.

Lapsed License Fees (HB 4246): Provides that if an individual's license lapses, they may be reinstated through a payment of \$50 to the State Board of Education instead of \$500. Provides that licensee who are retired and qualify for benefits from the State of Illinois retirement system are required to be listed as retired. Provides that if a licensee retires during a renewal cycle the license status is required to be updated using the Educator Licensure Information System that indicates that the licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status.

Teachers and Principals Evaluations (HB 4256): For the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years the following requirements can be waived by school districts:

1. Evaluation requirements for teachers under contractual continued service whose performance during the last school year that the teacher was evaluated received a rating of either "excellent" or "proficient".



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2. State Board of Education rule requiring that the evaluation of a teacher or principal can include looking into student growth measurements.
3. Evaluation requirements for principals and assistant principals whose performance were rated as either “excellent” or “proficient” during the last school year in which they were rated.

Professional Development and Administrator Relief (HB 4257): Provides that licensees with an administrative endorsement who are working as administrators or licensees with a Teacher Leader endorsement working as an administrator for 50 percent of the day are not required to complete an Illinois Administrators’ Academy course for the 2021-2022 school year.

Special Education Facility Placement (HB 4365): Provides that if a student’s individualized education program team finds that the special education program at a school district cannot meet the needs of a student the school district is required to pay the expenses of that child for special education and related services.

Changing School Boundaries (HB 4580): Requires that the Department of School Demographics and Planning (DSP) at least once every five years must evaluate a school on their enrollment to determine if they need to revise existing boundaries. Also, contains provisions concerning the evaluation, for instance, what to look for when evaluating a school, how to report the evaluation, and who to report the evaluation to. As well as contains provisions on what it is that DSP must look for before determining to change the boundaries of schools within the district.

Debt Limitation (HB 4688): Amends the School Code and in provisions concerning the debt limitations of school districts, provides that, in addition to all other authority to issue bonds:

- Mahomet-Seymour Community Unit School District 3 (*Rose*) may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$97,900,000, subject to specified conditions.
- New Berlin Community Unit School District 16 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$23,500,000, subject to specified conditions.
- Highland Community Unit School District 5 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000, subject to specified conditions.
- Sullivan Community Unit School District 300 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000, subject to specified conditions.
- Manhattan School District 114 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$85,000,000, subject to specified conditions; and
- Golf Elementary School District 67 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$56,000,000, subject to specified conditions.

These schools have referendum questions on the June 28, 2022, primary ballot



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Teacher Removal Hearings (HB 4690): Amends the school code and takes out provisions requiring that if both parties who are involved in a hearing mutually agree in writing that they wish to pause the hearing during a public health emergency declared by the Governor they may do so until the proclamation is no longer in effect.

Driver Education Standard (HB 4716): Provides that in conjunction with the State Board of Education, the Secretary of State, an association representing teachers of driver education, students, and many more shall adopt rigorous learning standards for the classroom and laboratory phases of driver education for novice drivers.

Evidence-Based Formula (HB 4728): Makes changes concerning how an Organizational Unit's adjusted equalized assessed valuation (EAV) is calculated. Provides that when calculating an Organizational Unit's Adjusted EAV within the Evidence-Based Funding formula, the calculation shall be the average of its EAV over the immediately preceding three years or the lesser of its EAV in the immediately preceding year or the average of its EAV over the immediately preceding three years if the EAV in the immediately preceding year has declined by 10 percent or more when comparing the two most recent years.

Substitute Teaching (HB 4798): Provides that an individual must have a bachelor's degree or higher to receive a substitute teaching license or must be enrolled in an approved educator preparation program in this State and have earned at least 90 credit hours.

Contract Bidding Requirements (HB 4813): Provides that contracts for goods, services, or management in the operation of a school's food service, are exempt from contract bidding requirements. Includes schools that participate in any of the United States Department of Agriculture's child nutrition programs. Requires that food supplier data be given to the school district at the time of the bid and is required to be updated annually.

Threat Assessment Procedure (HB 4994): Amends the Freedom of Information Act and the School Safety Drill Act and records concerning the work of the threat assessment team of a school district including any threat assessment procedure under the School Safety Drill Act and any information contained in the procedure shall not be inspected or copied or shown to the public.

Royalty Payments (HB 5003): Any royalty payments received by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) through licensing agreements, or any other agreements entered by ISBE shall be deposited into the State Board of Education Special Purpose Trust Fund.

Remote Learning Program (HB 5016): Adds to the eligible activities and services of alternative learning opportunities programs list, any high school completion program to allow students eligible for remote learning to complete their education while incarcerated. Adds a pilot



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program to the school code that allows students who are in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections the ability through remote learning to complete the course requirements to graduate.

School Board Organization (HB 5127): Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code and within 40 days after the regular election of directors (school boards), the directors shall meet and organize by appointing one of their members as president and one of their members as clerk, and within 40 days after the consolidated election the board shall organize by electing its officers and fixing a time and place for the regular meetings.

Interpreters at Meetings (HB 5214): Provides that any parent who is deaf or cannot speak or understand English very well who participates in a meeting with a representative of the local school for the purposes of developing an individualized educational program, or attends a multidisciplinary conference, a 504 meeting, a mediation session, or a due process hearing is entitled to the services of an interpreter.

Fee and Fine Waivers (HB 5265): Provides for school fees and fee waivers for homeless and eligible students, and waives all fees and fines associated with loss of school property on children with families who cannot afford it.

Civic Event Participation (HB 5488): Provides that a school board may permit a middle school or high school student attending a public school to use one school day-long excused absence per school year to participate in a civic event. Allows a school board to require advance notice of the intended absence and require that the student documents his/her participation in the civic event.

Dual Credits (HB 5506): Amends the Dual Credit Quality Act. Adds a new section which provides that a partnership agreement entered between a community college district and a school district shall allow a high school student who does not otherwise meet the community college district's academic eligibility requirements to enroll in a dual credit course, but only for high school credit.

Energy and Public Utilities

Grid Task Force (SB 1104): Creates Illinois Regional Generation Reliability Task Force Act. Task Force shall meet regularly and offer reports and suggestions for policy changes to help facilitate power grid standards in Illinois.

Electric Vehicles (SB 2940): Adds electric motorcycles to the list of eligible vehicles that can qualify for the rebate in the 2021 Energy Transition Law. Makes rebate \$1,500 for motorcycles, and applies the entire rebate program to entire state, instead of just collar counties.



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Electric Vehicle Permit Task Force (SB 3005): Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that the NEW Electric Vehicle Permitting Task Force shall include one member representing a statewide organization of municipalities and (auto manufacturing industry) as authorized under specified provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code and additional member from the automobile manufacturers industry.

Hydrogen Economy Task Force (SB 3613): Creates the Hydrogen Economy Act. Creates the Hydrogen Economy Task Force. Provides that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative support to the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly by Dec. 1 of each year on its activities, findings, and recommendations.

Renewable Energy Task Force (SB 3790): Provides for a new task force on recycling ideas for solar, wind, and battery storage energy systems and their life spans.

Climate Works Hubs (SB 3866): Amends the Energy Transition Act. Provides that Climate Works Hubs shall be awarded grants in multi-year increments not to exceed 36 months with the opportunity for grant renewal and modification for subsequent years.

Alternative Retail Suppliers (SB 3903): Provides new rules for alternative retail suppliers (ARES) at the Illinois Commerce Commission. ARES must maintain sufficient managerial resources and abilities to provide the service for which it has a certificate of service authority. In determining the level of managerial resources and abilities that the ARES must demonstrate, the ICC shall consider complaints from consumers and a list of other factors.

Environment and Conservation

Coal Combustion Residual (SB 3073): Provides that all Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) generated by the electric generating industry located in a municipality bordering Lake Michigan with greater than 75,000 inhabitants but fewer than 150,000 inhabitants shall be removed from the site.

Rivers Coordinating Council (SB 3178): Codifies the executive order (2013) that consolidated various Illinois rivers councils into the Rivers of Illinois Coordinating Council (RICC), with the only changes being an increase in the size of the Council from 19 to 20 members, by adding the Illinois State Water Survey.

Demolition Documentation (SB 3633): Provides that counties must maintain documentation on the disposal of any demolition debris, clean or general, or uncontaminated soil generated during the demolition, repair, or enclosure of a building for a period of three years identifying the hauler, generator, place of origin of the debris or soil, the weight or volume of the debris or



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soil, and the location, owner, and operator of the facility where the debris or soil was transferred, disposed, recycled, or treated. States the documentation required, does not apply to a permitted pollution control facility. Landfills and transfer stations are already required to keep these records.

Wastewater Funding (SB 3905): Creates the Municipal Water and Wastewater Funding Study. Creates a committee to study and make recommendations concerning any needed modifications to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations and policies as they relate to municipal water and wastewater funding to ensure that the communities with the greatest need have access to the programs' resources.

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Budget Reporting (HB 4382): Provides that during the month of June (rather than October) of each year, the Illinois Commerce Commission shall make specified determinations with respect to moneys deposited into the Public Utility Fund during the next (rather than current) fiscal year and the moneys expected to be expended or obligated against appropriations made from the Fund during the next (rather than current) fiscal year.

PFAS Incineration Ban (HB 4818): Prohibits the disposal by incineration of any TRI-PFAS perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances, including but not limited to any aqueous film-forming foam. Exempts thermal oxidizers when they are operated as a pollution control or resource recovery device at a facility that is using PFAS chemicals; the combustion of landfill gas from the decomposition of waste that may contain PFAS at a permitted sanitary landfill; or the combustion of landfill gas in a landfill gas recovery facility that is located at a sanitary landfill.

Alternative Electric Suppliers (HB 4973): Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that a certificate of service authority granted to an alternative retail electric supplier or alternative gas supplier, or a license granted to an agent, broker, or consultant engaged in the procurement or sale of retail electricity supply for third parties is not property and the grant of a certificate or license does not create a property interest.

Public Water Supplies (HB 4988): Requires public water supply operators to notify specified health care facilities at least 30 days, but no fewer than 15 before any known, planned, or anticipated disruption event and within two hours after being aware of an unplanned disruption event. Requires any planned or unplanned disruption event notification sent to a health care facility to be sent to State agencies within five business days.

911 Calls (HB 5502): Requires large buildings to enact 9-1-1 out calls to show the address of the building occupant. Large buildings must allow occupants to dial 9-1-1 without suffix numbers such as 9 included in the number.



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Legislative Accessibility (SB 180): Creates a Legislative Accessibility Act and a General Assembly Accessibility Task Force to increase the accessibility of the General Assembly for persons with disabilities. The 13 members on the Task Force will be appointed by the Legislative Leaders.

Election Code Shell (SB 829): Provides that the State Board of Elections shall create an accessible vote by mail system for voters with print disabilities. Must be in place by this general election (Nov. 8, 2022). Defines voter with a print disability as “a person having a temporary or permanent physical or mental impairment, such as blindness, low vision, physical dexterity limitations, or learning or cognitive disabilities, that prevents the person from effective reading, writing, or use of printed materials.” System will deliver ballot to voter electronically. Voters can mark and verify their ballots using assistive technology.

Wine Manufacturer Fees (SB 1001): Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Reverts the licensing fees for first-class wine manufacturers and first-class wine makers to the fee structure prior to the passage of HB 2620/PA102-0442 last spring. Lowers the initial licensing fee from \$1,500 to \$900, and the renewal fee from \$1,200 to \$750.

Municipal Foreign Fire Insurance Board (SB 1571): Changes the foreign fire insurance fee rate from up to 2 percent to 2 percent. Fees collected by a municipality or third-party organization, such as IML, must be paid to the foreign insurance board. Pre-empts home-rule, requiring each municipality to assess the fee. Provides fire insurance boards the ability to hold and manage these funds along with the ability to sue for violations of the foreign fire insurance statute.

Procurement Single-Use Plastic (SB 1915): Bans the state and state vendors from offering single-use plastic food ware at state parks and natural areas. Gives preference to vendors that use compostable or recyclable food ware.

Sports Wager Supplier Licenses (SB 2973): Reduces supplier license renewal fees from \$150,000 yearly to \$50,000 every four years.

Remove Racing Caps (SB 3158): Eliminates caps on the number of Off-Track Betting licenses, which licensed horse racetracks can be awarded by the Illinois Racing Board.

Local Officials (SB 3460): Amends the Counties Code and Township Code to create a process to remove elected officials that are charged with a crime and placed on administrative leave until the courts can render a decision on their case.

FOIA Medical Records (SB 3695): Amends the Freedom of Information Act to expand the exemption for disclosure of private information so that “private information” includes



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electronic medical records and information located on an electronic medical records system that could lead to a patient's identification. Medical records withheld must also comply with state and federal privacy laws and regulations included, but not limited to, HIPAA.

Child Removal Process (SB 3720): Creates the Bias-Free Child Removal Pilot Program Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to establish a three-year, Bias-Free Child Removal Pilot Program for the purpose of promoting unbiased decision making in the child removal process, while maintaining the safety of children and reducing risk, with the goal of decreasing the overrepresentation of BIPOC children in out-of-home placements.

Local Government Consolidation (SB 3789): Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Requires each unit of local government that can levy any tax (except counties and municipalities) to form a committee to study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another unit of local government, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation.

Tollway Control (SB 3796): Amends the Toll Highway Act. Provides for the appointment of an Executive Director of the Tollway Board under the advice and consent of the Senate to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

Cannabis Transporting License (SB 3799): Imposes a five-year moratorium on new cannabis transporting licenses from Jan. 1, 2023, to Jan. 1, 2025. Permits current holders of cannabis transporting licenses, who applied for their licenses in 2020, to defer their license fees for up to two years.

RTA Transit Funding Report (SB 3848): Requires the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and its Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop and submit recommendations for changes to sales tax formula and distributions, governance structures, regional fare systems, or any other policy or funding related to land use and transportation.

UNCF Lottery Scratch-Off (SB 4020): Creates a new scratch off for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

Illinois Racing Board (SB 4044): Provides that the Illinois Racing Board may appoint the Director of Mutuels to serve as the State director for inter-track wagering and simulcast wagering. Provides that the pari-mutuel tax imposed at all parimutuel wagering facilities and on advance deposit wagering shall be remitted to the Board (rather than the Illinois Department of Revenue). States that the Board shall distribute contributed funds to a charitable organization on a schedule determined by the Board, based on the charitable organization's estimated expenditures related to the grant (rather than by Dec. 31 of each year). Repeals provisions



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requiring the Board and the Illinois Department of Agriculture to establish a program to conduct drug testing on horses at county fairs.

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Latex Gloves (HB 209): Creates the Latex Glove Ban Act. Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, a food service establishment may not permit employees to use latex gloves in the preparation and handling of food. If latex gloves must be used in the preparation of food due to a crisis that interrupts a food service establishment's ability to source nonlatex gloves, a sign must be prominently placed at the point of order or point of purchase clearly notifying the public of the temporary change.

Nursing Home Reform (HB 246): Implements a comprehensive nursing home reform effort that represents an 18-month collective effort of the Health Care Council of Illinois, Leading Age Illinois, Illinois Health Care Association, and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reform the nursing home rates in Illinois. Issues addressed include Emergency Rules and Implementation Timeline; and Rate Changes – Regional Wage Adjuster, Variable Staffing Per Diem, Base Rate Increase, Transitional Per Diems, Medicaid Access Adjustment, Quality of Care Incentive Per Diem, Tenure Incentives, Bed Tax, and Nursing Facility Ownership Transparency.

Judicial Courts Redistricting (HB 350): Amends the Judicial Circuits Redistricting Act of 2022 to clarify the intent of the General Assembly. Corrects drafting errors, makes clarifications, while converting all remaining at-large judgeships into resident judges. Deletes several precincts from Lake County from the 22nd Circuit. (Lake County is not a part of the 22nd Circuit). States that there will be no at-large circuit judgeships and only residential judges in the following circuits: 3rd Circuit: Madison and Bond; 6th Circuit: Champaign County; 17th Circuit: Winnebago, Boone; 19th Circuit: Lake. States that for the following circuits that all currently sitting judges will not have to change their residency to continue to serve in office or to seek retention: Cook County Judges; 3rd Circuit (Madison and Bond); 6th Circuit (Champaign County); 7th Circuit (Sangamon, Macoupin, Morgan, Scott, Greene, and Jersey); 12th Circuit (Will); 16th Circuit (Kane); 17th Circuit (Winnebago, Boone); 18th Circuit (DuPage); 19th Circuit (Lake); 22nd Circuit (McHenry). Increases the number of Cook County resident judges from 165 to 220. The resident judges will be assigned as each vacancy in office for associate judge occurs. Amends the Associate Judges Act so that no circuit will have a reduction of judges as a result of the 2020 federal census. Reduces the number of associate judges for Cook County by 55. Those associate judges will be converted to resident judges.

Car Theft (HB 601): Expands the offense of possession of burglary tools to include possessing a device designed to: unlock or start a motor vehicle without the use or possession of the key to



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the motor vehicle; or capture or duplicate a signal from the key fob of a motor vehicle to unlock or start the motor vehicle without the use or possession of the key to the motor vehicle.

Statute of Repose (HB 625): Amends the Code of Civil Procedure so that a defendant may bring a counterclaim after the statutes of repose has run for that claim (currently only statute of limitations).

Health Insurance Study (HB 836): Creates the Health Insurance Coverage Premium Misalignment Study Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Insurance to explore rate setting approaches that may yield a misalignment of premiums for coverage in the Illinois insurance market and issue a report by no later than Jan. 1, 2024.

Organized Retail Crime (HB 1091): Creates the Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act (INFORM Consumers Act) and amends the Criminal Code:

- Requires online marketplaces, such as Amazon, Facebook, eBay and even Goodwill to verify high-volume third-party sellers to prevent the online reselling of stolen goods beginning Jan. 1, 2023.
- Creates the offense of organized retail crime. Scales back Organized Retail Crime to basically cover organizers and “smash and grab” offenders.
 - Person acting in concert with another or a group knowingly commits retail theft from one or more retail mercantile establishments and
 - commits simple assault, simple battery insulting/provoking;
 - battery bodily harm; or
 - destroys property of the retail mercantile establishment.
 - The person is a manager of the ORC.
- Grants jurisdiction to any state’s attorney where any element of the organized retail crime (planning, selling, stealing, etc.) occurred.
- Gives Attorney General authority to use a statewide grand jury to investigate, indict, and prosecute violations.
- Provides that an issuer shall not provide a debit or credit cardholder or a person who utilizes an account number or code the value in any manner of any item purchased with intent to defraud the issuer or a person providing an item of value,
- Under this amendment, the newly created Organized Retail Crime offense is not a predicate activity under the Illinois Street Gang and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Law (or “RICO”) like prior versions.

Education (HB 1167): Amends the School Code and various statutes relating to universities and community colleges. Provides for COVID-19 administrative leave to school and college employees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if they are restricted from being on



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school or campus grounds pursuant to guidance, mandates, or rules related to COVID-19. Provides that any sick leave used by a school district employee or college/university employee during the 2021-2022 school year shall be returned to a teacher or employee who receives all doses required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if they had to use sick leave pursuant to guidance, mandates, or rules related to COVID-19.

Student Athletes (HB 1175): Amends the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act. Adds the definition of “booster” and “enrolled.” Requires a student athlete to provide the postsecondary educational institution with written notice and a copy of any agreement entered into for professional representation in a manner and time prescribed by the institution (rather than within seven days) if the agreement involves cash or other compensation to the student-athlete that is equal to or more than a value of \$500.

New Americans (HB 1567): Expands the duties of the Governor’s Office of New Americans, including promoting and supporting integration efforts, and the creation of an annual report.

Drug Take-Back (HB 1780): Creates the Drug Take-Back Act. Requires drug manufacturers and distributors, “covered manufacturers” to participate in, or individually implement, a state-wide drug take-back program. Establishes requirements for drug take-back programs and their operation, including but not limited to program coverage, program changes or modifications, program promotion, annual program reporting, and program funding.

Hospital Assessment Program (HB 1950): Reauthorizes the current Hospital Assessment Program (HAP), which sunsets on Dec. 31, 2022, to continue more than \$3.8 billion annually in Medicaid funding for hospital services.

Election Reforms (HB 1953): Amends Election Code to address mail blackout date, voting-by-mail request period, and petition circulator affidavits. For 2022, blackout period on mailing for primary begins May 15, 2022, still ends day after primary election. “‘Notwithstanding any provision of Section 19-2 to the contrary,’ electors may request vote-by- mail ballots for the general primary election beginning on March 30, 2022, but no later than June 23, 2022.” Adds petition circulator affidavit options on signatures: 1). For 2022 elections only, a fourth option allows circulators to state that petition signatures were collected between January 13 and March 14, or from January 13 and an affirmed date. 2). For option 3: Adds “, or (3) for elections where the petition circulation period is 90 days,” before “certifying that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition.” “‘State Central Committeeperson’ includes ‘committeeman’ and ‘committeewoman’ for those persons elected or appointed under State Central Committee Alternative B under Section 7-8.”



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Cannabis Programs (HB 2380): Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Provides for one application and approval process for dispensing organization agent ID cards from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and cultivation organization ID cards from Illinois Department of Agriculture for both recreational and medical dispensaries.

Homelessness Prevention (HB 2775): Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. It is the public policy of this State to prevent discrimination based on familial status or source of income in real estate transactions.

Remote Learning Day (HB 3573): Adds that a remote learning day may also be utilized because a school was selected to be a polling place and replaces e-learning days allowed for in the school code with remote learning days following conclusion of the Governor's public health emergency declaration due to COVID-19. Provides that a school district may utilize a remote learning day instead of an emergency day provided for in the school calendar.

Overhear/RICO (HB 3893): Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Extends the sunset of the state's attorney overhear exception from Jan. 1, 2023, to Jan. 1, 2027. Under this exception, a law enforcement officer or person acting at the direction of a law enforcement officer may record or listen with the aid of an eavesdropping device to a conversation in the course of an investigation of a felony drug violation without a court order if he/she has prior approval from the state's attorney. Extends the sunset of the RICO Article of the Code from June 11, 2022, to June 11, 2023.

Invest in Kids Scholarship (HB 4126): Requires that in granting scholarships under the Invest in Kids Act, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter, a scholarship granting organization (SGO) will give priority to eligible students who received a scholarship from a SGO in the previous school year.

Trustees of Schools (HB 4173): Applies only to Lyons Township school districts. Requires that the trustees of schools be made up of three trustees who are appointed and four trustees who are elected. The appointed trustees shall be appointed by the local school board. Provides the requirements and procedures when appointing trustees and sets terms for their appointment.

Land Transfer (HB 4219): Amends the Illinois and Michigan Canal Development Act. Allows the Village of Lemont to exchange a small portion of Illinois and Michigan Canal lands to a nongovernmental entity for lands that are equal or greater in value. Any transfer of property must have been appraised by two MAI appraisals any be able to be used for recreational, park, and parking purposes without additional cost to the Village of Lemont. Any land transferred must also be continuous to all other Illinois and Michigan Canal lands currently owned by the Village.



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Warranty Deeds (HB 4270): Amends the Conveyances Act to create a statutory form for special warranty deeds, one of the most common deeds used in commercial real estate practice. Currently, no special warranty deed exists in statute.

Health Care Registry (HB 4332): Requires the Healthcare Worker Registry to include the individual's federal taxpayer identification number (if they do not have a social security card) in addition to other various information that is currently required.

Guardian Appointment Training (HB 4366): Amends the Guardians for Adults with Disabilities Article of the Probate Act of 1975. Removes the exemption that a guardian of the person appointed Cook County does not have to complete a training program created under the Guardianship and Advocacy Act.

Rifle Deer Hunting (HB 4386): Provides that a centerfire rifle may be used to harvest deer during the firearm open season set by the Director of Natural Resources annually. Provides that all straight walled rifle rounds are legal ammunition for a centerfire rifle.

Pharmacy HIV Patient Care (HB 4430): Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act to provide, that in accordance with a standing order by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or the medical director of a county or local health department, a pharmacist may provide patients with prophylaxis drugs for human immunodeficiency virus pre-exposure prophylaxis or post-exposure prophylaxis. Provides for Insurance coverage and Medicaid Coverage and reimbursement to pharmacists.

GATA Applicability (HB 4489): Provides that the requirements established under GATA do not apply to awards, including capital appropriated funds, made by the Illinois Department of Transportation to units of local government for transportation projects utilizing State and federal funds. Requires GATA to recognize that federal and federal pass-through awards from the Department of Transportation to units of local government are governed by and must comply with specified federal guidelines.

One Day of Rest (HB 4600): Amends the One Day of Rest in Seven Act. Amends the definition of a work week. Increases penalties for a violation of the Act. Clarifies what constitutes a violation of the Act. Also amends the Wage Payment and Collection Act. Acts as trailer bill to HB 5412. HB 5412 creates liability with primary contractors to employees of subcontractors for unpaid wages. Should HB 5412 become law, provides that only projects with an aggregate cost of \$20,000 or more are covered under the Act.

Police Training/Body Cameras (HB 4608): Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that within 60 Days of passing, the Police Training Board will adopt uniform rules for a waiver on training requirements for previously employed law enforcement or court corrections officers.



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The rules for an eligible candidate must show: 1). A training program approved by the Board on the laws of this State relevant to the duties of law enforcement and county correctional officers; and 2). Firearms training, prior to the approval of a waiver.

Amends the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act. Allows body camera grant funds to be used for data storage costs. Allows officers to flag video if they believe it may have evidentiary value. Makes clarifying changes on when an officer does not have to have a camera turned on, such as in training or only in the presence of other officers. Clarifies that “community caretaking” excludes law enforcement-related encounters or activities.

Community Care Reports (HB 4647): Amends the ID/DD Community Care Act. Amends the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act. Requires a licensee to submit an annual report certifying that all legislatively or administratively mandated wage increases to benefit workers are passed through in accordance with the legislative or administrative mandate. Each developmental services agency licensed under this Act shall submit an annual report.

Nurse Staffing (HB 4666): Prohibits nurse staffing agencies from recruiting employees on the premises of a health care facility. Prohibits nurse staffing agencies from entering into covenants not to compete with contracted nurses/CNAs. Eliminates non-compete clauses, which prevent agency nurses from gaining long-term employment directly with a facility.

Retired Law Enforcement (HB 4667): Allows active or retired county deputies, county correctional officers, and correctional officers of the Illinois Department of Corrections to be deemed to be qualified law enforcement officers or, if retired, shall be deemed qualified retired or separated law enforcement officers in Illinois for purposes of coverage under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.

License Organ Donor (HB 4696): Amends the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Act. Provides that the Department shall offer to each successful purchaser of a hunting license the opportunity to be redirected to the First-Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry Web site maintained by the Secretary of State.

DHS Gambling Disorders (HB 4700): Adds gambling to the Substance Use Disorder Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to establish a public education program and a requirement for a statement regarding obtaining assistance with a gambling disorder on the Web site portal for sports wagering licensees.

Safe Gun Storage (HB 4729): Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to develop and implement a two-year statewide safe gun storage public awareness campaign. Subject to appropriation.



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Health Facilities Application (HB 4736): Amends the Health Facilities Planning Act. Decreases the amount of time applicants and members of the public have to respond to the Board staff's written review of findings, concerning an application for a permit from 10 days before the meeting to five days from the posting of the report. Prohibits the written response from introducing information that was not provided in the original application.

County Design-Build Authorization (HB 4772): Creates the County Design-Build Authorization Division for Counties to permit counties to enter design-build contracts.

Birth Center Licensing (HB 5012): Provides clean-up language from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for the Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Practice Act.

Prenatal/Perinatal Care (HB 5013): Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to amend its managed care contracts so that a managed care organization (MCO) must pay a fee-for-service rate for prenatal, perinatal, and postpartum services rendered by an out-of-network provider. Clarifies that in cases where an MCO must pay for preventive prenatal services, the requirements shall not apply if the services were not emergency services.

IDOT Public Construction Bond (HB 5035): Permits the Illinois Department of Transportation to implement a five-year pilot program to allow a contractor to provide a non-diminishing irrevocable bank letter of credit in lieu of specified bond requirements on contracts under \$500,000.

Education Labor Board Process Notice (HB 5093): Provides that service may be given by one of the methods permitted in the Board's rules. The intent of the bill is to allow the Board to provide notifications via e-mail.

School Code Gun Safety (HB 5193): Adds instruction on safe gun storage to the list of topics included in authorized "safety education" offered by school boards either partially or fully funded by the State.

Wage Payment and Collection (HB 5412): Amends the Wage Pay and Collection Act. Places liability on prime contractors to pay any unpaid wages to employees of subcontractors the prime contractor contracted with.

Blocking Control Access (HB 5439): Provides that no person shall engage in "street sideshows" on any street or highway of the State. Provides that a person may not knowingly cause the movement of traffic to slow or stop for the purpose of facilitating street racing or a street sideshow. Provides that any person convicted of a violation of the new provisions is guilty of a



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Class A misdemeanor for the first offense and is subject to a minimum fine of \$250; and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense and is subject to a minimum fine of \$500.

Highway Advertising Weed Control Permit (HB 5463): Provides that the Illinois Department of Transportation may issue rules to provide the standards and procedures for vegetation control, including permit applications, permits, revocations, and the requirements for replacement of vegetation and landscaping removal to establish clear visibility zones of signs along interstate or primary highways in the State.

First 2022 General Revisory (HB 5501): Provides for a General Revisory bill to clean up outdated references and section, fix technical and grammatical errors, etc., as offered by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Property Tax Land Bank Exemption (HB 5532): Amends the Property Tax Code. Exempts properties owned by any of three enumerated land banks are exempt from property taxes when they are being held by the land banks and for future development. Requires the named land banks to provide proof of status for the exemption when applying to the board of review.

Financial Institutions

Biennial Exams (SB 3787): Provides that a Credit Union may be examined less frequently upon the Secretary's written statement and authorizes the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to accept an insurer's examination. Changes the term categories to "investment grades" to allow permissible municipal investments. Gets rid of language stating bylaws must be "approved by the members" to make it clear that either the Board of Directors or Credit Union members can vote to change the bylaws.

Banking Records (SB 3971): States that a bank can disclose financial records of a customer only after the bank sends a copy of a subpoena, summons, warrant, citation, or court order to the customer at their last known address or by electronic delivery if the customer has consented to electronic updates. Requires each bank to retain its records in a manner consistent with prudent business practices and in accordance with this Act and applicable State or federal laws, rules, and regulations. Each retention system must be able to accurately produce such records. Permits banks to destroy its records subject to retention periods required by State, or Federal laws rules, and regulations. Provides that in the destruction of records, the bank shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the confidentiality of the records.

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Real Estate Task Force (HB 4410): Creates a Task Force to address and investigate discrimination from two federal agencies devaluing property or refusing to make loans secured



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by property in communities of color. Collateral underwriting standards and guidance of represented entities are to be identified and researched. Findings shall be reported to the General Assembly and the Governor 24 months after the effective date.

Credit Unions (HB 4462): Provides that a Credit Union may serve target markets in accordance with the terms of its written business plan submitted to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The Secretary of IDFP has sole discretion to approve/disapprove the business plan or require the credit union to modify the business plan to seek approval of the target market as an occupational, community, or associational common bond or common bonds.

Banking Development District (HB 5194): Creates the Banking Development District Act to encourage the establishment of branches for banking services in geographic locations where there are the largest underbanked and unbanked populations.

Collection Agencies (HB 5220): Shifts collection agency regulation from the Division of Professional Regulation to the Division of Financial Institutions. Updates the powers and duties for Division of Financial Institutions of the Department to provide for the current names of various regulated Acts. Makes additional conforming changes.

Health

Healthcare Facility Visitation (SB 1405): Amends the Medical Patient Rights Act to update visitation requirements in the event of a Governor-issued disaster proclamation due to an outbreak or epidemic of communicable disease. Requires healthcare facilities to ensure that a patient or resident has the opportunity for at least one visitor, not including clergy, who shall be permitted to visit with a patient in addition to the permitted number of visitors. Visitation must be subject to guidelines, conditions, and limitations of the facility's visitation policy, as well as all federal guidelines.

Hospital Merger (SB 1435): Provides that at the time of the application to operate under a single license, a hospital located in a county with fewer than 125,000 inhabitants may apply for approval to conduct operations from more than one location within contiguous counties in which both facilities are located, provided the second county has fewer than 35,000 inhabitants.

Nursing Home Care (SB 1633): Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Adds specific rights to the Act, which include the right to have their human and civil rights maintained in all aspects of medical care, and that a resident shall have his or her basic human needs accommodated in a timely manner. Outlines guidelines and provisions for legislative purpose, resident rights, and grievance procedures.



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Medicaid Benefits (SB 2962): Increases the Community Spouse Resource Allowance and the Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance for the purposes of determining assets and income when applying for long-term care under Medicaid.

Hospital Licensing (SB 2977): Expands the language of The Hospital Licensing act to include that no patient may abuse another patient in addition to the current language that states no staff may abuse a patient in a hospital.

Surgical Smoke Evacuation (SB 3011): Provides a new definition for a “surgical smoke plume evacuation system,” which is a dedicated device that is designed to capture, transport, and filter surgical smoke plume. States that the device is to protect all the individuals in the room, not just the employees.

Follow-up Healthcare (SB 3023): Changes the “follow-up healthcare” definition for medical forensic services to be rendered, from 90 days after initial visit to 180 days.

Prescription Inquiry System (SB 3024): Allows County Health Departments access to data from the prescription inquiry system for educational, intervention, fraud prevention, and analysis purposes.

Home Services Program (SB 3132): Authorizes the Spouse to service as Personal Care Providers under the DHS Home Services Program. Subject to federal approval.

Interagency Agreement (SB 3172): Amends the Custody Relinquishment Prevention Act and requires state agencies (DCFS, DHS, DHFS, ISBE, DJJ, and DPH) to enter into a 10-year extension of the interagency agreement required by PA 98-0808 for the purposes of preventing parents from relinquishing parental custody of a child because of the child’s mental health issues.

Pat McGuire Fellowship (SB 3645): Changes the existing Pat McGuire Child Welfare Education Fellowship Pilot Program stating that it will provide financial assistance to a *diverse* pool of eligible students. Previously the language just stated provides financial assistance toe eligible students.

Child Services (SB 3747): Creates a comprehensive stakeholder process to help develop standards for hospitals to establish units for children with autism. Also, will provide that child welfare supervisors must satisfy specified requirements. Additionally, this legislation will expand eligibility of the Child Care Assistance program to youth in care and to families receiving Extended Family support as well as provides a definition to “eligible infants and toddlers.”



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Extended Family Support (SB 3853): Requires DCFS, beginning Jan. 1, 2023, to implement a three-year pilot program of additional resources for families Extended Family Support Program services for the purpose of supporting relative caregivers.

Demographic Data (SB 4001): Repeals a provision requiring the Illinois Department of Human Services to collect and publicly report statistical data on the racial and ethnic demographics of program participants for each program administered by the Department.

Autism Reporting (SB 4006): Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services, by Dec. 31 of each year, to submit a report to the General Assembly regarding access to applied behavior therapy for persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Requires the report to contain various information about availability of services in Illinois and access to services for Medicaid children.

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Hospital Plan (HB 347): Requires hospitals to submit a Pediatric Sexual Assault Survivor Plan regarding transfer services and medical forensic services.

Child Care – Foster Youth (HB 4242): Expands eligibility under the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Care Assistance Program to include foster parents or caregivers of youth in care, youth in care who are parents, parents who have custody of their children and their children are subjects of pending cases under the Juvenile Court Act, families with children who have an open intact family services case with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and families receiving Extended Family Support Program Services from DCFS. Provides language to include families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from DCFS, defines the term “eligible infant toddlers” to include any child younger than age 3, and provides that rates paid to day care providers by DCFS shall match the rates paid to childcare providers by DHS under the childcare assistance program.

Foster Care Investigative Committee (HB 4304): Requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to ensure that an exit interview is conducted with every child aged five and older who leaves a foster home. Requires the Department to review information regarding all child exit interviews regarding the home. Expands the definition of “quality of care concerns applicant” to include a foster care license applicant or any person living in the applicant’s household who has requested a youth in care’s removal from the home on five or more occasions.

Medicaid Omnibus (HB 4343): Provides for the Spring 2022 Medicaid Omnibus – \$62.4 million Gross. (Also listed under Assignments)



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Lead Poisoning Prevention (HB 4369): Amends the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health or its delegate agency shall (rather than may) conduct a follow-up inspection of any dwelling unit for which a mitigation notice was issued.

Nursing Home Inspections (HB 4674): States guidelines for required continuing education for Illinois Department of Public Health inspection employees. Provides language that if a facility is found to have violated any provision in this act, the facility shall develop a correction plan.

DCFS Transportation Providers (HB 5064): States that when a service agency that provides transportation services for children signs the purchase of service contract with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, they must comply with all federal and state laws. Additionally, the signed purchase of service contract shall be the agency's certification that: all drivers know how to properly install restraint systems for children; have a valid driver's license; be insured; have functioning heating and air systems; maintain a clean and smoke free vehicle; have the ability to communicate with legal guardians of children being transported; and have undergone a criminal background check.

MHDD CC-Disability Definitions (HB 5196): Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. Modifies the definitions of "developmental disability" and "intellectual disability." Makes conforming changes.

Foster Children's Rights (HB 5418): Expands the list of rights under the Foster Children's Bill of Rights to include: the right to participate in a formal intake process immediately after placement in the custody; the right to have monthly assessment visits with a staff member of the Department's Division of Child Protection (DCP) to determine the youth's well-being and emotional health following placement; the right to be gradually transitioned out of foster care; the right to be enrolled in an independent living program prior to his or her transition out of foster care; and the right to be assessed by a third-party entity or agency prior to enrollment in any independent living program.

Healthcare Access and Availability

Alzheimer's Disease/Related Dementia (SB 2993): Amends the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Act so that the Act will permanently remain in statute. The Act requires all staff that have direct access to Alzheimer's Disease clients to have at least six hours of training.

Underserved Physician Workforce (SB 3017): Allows OBGYN physicians to participate in the Underserved Physician Workforce Program under privately owned rural hospitals. Committee Amendment 1 will add Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Nurses to the list of current



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Physicians that will be able to qualify for the Underserved Physician Workforce program at privately owned rural practice locations.

Certificate of Birth (SB 3163): Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to issue birth certificates with the identity of the attending physician redacted if requested by anyone 18 or older who is on the birth certificate or in the case of a minor, that person's parent, legal representative, or attorney.

Commission on LGBTQ Aging (SB 3490): Creates the Commission on LGBTQ Aging to investigate and study the health, housing, financial psycho-social, home and community-based services, assisted living and long-term care needs of LGBTQ older adults and their caregivers. Requires the Commission to make recommendation to improve access to benefits and services. Requires the Director of the Illinois Department on Aging to designate an LGBTQ Older Adult Advocate.

Nursing Homes Directory (SB 3682): Requires that Web sites be added to the annual Illinois Department of Public Health directory of long-term care facilities.

Dementia Training (SB 3707): States that the Illinois Act on the Aging will include anyone who is employed by the Illinois Department on Aging, or is contracted with the Department, to provide services to individuals enrolled in the Community Care Program. Requires dementia training for those employed or contracted to be completed within six months of effective date of the law as well as requiring annual continuing education of dementia training.

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Homeless Service Provider (HB 3949): Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to consider all homeless service providers in the State to be essential critical infrastructure workers under specified guidance from the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Provides that the Department shall ensure that homeless service providers qualify for the same priority benefits afforded to health care organizations and frontline workers by the State, including federal relief funding, personal protective equipment, and vaccinations.

Division of Men's Health (HB 4589): Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to create within the Office of Health Promotion the Division of Men's Health. Provides that the Division shall concentrate on raising awareness of specified health issues specific to men. Provides that the Division shall complete an annual assessment in collaboration with the schools of public health in Illinois of the status of men's health and recommend policy developments to address those needs and identify the services needed.

Equity in Healthcare (HB 4645): Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health create and administer an Equity and Representation in Health Care Workforce Repayment Program.



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Provides that an individual who is awarded a loan repayment shall not receive concurrent loan repayments through any other Illinois or federal loan repayment program.

Veterans Supportive Services (HB 4998): Requires a new data report to be annually submitted to the General Assembly on the number of military veterans receiving services or benefits under the Emergency and Transitional Housing Program, the Emergency Food Program, the Homeless Prevention Program, and the Supporting Housing Program.

Early Intervention Services (HB 4999): Makes a technical change that removes specific language detailing what criteria must be met regarding the initiation of early intervention services and generalizes to be in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Stroke Awareness Campaign (HB 5014): Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to partner with Governors State University's College of Health and Human Services in establishing a 12-month outreach and educational campaign focused on promoting stroke awareness within Chicago's Southland community, stroke recognition and prevention strategies, and access to reliable sources of information about strokes.

Healthcare Workers Taskforce (HB 5465): Creates the Task Force on Internationally Licensed Health Care Professionals within the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to address 1). Removing barriers to licensure and practice for health care professionals licensed and practicing in other countries to get licensed and practice in Illinois; 2). Increasing the supply of culturally competent physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to address the healthcare workforce shortage; and 3). Protecting the safety of patients and the broader public.

HIV Biomedical Resources (HB 5549): Provides that the HIV African American HIV/AIDS Response Fund may be used to create, maintain, or create and maintain, at least one Black-led Center of Excellence HIV Biomedical Resource Hub for every \$3,000,000 of available funding to improve Black health and eliminate Black HIV-related health disparities.

Higher Education

Student Debt Assistance Act (SB 3032): Creates the Student Debt Assistance Act. Prohibits any institution of higher education from withholding academic transcripts because the student owes a debt to the institution. Prevents the institution from charging addition fees other than the fee for the transcript, less favorable treatment of a transcript request due to debt owed of a former or current student or using the academic transcript as a tool for debt collection. Requires an institution to implement and offer an interest free student debt repayment plan to any student who owes \$250 or more to the institution.



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Child Care (SB 3149): Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to annually include information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal care allowance in the language that schools are required to provide to students eligible for MAP grants. Also requires any institution of higher learning that participates in MAP to provide information to all eligible students who are enrolled, recently enrolled, or intend to enroll.

Social Workers (SB 3761): Adds social workers for Illinois municipalities to 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 in Illinois municipalities.

Social Work Scholarship (SB 3912): Adds social workers for Illinois municipalities to the Post-Master of Social Work Professional Educator License Scholarship with the stated intent to encourage social workers to work, and continue to work, in this field in Illinois municipalities.

Human Services Workers (SB 3925): Creates the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program, which shall be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, to provide loan repayment assistance to eligible direct services professionals practicing in a community-based, human services agency that contracts with or is grant funded by a State agency.

Higher Education Savings (SB 3991): Allows the Treasurer's Office to make supplemental deposits to children in financially insecure households if sufficient funds are available. Adds demographic data to the annual report the Treasurer's Office publishes on its Web site annually.

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Community College Board (HB 722): Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that prior to a community college board filling a board vacancy, the secretary of the board must publish the vacancy at least 15 days prior to the board meeting to fill the vacancy. The vacancy notification must be published in a local newspaper. If there is no appropriate local newspaper, the vacancy must be posted in five of the most public places in the district.

University Procurement Omnibus (HB 2770): Amends the Procurement Code in relation to contracts for institutions of higher learning.

Benefits Navigator (HB 4201): Creates a Benefits Navigator at public universities and community colleges. Streamlines the accessibility of resources and aid for college students.

Course Materials (HB 4724): Allows colleges and universities to extend credit to students for the purchase of course materials.



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Veteran Grant Program (HB 5175): Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes technical changes regarding how to charge students entitled to veterans' education benefits to align with federal changes. Provides that the person applying must have received an honorable discharge after leaving federal active-duty service (as opposed to after each period of federal active duty).

Higher Education Omnibus (House Bill 5464): Makes several statutory changes recommended in the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) 2021 Strategic Plan. Requires private institutions' programs to be approved under the new strategic plan, the state's economic development goals, and the state's educational priorities.

Human Rights

Immigration Counsel (SB 3144): Creates the Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Act. Establishes the Task Force on Counsel in Immigration Proceedings. Provides for members, compensation, and support staff. Provides that the Task Force shall investigate the implementation of universal representation for covered individuals in immigration removal proceedings. Provides that the Task Force shall submit a report of its findings in the investigation and its recommendations for how to fully provide legal representation for covered individuals facing immigration proceedings no later than July 1, 2023.

Unlawful Discrimination (SB 3616): Creates the CROWN (Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair) Act. Provides that "unlawful discrimination" includes traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists.

Non-Citizen Reference (SB 3865): Amends various Acts to replace the term "alien" with "non-citizen" regarding non-domestic entities. Also inserts a definition into the FOID Act for "non-citizen" to ensure the FOID Card Act is in compliance with Federal Law at the request of the State Police.

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Trial By Jury (HB 4605): Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Allows a plaintiff or defendant to demand a trial by jury for specified civil actions (real estate transaction discrimination). Allows a circuit court or jury to award any remedy set forth under a provision regarding a hearing on a complaint upon the finding of a civil rights violation.

Insurance



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Group Life Insurance (SB 2963): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to further clarify, in the section regarding group life insurance standards provision, a replacing carrier's obligation for continued coverage of an active employee who is not actively at work.

Glucose Monitors (SB 2969): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for continuous glucose monitors (CGMs), beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Pediatric Palliative Care (SB 3819): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for pediatric palliative care and makes changes to the relevant insurance statutes and pushes effective date of coverage back to Jan. 1, 2024.

Drug Information Cards (SB 3910): Updates the drug information cards issued by the plan to insureds with new information regarding the regulatory entity, whether the plan is fully or self-insured, and consumer assistance information. Makes conforming changes under the Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card Act.

Health Plan Revisions (SB 3926): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to prohibit insurers from issuing, amending, delivering, or renewing a short-term, limited-duration insurance plan to any natural or legal person residing or domiciled in Illinois, and prohibits companies from issuing these short-term policies beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

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Flood Insurance (HB 2739): Requires that coverage for residential properties required to have flood insurance that are in a special flood hazard area meets federal requirements and requires insurers to notify the department of plans to sell primary residential flood insurance and obtain approval of a plan of operations. Requires a notice to consumers of the National Flood Insurance Program before being placed with a private flood insurance.

Breast Reduction Surgery (HB 4271): Require an insurance or managed care plan to provide coverage for medically necessary breast reduction surgery after Jan. 1, 2024. Applies the coverage mandate to the required coverage under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971.

Guaranty Fund Information Confidentiality (HB 4313): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code concerning confidential treatment of documents, materials, or other information in the possession or control of the Illinois Department of Insurance and provisions concerning confidential treatment of information obtained during an examination of a member of the Insurance Guaranty Fund.



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Continuing Education Hours (HB 4324): Allows an insurance producer up to four hours of continuing education credit for participation in a state or national professional insurance association and requires the credit hours to be verified by the association and the association be a registered education provider.

Prenatal Vitamins (HB 4338): Amends the Insurance Code to provide that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2024, that offers coverage for prescription drugs shall provide coverage for prenatal vitamins when prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.

Cleft Lip and Palate Care (HB 4349): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code in relation to the existing coverage requirement for congenital defects in newly born children to provide that congenital defect include the treatment of cranial facial anomalies, including cleft lip or cleft palate. Requires a policy provide coverage for the medically necessary care and treatment of cleft lip and palate for children younger than 19. Incorporates the mandate into the required coverage under the State Employees Group Insurance Act.

Opioid RX No Co-Pays (HB 4408): Prohibits policies that provide coverage for naloxone hydrochloride from imposing a co-payment and provides that the prohibition on co-pays applies to policies after Jan. 1, 2024. Prohibits the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services from imposing a co-payment on the coverage provided for naloxone hydrochloride under the medical assistance program.

Health Savings Account (HB 4433): Amends the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act in the requirement that a health care plan apply third-party payments or discounts on prescriptions drugs toward the individual's out-of-pocket maximum, and exempts health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans to comply with federal law.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager Contracts (HB 4595): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code regarding pharmacy benefit manger (PBM) contracts with 340B entities. Prohibits certain contractual provisions between a pharmacy benefit manager or third-party payer and a 340B entity.

Insurance Billing (HB 4703): Amends the Insurance Code nonparticipating providers section to bring Illinois in line with recent federal law changes. Provides that when an insured receives emergency services from a nonparticipating provider at an in-network facility the insurer shall ensure that the insured receives no greater out of pocket cost than with a participating provider. Provides that when an insured receives ancillary services from a nonparticipating provider at an in-network facility the insurer shall ensure that the insured receives no greater out of pocket cost than with a participating provider.



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Clinical Social Work (HB 4797): Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act to provide that the Act doesn't prohibit a non-resident social worker from performing telehealth social work for a nonresident for five days per month, or 15 days per year or for a college or university student.

Contracting Procedures (HB 4941): Amends the Insurance Code to provide that beginning Jan. 1, 2023, for non-routine changes to the fee schedule, all contracted health care providers must be provided notice of the change 60 days before the effective date. Requires that information about the change be provided by email, or regular mail if requested by the provider.

Prepaid Funeral/Burial (HB 4979): Provides that at any time after submitting an application for medical assistance and before a final determination of eligibility has been made by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, an applicant may use available resources to purchase an exempted prepaid funeral or burial contracts. Amends the Insurance Code regarding irrevocable assignment of life insurance to a funeral home.

Insurance Information Checkoff (HB 5142): Requires the Illinois Department of Revenue to include a provision on income tax returns to allow a taxpayer to request information about eligibility for health insurance benefits. Also, authorizes the Department of Revenue to share income information with the State Health Benefits Exchange, and this will enable the State Health Benefits Exchange to determine individuals' premium tax credit or Medicaid eligibility.

Hormone Therapy Treatment (HB 5254): Amends the Insurance Code to mandate insurance coverage for medically necessary hormone therapy treatment to treat menopause that has been induced by a hysterectomy. Makes conforming changes in the: State Employees Group Insurance Act, Counties Code, Municipal Code, School Code, HMO Act, Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and Public Aid Code.

Prostate Cancer Screening (HB 5318): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code regarding the current prostate cancer screening coverage mandate. Provides that the coverage mandate shall be without imposing a cost-sharing requirement. Provides that the cost-sharing coverage change applies to policies after Jan. 1, 2024.

Genetic Testing (HB 5334): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to provide that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for the cost of the genetic testing of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes to detect an increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer if recommended by a health care provider in accordance with the United States Preventive Services Task Force's recommendations for testing.



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Home Health Services (HB 5585): Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or a managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for access to “home health services” for the duration of medically necessary care. Makes conforming changes in the: State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

Judiciary

Automated Clearing House (SB 62): Provides that for an amount held on a payroll card, an indication of owner interest includes wages paid to an employee in the form of a recurring Automated Clearing House (ACH) credit previously authorized by the apparent owner. However, an ACH credit is not an indication of owner interest if the holder assesses fees for account inactivity on the payroll card account.

Landlord and Tenant Rights (SB 1097): Amends the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act to update disclosures. Adds that a landlord or owner must include any formula used to determine rent in a clear dollar amount. All statements must show the name, address, and telephone number of the legal entity that owns the property (currently name, address, and telephone number of property manager or the property itself if no property manager exists. All tenants must be given a written notice of their right to a trial by jury. A park owner is prohibited from charging or imposing a pet fee on a tenant unless a service related to the pet is offered by the park owner and accepted by the tenant.

Consumer Legal Funding (SB 1099): Creates regulations that all consumer legal funding companies must follow as well as prohibitions on specific business practices. States that a consumer legal funding company must set contracts to resolve at a predetermined amount, based on intervals set on the origin and resolution of the legal claim. A consumer legal funding company cannot set a contract resolution as a percentage of the recovery from the legal claim. The max annual fee a consumer legal funding company can charge is 18 percent of the funded amount in a six-month period. In addition, to the annual servicing fee, a consumer legal funding company may also collect a \$75 per consumer legal funding transaction to covering administration costs. No fees are allowed to extend past 42 months from the funding date. Any consumer legal funding company must apply for a license with the state and will be regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation’s Director of Financial Institutions.



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Health Care Surrogate (SB 2974): Amends the Health Care Surrogate Act to allow for surrogate decision makers in Illinois to rely on findings of in-state and out-of-state qualified health care practitioners.

Child Support (SB 3036): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to update child support services in Illinois. The two main changes include:

- Authorizes the court to order life insurance policy be continued on the life of a parent to ensure child support continues if that parent dies.
- Prohibits a court from using “contemplation or foreseeability of events” by the parties as a complete defense to a motion to modify child support or maintenance.

Property Tax Appeals (SB 3069): Amends the Property Tax Code so that condominium associations and homeowner associations may also file an appeal with the Property Tax Appeal Board.

Parenting Coordinator (SB 3083): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to enact a parenting coordinator parenting coordinator statute to help resolve immediate and minor emergency issues causing conflict in families. If a dispute arises, a parenting coordinator may be appointed by the court to determine the best interest of the parties involved in the case.

Post-Adoption Reunion (SB 3130): Amends the Children and Family Services Act changing who is eligible for post-adoption reunion services to include former foster siblings and parents instead of just biological parents. Amends the post-adoption reunion services to including former foster parents for a child younger than the age of 18.

Unclaimed Property (SB 3174): Amends the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act to increase the limits of claims that require filing a claim with the Illinois Treasurer’s Office. Waives the requirement that an heir to unclaimed property submit court-certified copies of legal documents, such as death certificates and wills, to the Treasurer’s Office for claims of less than \$250 (currently less than \$100). Instead, the heir could submit a notarized “Capacity to Claim Affidavit” to the Treasurer’s Office showing other evidence of the death of the owner is available. Authorizes data matching with the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois Secretary of State, and the State Board of Elections for unclaimed property of \$5,000 or less (currently, \$2,000 or less) to facilitate the payment of such claims.

Park District/Public Utility Liability (SB 3467): Creates the Park District and Public Utility Liability Act which hold harmless an electric public utility company or their independent contractor to indemnify and hold harmless against liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damage to property proximately caused by or resulted arising out of bodily



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injury to persons or damage to property proximately caused by or resulting from negligence, in whole or in part, of the lessor is against public policy void and unenforceable. Nothing in the Act shall prevent or prohibit a contract, promise, or agreement for an energy company to indemnify or hold harmless any park district for damages resulting from sole negligence of the energy company.

Youth/Veteran Benefits (SB 3470): Amends the Children and Family Services Act to require the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to review children in their care to determine if the youth is eligible for Social Security. At least annually, DCFS must determine if a youth in their care is eligible for benefits with Social Security. If it is determined that the youth is eligible for benefits, DCFS will ensure that an application is filed out on behalf of the youth. DCFS will also ensure that any youth in care older than 18 also has timely applications.

Mortgage and Liens (SB 3650): Amends the Limitations Article of the Code of Civil Procedure to provide that an action to establish an equitable mortgage or equitable lien against real estate or a claim for subrogation to a prior mortgage must be filed within 10 years after the cause of action occurs.

Electronic Protection Orders (SB 3667): Allows for the in-person, or online filing of a petition for a protection order, stalking no-contact order, civil no-contact order, or order of protection. Mandates courts in counties with populations of more than 250,000 to offer the option of a remote hearing to a petitioner for a protective order. Provides that courts have the discretion to grant or deny the request for a remote hearing.

Judicial Facilities Fee (SB 3737): Amends the Counties Code to provide the Kendall County Board with the authority to impose by ordinance a judicial facilities fee on civil and criminal cases to help fund the construction of additional judicial facilities at their courthouse. (Currently, Kane and Will County are allowed to levy this fee). Under statute, if passed Kendall County would be allowed to adopt a fee of up to \$30 on civil and criminal cases.

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Order of Protection (HB 861): Creates the Domestic Violence Maintenance Task Force Act to research and examine maintenance award patterns in domestic relations cases involving domestic violence and develop recommendations to improve the safety and long-term economic security of victims of domestic violence. Includes provisions for membership, compensation, and meetings. The Task Force will issue a preliminary report and a final report to the General Assembly and Governor. Authorizes the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to provide administrative support. Grants \$250,000 for the research, subject to appropriation. Repeals the Act on Jan. 1, 2025.



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Lemont Land Transfer (HB 2825): Amends the Illinois and Michigan Canal Development Act. Allows the Village of Lemont to exchange a small portion of Illinois and Michigan Canal lands to a nongovernmental entity for lands that are equal or greater in value. Any transfer of property must have been appraised by two MAI appraisals any be able to be used for recreational, park, and parking purposes without additional cost to the Village of Lemont.

Condo Reserve Studies (HB 4158): Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act and the Condominium Property Act to require an association's board of managers or board of directors to maintain a record of any reserve study. A reserve study is a long-range capital planning tool that helps boards anticipate and prepare for the repair and replacement of their community's common assets.

Golf Course Sale (HB 4170): Provides that the Public Works Department of the City of Rockford has the right to review any proposed development plan that is submitted to the Village of Cherry Valley to ensure it does not adversely impact drainage, water detention, of flooding on the property.

Property Disclosure (HB 4322): Amends the Residential Real Property Disclosure Act. States that if a seller is involved in specified types of transfers, the seller is exempt from the Act, regardless of whether a disclosure report is delivered. The seller shall deliver to the prospective buyer the written disclosure report before the signing of a contract (currently, before the signing of a written agreement by the seller and prospective buyer that would require the prospective buyer to accept a transfer of the residential real property).

Ghost Gun Prohibition (HB 4383): Makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly sell, offer to sell, or transfer an un-serialized unfinished frame or receiver or un-serialized firearm unless the party is a federal firearms importer, federal firearms manufacturer, or federal firearms dealer. Provides that 180 days after the bill becomes law, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess, transport, or receive an unfinished frame or receiver, unless they are a Federal Firearms License (FFL) importer or manufacturer, or the unfinished frame or receiver has been imprinted with a serial number issued by a federal firearms importer or federal firearms manufacturer as specified. Provides that 180 days after the bill becomes law, unless the party receiving the firearm is a federal firearms importer or federal firearms manufacturer, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess, purchase, transport, or receive a firearm that is not imprinted with a serial number by an FFL importer or manufacturer.

Power of Attorney: (HB 5047): Amends the Powers of Attorney for Health Care Article of the Illinois Power of Attorney Act to allow an agent to present an electronic device displaying an electronic copy of an executed form as proof of the health care agency.



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Condo Association (HB 5246): Amends the Condominium Property Act so that the principal officer of the unit owner's association or other officer specifically designated shall furnish specified information relevant to the condominium when requested in writing, and within ten business days, rather than 30 days, of the request by the prospective purchaser. Limits the fee charged by the association or its Board of Managers covering the direct out-of-pocket cost of providing and copying the information to \$375, adjusted annually for CPI. Allows an association to charge an additional \$100 for rush service completed within 72 hours.

Labor

Child Bereavement Leave (SB 3120): Amends the Child Bereavement Leave Act. Changes the name of the Act to the Family Bereavement Leave Act and expands the covered individuals and events for which an employee is entitled to take bereavement leave.

One Day of Rest in Seven Act (SB 3146): Provides that any employer found in violation of this act shall be guilty of a CIVIL offense and requires a 24-hour rest period in a seven consecutive day period.

Child Actors Work (SB 3161): Allows for a child younger than age 16 who is working as a child performer, to work until 10:00 p.m. without a waiver from the Illinois Department of Labor. Also, includes additional factors that the Department of Labor is to consider when granting a waiver for children working from 12:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

OSHA (SB 3416): Amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Allows the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to send a citation for a violation of this Act via e-mail.

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Workers Comp (HB 1208): Provides that Workers Comp Commissioners must have a license to practice law and makes changes to Arbitrator's caseloads.

Unpaid Leave (HB 4215): Amends the Victims Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA). Provides for unpaid leave for after the violent death of a family or household member.

Competitive Bidding (HB 4251): Provides that any purchase by a township for services, materials, equipment, or supplies more than \$30,000 shall be contracted in specified ways. As well as provides that a contract for construction work whose estimated cost will exceed \$30,000 for township waterworks and sewerage systems shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder.



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Sexual Misconduct Notification (HB 4316): Creates a section in the School Code requiring provisions detailing how schools in the state are to notify parents and students of whom have been sexually offended. Also, creates provisions through adding a section in the school code regarding how a school employing board and contractors of schools are supposed to review an applicant's employment history in regard to sexual misconduct for positions that include direct contact with children or students.

Equal Pay Act (HB 4604): Amends Section 11-Equal Pay Registration Certificate Requirements and makes an omnibus technical change requested by the Illinois Department of Labor.

Job Training Assistance and Support Services (HB 5225): Creates the Job Training Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program Act to address significant barriers to individuals participating apprenticeships, including lack of transportation and childcare and the program may provide barrier reduction funding for eligible individuals.

State Universities Civil Service (HB 5408): Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act and will give the Merit Board more discretion for hiring requirements but gives the institutions of higher education more say in who is hired.

Licensed Activities

IDFPR Applications (SB 670): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code. Requires the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to process an application for license within four weeks after receiving a complete application that contains no deficiencies.

Music Therapy (SB 2243): Creates the Music Therapy License and Practice Act. Provides for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to administer the Act to ensure Music Therapists have the proper education and training. Music therapy is used to treat Alzheimer, autistic, or other neurologic disorders.

Pharmacy Practice (SB 2535): Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Requires that a licensed pharmacist shall dispense an opioid antagonist in accordance with written, standardized procedures or protocols developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Human Services. Before dispensing an opioid, a pharmacist shall inform patients that opioids are addictive and offer to dispense an opioid antagonist.

Amends the Controlled Substances Act: Requires prescribers who issue a prescription for an opioid shall inform the patient that opioids are addictive and that opioid antagonists are available by prescription or from a pharmacy. In a hospital or institutions licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, all prescribers of an opioid shall inform the patient that opioids are



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addictive and that opioid antagonists are available by prescription or from a pharmacy. Upon discharge any patient who has overdosed on controlled substances shall be provided with an opioid antagonist. If that patient is unable to pay for the antagonist, then the State shall reimburse the hospital for the antagonist from federal grant funds to address substance use disorder or other State funds for the same purpose.

Crematory Regulation (SB 3092): Amends the Crematory Regulation Act to provide that various signatures required under the Act can be in either paper or electronic format.

Emergency Medical Dispatchers (SB 3127): Amends various laws to include “emergency medical dispatchers” in references to first responders

Professionals Health Program (SB 3166): Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the Community Living Facilities Licensing Act, the Life Care Facilities Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, and the Hospital Licensing Act to provides that hospitals, establishments, or facilities organized or licensed under the Acts shall ensure that nurses employed by the hospital, establishment, or facility are aware of the Illinois Professionals Health Program (IPHP) by completing specified requirements.

Physical Therapists (SB 3216): Amends the Vehicle Code to add licensed physical therapists to list of people who can verify that a person is a “person with disabilities” under the Code.

Physician Assistant (SB 3498): Amends the Vital Records Act to provide that a “certifying health care professional” under the Act includes a physician assistant.

Mandated Reporters (SB 3833): Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to add physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and athletic trainers to list of mandated reporters.

Professional Counselor (SB 4013): Provides for the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2028 (instead of Jan. 1, 2023).

Wholesale Drug Distribution (SB 4014): Provides for the Wholesale Drug Distribution Licensing Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2028 (instead of Jan. 1, 2023).

Naprapathic Practice (SB 4016): Provides for the Naprapathic Practice Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2028 (instead of Jan. 1, 2023).



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Funeral Directors, Embalmers (SB 4017): Provides for the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2028 (instead of Jan. 1, 2023).

Pharmacy Practice (SB 4018): Provides for the Pharmacy Practice Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2028 (instead of Jan. 1, 2023).

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EMS Training (HB 4388): Requires Emergency Medical Services personnel to complete at least one-hour course of training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias per license renewal period.

Dental Practice (HB 4501): Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act to provide that a dental assistant who has at least 2,000 hours of direct clinical patient care experience continuing education provider approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may perform specified procedures.

Athletic Trainers (HB 4629): Amends the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act to change the definition of licensed athletic trainer to allow for practice in performing arts, clinical, and employment settings. Defines terms. Prohibits unlicensed use of "LAT" or "L.A.T." after one's name. Allows for licensure by endorsement after 10 years of practice.

Dietitian Nutritionist (HB 4665): Repeals the Jan. 1, 2023, sunset of the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act, and rewrites some of its provisions. Resets the Act to sunset on Jan. 1, 2028.

Interior Design (HB 4715): Makes changes to the Registered Interior Designers Act regarding the scope of "practice of registered interior design" and makes other regulatory changes to the Act.

Behavior Analyst (HB 4769): Creates the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act. Provides for the licensure of behavior analysts through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

CRNA License (HB 4922): Amends the Nurse Practice Act to provide that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may issue a certified registered nurse anesthetist license to an advanced practice registered nurse who does not have a graduate degree, applies for licensure before July 1, 2028, (instead of July 1, 2023), and submits the other required information to the Department.



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Optometrist (HB 4929): Provides that a licensed optometrist may independently administer the COVID-19 vaccine upon completion of the required training. Provides that vaccinations for COVID-19 shall be limited to patients ages 17 and older.

Real Estate (HB 5167): Amends and updates several state Acts as part of the omnibus Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rewrite of the Real Estate Division.

License Information Task Force (HB 5575): Creates the Comprehensive Licensing Information to Minimize Barriers Task Force within the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Regulatory Sunset (HB 5576): Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to provide that the State shall not regulate a profession occupation, industry, business, or trade in a manner which will unreasonably and adversely affect equitable access to quality jobs and economic opportunities. Adds to the factors that should be considered when the Governor's Office of Management and Budget studies the performance of a regulatory agency or program scheduled for termination. Requires the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to study less restrictive measures of regulation.

Local Government

Executive County Boards (SB 1015): Amends the Election Code. Creates two different appointment process for executive county boards. Provides that when a vacancy occurs in Will County the county central committee of each party shall be notified within three days by the executive. The vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the county executive with the advice and consent of the county board. In Champaign County when a vacancy occurs, the county board chair/speaker shall notify the county central committee of each political party within three days, and the vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by the appointment of the county board chair with consent by the board.

DuPage Water Commission (SB 1016): Amends the Water Commission Act to allow three municipalities in Kendall County (Montgomery, Oswego, and Yorkville) to have representation on the DuPage Water Commission.

Certificate Costs (SB 1411): Requires a local county clerk or registrar to provide one certified copy of a death certificate to the family of an active duty or retired service member of the United States military. The cost of subsequent copies shall not exceed \$6 each.

Public Works Superintendent (SB 2912): Amends the Counties Code to provide that concerning the position of Superintendent of Public Works, adds to the current qualification of being a registered professional engineer the following alternate qualifications: 1.) Degree in



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engineering from an accredited institution of high learning; 2.) Have at least 10 years of professional, management level experience in a municipal or county public works department.

Park District Contracts (SB 3050): Increases the threshold for specified park district contracts related to supplies, materials, or work to be competitively bid from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to be level with forest preserve and conservation districts which were increased to the same amount last year.

Recorder's Stamp (SB 3187): Provides that a physical or electronic image of the recorder's stamp satisfies the signature requirement for recorded instruments.

Library Fees (SB 3497): Reinserts a provision that a library must waive fees to a student in an unincorporated area in Illinois whose household falls at or below the United States Department of Agriculture's Income Eligibility Guidelines. Also, provides the library board may adopt regulations waiving the nonresident fee for person younger than 18.

Design-Build Contracts (SB 3795): Creates the County Design-Build Authorization Act permitting a county to enter design-build contracts, allowing for one entity to provide both design and fabrication services. Provides protocol for the solicitation and the selection of such proposals. Provides that a county may not, rather than may, request a best and final offer after the receipt of proposals of all qualified design-build entities removing any opposition.

Missing Persons (SB 3932): Provides that a coroner or medical examiner with custody of human remains that are not identified within 72 hours of discovery shall promptly notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the location of those remains and the failure to identify the remains.

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Elections Omnibus (HB 716): Amends the Election Code. Provides for the redistricting of the DuPage Forest Preserve. Forbids judicial political committees from accepting out-of-state donations. Provides for non-binary applications for voter registration. Changes the civil penalties for finance reporting violations. Increases precinct size (1,200 outside Chicago; 1,800 inside Chicago). Requires wheelchair accessible booth at each polling location. Permits election authorities to increase the number of their voting centers from one. Allows election authorities to change voting center hours prior to 40 days before a general election. Permits vote-by-mail applications to be submitted via email. Removes the requirement that drop-box ballots must be picked up every day at the close of business, permitting them more sporadic pickups. Pushes subcircuit redistricting back until 2022. Grants more time for county redistricting. Pushes back the legislative mailing black-out date.



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Park Land (HB 2379): Provides that the Bensenville Park District may sell up to 125 acres of the White Pines Golf Course owned by the District if the board of commissioners of the Bensenville Park District authorizes the sale by a four-fifths vote of the commissioners in office at the time of the vote; and the sale price equals or exceeds the average of three independent appraisals commissioned by the Bensenville Park District. Moves expiration date from 2023 to 2024 for the golf district to sell the land.

Law Enforcement Fund (HB 3863): Creates the Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury to be used by Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to award grants to local governments, higher ed institutions and qualified non-profits for hiring and retention of officers, subject to appropriation.

Kaskaskia Port District (HB 4114): Provides that the Kaskaskia Port District may own certain buildings.

Fire District Reimbursement (HB 4461): Provides that a municipality is responsible to reimburse a fire district for all costs incurred by the fire district when trying to collect the amounts owed to them by the municipality for the disconnection of territory.

Housing Trust Fund (HB 5018): Provides that Cook County must create a trust fund in their budget for housing funds. Provides that the Cook County Treasurer shall maintain a special fund for which the Housing Authority of Cook County shall be the sole beneficiary. Provides that the Fund may receive money from appropriations from the State for use by the Housing Authority of Cook County, as well as loan repayments, cash distributions from equity investments, and similar cash payments generated by a fund project that may be redeposited into the fund and used for additional projects.

Veterans Assistance Commission (HB 5184): Removes county board oversight on the administration of funds for Veterans Assistance Commissions (VACs). Removes the Illinois Department of Human Services oversight on the administration of general assistance funds for the county. VACs are given complete authority over VAC funds or funds for veterans' assistance.

Library Districts (HB 5283): Provides that a board of trustees for a library district may, instead of electing a treasurer from among the trustees, by majority vote of the board, appoint and fix the compensation of a qualified treasurer that is not a trustee.

MWRD Inspector General (HB 5316): Provides that the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District shall appoint from outside its own number an Inspector General or enter into an intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local government for the appointment of an Inspector General. Provides that the Board of



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Commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications and duties for the IG by ordinance or intergovernmental agreement.

Pensions

Chicago Laborers Board (SB 2952): Allows the City Treasurer of Chicago to appoint a designee from among employees of the City who is versed in the affairs of the Treasurer's office to act in the absence of the Treasurer on matters pertaining to administration of the Labor Employee's Annuity and Benefit Fund of the City.

Chicago Laborers Service (SB 2958): Clarifies calculation of service time given "Union Leave." For employees that participate in the Chicago Laborer's Annuity and Benefit Fund, clarifies ambiguity on how contributions for pension credit are to be paid for when the employee is on leave and is employed by the local labor union full time.

Chicago Teachers (SB 2989): Allows Chicago teachers to buy up to two years of credit for service at parochial school.

Overpayment Recovery (SB 2991): Clarifies the State Universities Retirement System's (SURS) authority to recover overpaid amounts in instances that do not result from a mistake in benefit calculation, providing necessary clarity in the law and ensuring that SURS can effectively recover overpaid amounts to preserve the assets of the System.

Chicago Firefighters (SB 3177): States that a fireman who withdraws before age 50, and a fireman with 10 years of service who withdraws before age 57, has a right to a refund of the entire amount as of the date of withdrawal. Makes changes retroactive to Aug. 6, 2021.

Accelerated Payment Exemption (SB 3651): Allows for an exemption to the Accelerated Payment made by employers when a member has an increase in reported wages of more than 6 percent in any 12-month period in the final rate of earnings period due to the member being on workers' compensation. This only changes the timing as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund employers are statutorily required to make payments.

Early Retirement (SB 3652): Corrects a drafting error in a sample resolution that an employer would use to adopt the early retirement provision. No substantive changes.

Chicago Laborers Service (SB 3778): Allows investigators employed by the Gaming Board or the Illinois Department of Revenue to be able to purchase up to five years credit served as a downstate firefighter, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) county corrections officer, a cook county court services officer, or a police officer at and IMRF municipality. Requires employer, employee contribution plus interest to be paid to make such a purchase.



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IMRF Transfer (SB 3785): Allow credit purchase for Downstate police of IMRF credit for county correctional officers and municipal administrative law enforcement employees. Creates a six-month window for active members of a downstate police pension fund to transfer credit served in IMRF as a county correctional officer and also a person employed by a participating municipality to perform administrative duties is also eligible for the transfer window under the same parameters.

Retirement Date (SB 3954): States that the effective date of a retirement annuity may be after the official date of termination of employment but before “de minimus post-termination employment” of not more than 10 days or less than \$2,000 in compensation.

Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (SB 3957): States that for the two seats elected among active members and the three seats elected from annuitant members, the elections for these seats must take place as soon the first week of November but not later than the third week of November. Currently, such election must take place during the first week of November.

Return to Work Service (SB 4000): States that a retired Chicago teachers re-employed as a teacher or an administrator on a temporary basis may work up 140 days without having their pension cancelled.

Widow’s Annuity (SB 4053): States that for Chicago Police and Chicago Fire, starting Jan. 1, 2023, the minimum amount to be paid for a widow’s annuity is to be no less than 150 percent above the federal poverty level (currently, 125 percent).

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Retired Police Officers (HB 1568): Provides that for Tier 2 police officers working in law enforcement and employed by the state, reduces the requirement age from 60 to 55 with 20 years of service. Requires the Training Board to collaborate with the Illinois Community College Board and Higher Education to create a report with recommendations establishing minimum requirements for credits that may transfer from public institutions of higher education to satisfy the requirements of law enforcement and correctional intern courses. Allows retiring police and investigators for specific agencies the ability to buy their badge and service firearm at their time of retirement.

Downstate Police (HB 4209): States that no later than Dec. 31, 2022, a person may transfer to a fund established under the Downstate Police Article creditable service accumulated under IMRF for service as a sheriff’s law enforcement employee, person employed by a participating municipality to perform police duties, law enforcement officer employed on a full-time basis by a forest preserve district, or person employed by a participating municipality to perform administrative duties related to law enforcement.



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Pension Early Buyout (HB 4292): Amends the General Obligation Bond Act to Authorize an additional \$1,000,000,000 of State Pension Obligation Acceleration Bonds to be used for funding the State Employees, State Universities, and Downstate Teachers early buyout program.

Employer Contributions (HB 4320): SURS payment clarification. Clarifies that the exemption created by Public Act 102-16 applies to payments made in academic years beginning on/after July 1, 2020. This technical change provides necessary clarity in Illinois law and ensures that the entire academic year 2021 is covered by the exemption.

Occupation Disease Benefit (HB 4435): Provides that any active City of Chicago fireman who has completed seven or more years of service and is unable to perform his or her duties in the Fire Department by reason of a contagious staph infection, including methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), resulting from his or her service as a fireman, shall be entitled to receive an occupational disease disability.

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (HB 4646): Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each participating municipality or instrumentality that employs an employee who is an elected trustee to provide 20 days of paid leave of absence per year for the purpose of attending meetings of the Board of Trustees, committee meetings of the Board of Trustees, and seminars regarding issues for which the Board of Trustees is responsible to such an employee.

MWRD Pension (HB 4677): Authorizes the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) to issue up to \$600 million in pension obligation bonds. Creates funding schedule for the MWRD Pension Fund to be fully funded by 2050 and requires actuarially determined funding.

Cook County Forest Preserve (HB 4785): Provides that the Cook County Forest Preserve District is to levy their taxes by general category after the first Monday in October and by the first Monday in December every year (Instead of "by March 28" every year.) Cook County President's initiative to permit the Forest District to amend their levy following the potential referendum approval of a levy increase in November 2022, instead of adopting the current levy this March 2022 for that cycle.

Fire Treasurer Bond (HB 4924): Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Removes language requiring the treasurer of the board to execute a bond to the municipality conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of the office and other conditions.

Alternative Formula Benefit (HB 4926): Adds investigators for the Office of the Attorney General to the list of employees eligible for the higher Alternative Formula benefit. Allows



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these newly eligible employees to convert up to eight years of standard SERS credit to Alternative Formula credit by paying the difference in employee contributions plus interest.

Chicago Police (HB 5295): Prevents double benefit payout. Provides that if a policeman receives any compensation as temporary total disability, permanent total disability, a lump sum settlement award, or other payment under the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act for any injury resulting in disability, any disability benefit provided to the policeman for such disability under the Article is to be reduced by any compensation amount so received only if that compensation amount is less than the amount of the disability benefit.

Downstate Police Benefit (HB 5447): Permits members of the Downstate Police Pension Fund who marry after retirement to designate the spouse for a survivor benefit.

Additional Paid Days (HB 5472): Amends the Illinois Pension Code in the Downstate Teacher Article. Provides that during the period between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, adds 20 paid days in each school year for already retired teachers returning to the job.

Public Safety

Missing and Murdered Chicago Women (HB 3988): Creates a Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women to examine the "underlying historical, social, economic, institutional and cultural factors" contributing to the "disproportionately high levels of violence" against Black and Latino women and girls in the city of Chicago.

Water Rescue Equipment (HB 4165): Creates the Lake Michigan Rescue Equipment Act. Requires the owner of a pier or drop-off on Lake Michigan shall install public rescue equipment, including, at a minimum, ring life buoys, on each of the owner's piers and drop-offs along the Lake Michigan coast.

Redistricting

Judicial Sub-circuits (HB 3138): Creates the Judicial Circuits Redistricting Act of 2022. Amends the Election Code to create a new election timeline just for the 3rd and 19th Circuits for the 2022 Election. Repeals the Judicial Circuits Apportionment Act of 2005.

Amends the Circuit Courts Act for the following Circuits: Cook; 3rd Circuit: Madison and Bond; 6th Circuit: Champaign County; 7th Circuit: Sangamon, Macoupin, Morgan, Scott, Greene, and Jersey; 10th Circuit: Peoria, Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Tazewell; 12th Circuit: Will; 14th Circuit: Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Whiteside; 16th Circuit: Kane; 17th Circuit: Winnebago, Boone; 18th Circuit: DuPage; 19th Circuit: Lake; 22nd Circuit: McHenry.



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Tax Credit Increase (SB 1143): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Increases the income tax credit for instructional materials and supplies from \$250 to \$300 beginning in tax years starting on or after Jan. 1, 2023. This tax credit is available to qualified K-12 educators that make qualifying instructional materials/supplies purchases during the tax year.

College Tuition Tax Credit (SB 1145): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that starting in 2023, creates a college tuition expense income tax credit up to either: the total amount in qualifying tuition/expenses the taxpayer paid during the tax year at a qualifying university; or \$500/\$750/\$1,000 (depending on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income), whichever is less.

Biodiesel Sales Tax Exemptions (SB 1146): Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Creates new sales tax exemptions for certain biodiesel blends in diesel sold in Illinois. Starts in 2024 with an annual tiered system. Contains rules for winter mix vs. summer mix. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Adds language containing distributor of fuel right to blend law. Distributors can mix the blends and sell on premises.

Non-Permanent Improvements (SB 2154): Clarifies that buildings, structures, and improvements that are not permanently attached to the land are not considered property for the purposes assessments under the Property Tax Code.

Skill Bridge Tax Credit (SB 2173): Provides if an apprentice is hired through the DoD SkillBridge apprenticeship program the employer is entitled to the education expense tax credit and the tax credit is \$3,500 per qualifying employee.

Hospital Tax Credit (SB 2951): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Extends the sunset date for an additional five years for the income tax credit for hospitals to deduct their property taxes or the cost of providing free/discounted services, whichever is lesser, from Dec. 31, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2027. Removes the sunset provisions from the various sales tax acts to keep the sales tax exemption for personal property sold to hospitals.

Palatine TIF Extension (SB 2990): Extends the life of a TIF district in the Village of Palatine for an additional 12 years.

Income Tax Credit (SB 3027): Creates a new \$500 income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and emergency workers and this would be effective tax year of 2023, the credit is non-refundable, and the credit is exempt from the automatic expiration provisions of section 250 of the Illinois Tax Act.



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Mining Equipment (SB 3065): Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Extends the current sales tax exemption for equipment used in mining by five years to July 1, 2028. The exemption is currently scheduled to sunset July 1, 2023.

Dyed Diesel Tax (SB 3090): Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law and allows tax-free sales of dyed diesel fuel for non-highway purposes and adds language to clarify for the sale to be tax-free, the sale must be made by a licensed distributor to the end user of the fuel, who is not a licensed distributor.

Tax Deeds Petitions (SB 3097): Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires that, after filing a petition to obtain a tax deed, the owner of a certificate of purchase must file with the clerk of the circuit court the names and addresses of persons who are entitled to service of notice. Currently, that notice is filed with the county clerk.

TIF Parcel Contiguity (SB 3106): Clarifies that parcels are attached if they touch or join one another in a reasonably substantial sense. Also provides that parcels are also considered to be contiguous if they meet the criteria for annexation under the Illinois Municipal Code, and makes the changes retroactive regarding pending actions, except to any rights of a party subject to a final judgment entered pursuant to the Sept. 23, 2021, opinion of the Illinois Supreme Court in Board of Education of Richland School District 88A v. City of Crest Hill, 2021 IL 126444.

Vehicle Tax Returns Electronic Filing (SB 3189): Amends the Use Tax Act and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to require vehicle tax returns to be filed electronically unless the retailer can provide evidence that doing so would cause an undue hardship. These returns are sales tax returns car dealerships file with the Department.

Mental Health Tax Levies (SB 3215): Amends the Community Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, the Counties Code, the Property Tax Code, and the Community Mental Health Act to validate existing levies for certain community mental health boards and brings the acts in compliance with Property Tax Extension Law Limit.

Sales Tax Exemption (SB 3634): Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2022, breast pumps, breast pump collection and storage supplies, and breast pump kits are exempt from sales tax.

Motor Fuel Delivery (SB 3661): Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law and repeals the requirement that railroad companies, street, suburban or interurban railroad companies, pipeline companies, motor truck or motor tank car companies, water transportation companies, and every person transporting reportable motor fuel to a point in this state from a point without this state report deliveries of motor fuel in the State of Illinois.



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IDOR Omnibus (SB 3685): Amends the Property Tax Code, which requires the Illinois Department of Revenue to conduct property assessment courses and training around the State, to remove the requirement that at least one course be conducted in each county with more than 400,000 inhabitants and to instead allow the courses and training to be conducted virtually. Also amends the Property Tax Code to eliminate the requirement that the Department hold tentative equalization factor hearings in either Chicago or Springfield and to instead allow the use of audio and/or video technology to conduct those hearings.

Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. In provisions allowing tax-free sales of dyed diesel fuel for non-highway purposes, clarifies that for the sale to be tax-free, the sale must be made by a licensed distributor to the end user of the fuel, who is not a licensed distributor.

Amends the Use Tax Act and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to require vehicle tax returns (for the sale of motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, and trailers) filed by dealerships whose annual gross receipts average \$20,000 or more to be filed electronically unless the retailer can provide evidence that doing so would cause an undue hardship.

Sales Tax (SB 3832): Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that tangible personal property sold by or on behalf of the State Treasurer pursuant to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act is exempt from sales tax.

Recovery and Mental Health Tax Credit (SB 3882): Requires the Department of Human Services to establish and administer a recovery tax credit program to provide tax incentives to qualified employers who employ eligible individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder or mental illness in part-time and full-time positions within Illinois. Creates the Advisory Council on Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder Impacts on Employment Opportunities within Minority Communities.

Omnibus Affordable Housing (SB 3895): Provides that to receive a reduction in assessed value, an owner, for the purpose of the initial application and only until the building is put in service, may provide proof of either a deed restriction or participation in a government program that includes legally enforceable affordability requirements comparable to the requirements of this Code and the chief county assessment officer shall furnish a letter of intent to the applicant indicating that a preliminary assessment of the new construction or qualifying rehabilitation indicates that it will meet all eligibility requirements and adds an immediate effective date.

Tax Microchips (SB 3917): Creates the Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity (MICRO) Program to be administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and creates various tax incentives for manufacturers of semiconductors,



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microchips, or semiconductor or microchip component parts, subject to an agreement with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

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State Fair Parking (HB 4132): Amends the Parking Excise Tax. Creates the following exemptions from the parking excise tax: Parking area/garage operated during the Illinois State Fair/DuQuoin State Fair for use by fair attendees/vendors/employees; Parking area/garage owned and operated by a public university or a unit of local government; Parking in a parking area/garage whose primary business is renting real estate (storage facilities); The purchase of a parking space by the State/State university/unit of local government; Parking in a parking space leased to a governmental entity.

Income Tax Checkoff (HB 4161): Creates an income tax checkoff for donations to the 100 Club of Illinois, and the tax checkoff program allows Illinois taxpayers to designate whole dollar amounts of \$1 or more to the designated charities/causes on their Illinois income tax form for grants to be made to those charities/causes.

Motor Vehicle Transfer Tax (HB 4284): Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and adds language to the Motor Vehicle Transfer Tax to clarify that the tax is \$15 in the administration of an *inter vivos* trust that became irrevocable upon the death of the grantor when the beneficiary is not a surviving spouse.

School Facility Tax (HB 4326): Provides that beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, of the 2 percent of funds collected from the school facility occupation tax and deposited for administrative purposes, 50 percent shall be deposited into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund to be used by the Illinois Department of Revenue to cover the costs of the Department and 50 percent shall be distributed to the regional superintendent of schools to cover the costs in calculating and distributing these moneys to the county's school districts.

Mental Health Board (HB 4452): Amends the Community Mental Health Act to correct an error and a discrepancy in the tax referendum language to provide that the referendum language in respect to the annual tax levied shall provide that the question on the referendum will reference a tax "not more than 0.15 percent" instead of "not to exceed 0.15 percent."

State Government

Senior Housing (SB 702): Establishes the Senior Housing Resident's Advisory Committee within the Illinois Department on Aging.



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Child Protection Investigators (SB 1486): Authorizes child protective investigators to carry personal protection spray devices (mace). Provides that Illinois State Police shall establish a training program for proper use of personal protection sprays.

Youth Entrepreneurs Assistance (SB 2984): Adds youth entrepreneurs to the specified groups to be assisted at Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers.

Historic Preservation (SB 3108): States that the State Museum is to work collaboratively with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Historic Preservation Division in exercising all rights, powers, and duties of the Historic Preservation Act.

Geographic Research (SB 3179): Creates the Illinois Center for Geographic Information Act, which authorizes a new research center within the Prairie Research Institute at U of I to evaluate proposal and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on efficient development and use of geographic information management technology for state, regional, local, and academic agencies/institutions.

Department of Corrections (SB 3180): Provides that for Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions, a point-of-contact person is required to review promptly and efficiently, and monitor suggestions, complaints, or other requests made by visitors. Requires an annual report to the General Assembly, the first one by Jan. 1, 2023. Detailed reports must be reported on the DOC Web site within 48 hours after they are sent to the General Assembly and Governor.

DCFS Caseworkers (SB 3197): Make clear that Illinois Department of Children and Family Services caseworkers are eligible for catastrophic injury/death health insurance premium coverage. Amends the Group Health Insurance Act of 1971 to preserve the impetus of the underlying bill but more specifically describes occupation death benefits to where insurance premiums are to be covered for the survivor and dependents.

ABLE Program (SB 3474): Requires school districts, beginning with the 2023-24 school year, to provide informational material about the ABLE program under the State Treasurer at the students annual individualized education program (IEP meeting). IL ABLE is a savings and investment plan that makes it possible for people with disabilities and their families to save and invest their money for expenses related to living with a disability.

DOC Property Database (SB 3597): Establishes that by Dec. 31, 2022, the Illinois Department of Corrections is required to create a searchable database on its Web site that discloses all real property under its control. Requires data to be supplied for each piece of property.

Design-Build Procurement (SB 3625): Amends the Design-Build Procurement Act's repeal date by five years, from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2027.



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Solid Waste Site Operator (SB 3626): Creates a single Solid Waste Site Operator Certification process. Increases fee for certificate to \$1,000.

Technology Development (SB 3777): Adds changes to reporting requirements and investment amount from the State Treasurer pertaining to TDA II-Recipient Funds created by a venture-capital firm.

Designated Representative (SB 3786): Amends the state Treasurer Act to state that the definition of “designated representative” also can be an entity when pertaining to ABLE accounts. Requires that the designated representative must provide certification of the basis for the person’s ability to act as a designated representative.

Community Development Loan (SB 3847): Changes the language to describe “approved” financial institutions rather than just “financial institutions” when pertaining to the State Treasurer Loan Guarantee Program. Also states that the State Treasurer may withdraw funds from any Loan Guarantee Account for a financial institution’s failure to comply with program requirements.

DNR Advisory Board (SB 3908): Restarts the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Advisory Board and makes changes to its goal and powers that take power away from the board and shifts it to the Director.

DoIT Client Agencies Assistance (SB 3938): Removes provisions requiring the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to assist client agencies in identifying funding opportunities and ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms. Also removes provisions requiring the Department to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to coordinate or centralize communications services among State agencies with offices at different locations.

DoIT Cybersecurity (SB 3939): Requires the Secretary of DoIT to establish a liaison program for local governments and school districts. Requires every employee of a county, municipality, and school district to complete an annual training program. States that each municipality with a population of 35K or more shall designate a local official as the primary point of contact for cybersecurity issues. Also creates the Technology, Education, and Cybersecurity Fund. It would amend the Freedom of Information Act by adding the exposure of vulnerabilities, policies, or plans of cybersecurity to the exemption list.

Department on Aging Portal (SB 4024): Removes the requirement that the hyperlink be named “Resident’s Right to Know” from the Illinois Department on Aging’s Choice Information Report Portal.



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Inspector General Report (SB 4025): Requires the Inspector General to report to the Illinois Department of Public Health's Health Care Worker Registry the identity and finding of each employee of a facility or agency against whom there is a final investigative report prepared by the Office when it contains a substantiated allegation of physical or sexual abuse, financial exploitation, or egregious neglect of an individual. The Report doesn't have to include the details of the employee if the Inspector General requests a stipulated disposition of the investigative report.

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Comptroller Interactive Taxing Body Map (HB 568): Authorizes the Comptroller after Jan. 1, 2023, to establish and maintain an interactive map on the Comptroller's Web site that provides the location and annual financial information of taxing bodies as reported to the Comptroller's office.

Elevator Safety/Fire Equipment Distributor (HB 1449): Provides for the Regulatory Sunset Act Repeal and Re-write of the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act and the Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act. Revises licensing Acts and provides of sunset date on Jan. 1, 2028 (instead of Jan. 1, 2023).

Veterans Services (HB 2991): Requires the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to analyze field services for veterans within the state and submit a recommendation for future delivery of services after 18 months, subject to sufficient appropriations. Sunsets Dec. 31, 2023.

Asian Indian American Council (HB 4070): Creates a 21-member Illinois Asian Indian American Advisory Council appointed by the Governor and four legislative leaders to advise the Governor and General Assembly about policy issues impacting Asian Indian Americans and immigrants. The council is to meet at least once quarterly and issue two reports per year, one by June 30 and one by December 31 of each calendar year.

Illinois State Rock (HB 4261): Designates Dolostone as the official rock of the State of Illinois.

CMS Workers' Comp (HB 4333): Clarifies that all State entities (currently statute references only State agencies) receiving workers' compensation services from the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) are required to authorize payments to the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund (WCRF) for the cost of workers' compensation services provided to those entities by CMS.

IDOR Publication (HB 4362): Requires the Illinois Department of Revenue to submit for publication (currently, publish) quarterly in the Illinois Register an index of any informal rulings,



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opinions, or letters issued by the Department of Revenue during the quarter and required to be made available.

Insurance Industry Clean-up (HB 4493): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and various related Acts and Codes to implement Illinois Department of Insurance clean-up and revisory changes on a wide variety of issues, including insurance coverage, annuity interest rates, fraud information, DOI formula for refunds, and the Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund, among others.

Coal Mining (HB 4568): Amends the Coal Mining Act to repeal the Coal Miners' Examining Board and transfer the powers and duties to the Mining Board. Provides that the Mining Board's power to promulgate rules and regulations must be in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act instead of the existing Mining Board specific procedure.

Manufactured Home Dealers (HB 4639): Changes current law regarding manufactured home dealers. Provides definitions of "Established place of business," "Manufactured home," and "Manufactured home dealer." Requires persons in the business of dealing manufactured homes to be licensed by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, after reasonable review of and barring no flaws in the application, shall grant license. The Secretary of State may deny, revoke, or suspend the license for violations. An application for a manufactured home dealer's license shall be accompanied by a \$1,000 license fee for the applicant's established place of business. If the application is made after June 15 in any year, the license fee shall be \$500 for the applicant's established place of business. License fees shall be returnable only in the event that the application is denied by the Secretary of State. Of the moneys received by the Secretary of State as license fees 95 percent shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and 5 percent into the Motor Vehicle License Plate Fund.

Veterans Services Scratch-Off (HB 4682): Expands causes funded from the Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund to include behavioral health services (currently, only covers PTSD) as well as veterans' emergency financial assistance. Examples of emergency financial aid include but aren't limited to past due utilities, housing, and transportation costs.

Comptroller Administrative Cleanup (HB 4739): Provides for the annual Comptroller administrative cleanup bill. Amends procurement code to allow submittal of a quarterly report (instead of each contract) for certain grants. Renames a required report to comply with new Governmental Accounting Standards Board protocols. Moves the deadline for the Acts and Doings Report from 10 days before the beginning of session to a set date (Jan. 7). Clarifies that the approval of Late Execution Waivers for contracts executed after start date of a project falls under the responsibility of the chief procurement officer and eliminates the extra signoff from the Comptroller and Treasurer.



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CMS Bilingual Pay Supplement (HB 4740): Provides for Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) employees a bilingual pay supplement within 30 calendar days after an employee presents to the CMS Director or the Director's designee a certification of: 1). the designated testing program process selected by the Director, or 2). an Illinois community college confirming that language skill proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking has been satisfied by the employee.

Sweet Corn Day (HB 4766): Designates August 1 of each year as Sweet Corn Appreciation Day to be observed throughout the State as a day to celebrate the importance of sweet corn to Illinois agriculture and to recognize family farmers.

IEMA Disaster Relief (HB 4783): Amends the Disaster Relief Act to state that the term "disaster" is to have the same meaning as provided in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

Republic of Ireland Day (HB 4811): Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that April 18 of each year is designated as Republic of Ireland Day to be observed throughout the State as a day in recognition of the anniversary of April 18, 1949, the day in which the Republic of Ireland officially declared itself independent from Great Britain.

State Snake (HB 4821): Designates the Eastern Milk Snake as the official State Snake of Illinois.

State Theatre (HB 4986): Amends the State Designations Act to provide that the Theatre in the Park, located at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site south of Petersburg, Illinois, is the Official State Theatre of Illinois (currently, the Great American People Show).

Illinois America 250 Commission (HB 5015): Create a statewide Commission to plan for, and serve as the formal host of, Illinois' celebration of the nation's 250th birthday. The Commission will include four members appointed by each of the State's four legislative leaders.

BFR Agency Mandate Cleanup (HB 5186): Provides for Budgeting for Results initiative to clean up outdate mandates and program language as recommended by a number of state agencies.

BFR Commission Meetings (HB 5192): Requires Budgeting for Results initiative to hold at least two in-person public meetings (currently, not required to be in-person). Provides that the commission may choose by a majority vote of its members to hold one virtual meeting, which is open to the public and over the Internet, in lieu of the required two in-person public meetings.

Agriculture Equity Commission (HB 5201): Establishes the Agriculture Equity Commission. The Agriculture Equity Commission to ensure equity in the State's top job producing industry by recognizing the loss to African American farmers and growers and the difficulties other



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minorities have faced in the agriculture industry and the effect those difficulties have on the food system, health, and economy of vulnerable communities.

SkillBridge Program Point Agency (HB 5385): Requires the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to serve as the State's primary organization to assist the United States Department of Defense's new SkillBridge program for employees and transitioning service members. Subject to appropriations.

Children of Incarcerated Parents (HB 5525): Creates the Commission on Children of Incarcerated Parents, which will be tasked with convening relevant stakeholders to determine how to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents. The commission will focus on a wide range of issues including developing strategies for better coordination of services between state agencies, revising policies when law enforcement

Transportation

Infrastructure Funding (SB 1233): Creates the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act. Creates the Commission within the Illinois Department of Transportation to evaluate Illinois' existing transportation infrastructure funding and policy processes and develop alternative solutions.

Emissions Inspection Stations (SB 1234): Requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to submit a report by Oct. 1, 2022, to the General Assembly containing its plan to replace the dismantled official inspection stations located in Chicago. Emission testing is required in Cook, DuPage, and Lake, and certain ZIP codes in Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties.

Transportation Infrastructure (SB 2981): Creates the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act and authorizes the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to use the design-build project delivery method or the construction manage general contractor project delivery method for transportation facilities.

Recovery License (SB 3006): Requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to notify an applicant for a recovery license (repo) within 14 days (was 10) after receiving a background check (was after receiving the application).

Driving Privileges (SB 3007): Provides that if records indicate an individual has committed any of the following offenses, the Secretary of State is authorized to suspend or revoke their driving privileges without a hearing:

- Unlawful use of a license



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- Underage possession of cannabis
- provided false information about their age to a cannabis establishment

Digital License (SB 3096): Authorizes a digital driver's license. An individual cannot be issued a citation for "driving without a license" if they have a digital license.

Vehicle Lights, Sirens (SB 3495): Authorizes fire chiefs to place proper lighting on their emergency response vehicles even if the city or municipality does not own the vehicles themselves.

Registration Discount (SB 3609): Provides that registration fee for cars and small trucks manufactured in Illinois shall be reduced by \$25.

Towing Notice (SB 3629): Provides that if a vehicle owner has a legal agreement with the owner of private property permitting the vehicle owner to park on the property, the owner or person in charge of the private property shall provide notice of a tow.

Penalty Change (SB 3793): Adds community service as a penalty for failing to stop before meeting or overtaking a school bus that is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils and has displayed visual signals.

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Car Parts Thefts (HB 107): Addresses recent thefts of car parts and especially catalytic converters. Provides that every recyclable metal dealer shall enter specified information into an electronic record-keeping system for each purchase of recyclable metal, a catalytic converter, or its contents, or recyclable metal containing copper. Prohibits the sale/purchase of certain materials and prohibits dealers from paying cash payments for a catalytic converter with a value of \$100 or more.

Digital License Plates (HB 260): Provides for a study on the feasibility of allowing the use of digital electronic license plates on passenger and commercial vehicles registered in Illinois, with a goal of possibly providing more options for motorists by having digital license plates and electronic driver's licenses. Current law allows the Illinois Secretary of State to create digital license plates, but not digital driver's licenses.

Towing List (HB 3124): Amends the Vehicle Code to remove language that exempts Chicago law enforcement from the requirement of maintaining a tow rotation list.

Police Association Fund (HB 4163): Allows money generated from sales of the Illinois Police Association license plate to be used for providing death benefits for the families of members of



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the Illinois Police Association who die of natural causes, and for providing scholarships to children and spouses of members of the Illinois Police Association who die of natural causes. Currently, the funds are limited to those who die in the line of duty.

License Plates (HB 4434): Amends the Vehicle Code to add the Chicago Red Stars and the Chicago Fire, and remove the St. Louis Rams from, the list of available license plates.

Expressway Camera Program (HB 4481): Expands the current expressway camera program to 21 additional counties and expands the program to the State highway system in those counties (Currently just expressways in Cook County). Additional counties include Boone, Bureau, Champaign, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Henry, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Macon, Madison, McHenry, Morgan, Peoria, Rock Island, Sangamon, St. Clair, Will and Winnebago.

Mammogram License Plates (HB 5026): Provides that all money in the Mammogram Fund shall be paid to the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program for patient navigation services specifically for populations with the highest rates of breast cancer mortality in Illinois.

Gold Star License Plates (HB 5078): Provides that the Illinois Secretary of State shall issue Gold Star license plates to any IL resident who is a widow, widower, parent, child, stepchild, child through adoption, brother, half-brother, sister, and half-sister, sibling, daughter, son of a person who has served in the Armed Forces and lost his/her life while serving in peacetime or war. Waives fees.

Annexation/Disconnect Notice (HB 5098): Requires municipalities to provide notice to the Illinois Department of Transportation when initiating annexations or disconnection.

IDOT Land Conveyance (HB 5205): Allows the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to sell dedications, easements, access rights, or any interest in real estate that it holds but no longer needs for highway purposes. Allows IDOT to dispose of these rights, or any land or other properties, subject to written approval of the Federal Highway Administration if required by federal law.

Reduced-fee License Plates (HB 5304): Provides that those who qualify for the current Benefit Access License Plate Discount shall pay \$10 rather than the current \$24.

School Zone Speeding Fines (HB 5328): Increases fines for speeding in a school zone.

FFA License Plate Decals (HB 5400): Provides for the issuance of a Future Farmers of America (FFA) license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Creates the FFA Fund. Money in the fund shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Association FFA.



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Term Clarification (HB 5496): Replaces within the state statutes, the words “accident” or “accidents” with the words “crash” or “crashes” to describe and regulate motor vehicle collisions.

Milwaukee Avenue Corridor (HB 5581): Designates Illinois Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) from Sangamon Avenue in Chicago to Greenwood Road in Niles as the Milwaukee Avenue Polish Heritage Corridor.

Veterans Affairs

Flag Presentation (SB 3459): Provides for presentation of the State flag to the next-of-kin of Illinois residents who die on active-duty orders. Allows the Adjutant General to designate a representative to present the State flag.

Dependents Scholarships (SB 3762): Changes the name of MIA/POW scholarship, eligibility, criteria, and adds covered fees under scholarship. Changes the name of the Children of Deceased Veterans Act, adds to the definition of eligible children, and redefines eligible veteran or serviceperson.

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Communication Barriers (HB 4825): Aims to improve communication between law enforcement and persons with medical conditions that cause difficulty communicating. Adds space where a driver’s license applicant may voluntarily disclose a condition that impedes with effective communication with a peace officer.

Downstate Public Audit (HB 4990): Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Provides that no later than 180 days following the last day of a participant’s fiscal year (rather than the State’s fiscal year) each participant shall provide the Illinois Department of Transportation with an audit prepared by a CPA covering that fiscal year.