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Budget Fiscal Year 2024

FY24 Operating Budget (SB 250) & FY24 Budget Implementation Act (HB 3817): As presented, the FY24 budget estimates \$50.6 billion in revenue with a total spend of \$50.4 billion—largest presented budget in state history as originally passed. With a \$138 million allocation to the Rainy-Day Fund, the budget, as passed, leaves a \$45 million surplus.

Budget notables and details include:

Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults Program

Funds the highly controversial healthcare program for illegal immigrants at \$550 million—half of the original FY24 cost estimate. *(Also see Medicaid section for more details.)*

AFSCME Contract

The FY24 budget was passed ahead of a new contract deal between AFSCME (largest state employee union) and the State. At the time of passage, contract negotiations were ongoing making it unknown what the costs of a new contract would be. During budget discussions, concerns were raised that a new contract was not accounted for in the FY24 budget, and no information was provided to show that it was. Weeks after its passage, the Governor stated that the FY24 budget allowed up to 8 percent of department budgets to be transferred over to fulfill AFSCME contract agreements.

Half-year Appropriations (Medicaid Rate Increase & DD Rate Increase)

The FY24 budget includes some rate increases that will be implemented on January 1, 2024—making them half-year appropriations but will require a full-year's appropriation in the fiscal years to follow. These initiatives include Medicaid rate increases for healthcare providers *(also see Medicaid section for more details)* and wage increases for providers for the developmentally disabled *(also see Human Services section for more details)*. These costs will have to be doubled in the next fiscal year's budget. The signed FY24 budget does not provide for that consideration.

FY23 Supplemental Budget

The FY24 budget included a supplemental FY23 budget, which contains \$1.2 billion in FY23 supplemental appropriations, including \$495.8 million in General Fund supplemental appropriations.

Legislator Pay Raises

Includes \$846,000 for legislative pay raises, which is a 5 percent increase bringing the salary of a legislator to \$89,250 per year. The FY24 budget as passed included a 5.5 percent increase, but through veto powers afforded to the Governor, the increase was brought down to 5 percent to align with what the Illinois Constitution allows.

Local Government Distribution Fund

Includes an additional \$112 million.



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Franchise Tax

The Budget Implementation bill (BIMP) made changes to the Corporate Franchise Tax by increasing the exemption amount to the first \$5,000 rather than \$1,000.

Large Business Attraction Fund

Provides for \$500 million in spending authority from the Large Business Attraction Fund, which is the Fund provided to the Governor to utilize to encourage businesses to invest in Illinois. As of the FY24 budget's passage, the Fund balance stood at \$400.9 million. There was no authorization within the FY24 budget for the remaining \$100 million.

Medicaid

Funds the Medicaid Omnibus package at \$245 million, which includes \$110 million in rate increases for Medicaid hospital reimbursements.

Additionally, provides \$550 million for the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program, which provides top-level healthcare to illegal immigrants ages 42 and older with little federal reimbursement. HFS estimated the program cost for FY24 at \$1.1 billion. Only half of that estimate is appropriated in the FY24 budget, noting that the Medicaid Omnibus package included rule making powers to the Governor's Administration to rein in costs. It's unclear how much money the rule changes will save.

Human Services

Provides an additional \$220 million over FY23 enacted appropriations to the DHS Developmental Disabilities Division for partial implementation of the Guidehouse rate study. These additional funds will provide for a \$2.50 per hour rate increase for direct service professionals, adult day service workers, and adult day service transportation costs--\$1.50 short of the full \$4.00 increase proposed by advocates.

Other notables include:

- Additional funding for DCFS to hire 192 staff and increase training, scholarships, and improve facilities.
- \$215 million added to the DHS budget for Democrat-only pet projects.
- Includes \$42.5 million to municipalities, cities, villages, and counties for costs associated with asylum seekers.
- \$110 million for Immigrant Welcoming Centers.

Smart Start Illinois

A total of \$250 million is included for the first year of this newly created early childhood initiative, including a \$75 million Increase to ISBE's Early Childhood Block Grant to increase preschool availability and eliminate "preschool deserts" by December 2027 and \$50 million in capital appropriations for early childhood providers.



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Home Illinois

\$360 million (\$200 million GRF) is included for a new Department of Human Services program to prevent and end homelessness, including:

- \$67 million for shelter and other services for the homeless
- \$41 million for emergency and transitional housing
- \$25 million for rapid rehousing

Also provides \$20 million for the Illinois Grocery Initiative to provide better access to groceries for rural and urban populations considered “food deserts.”

Higher Education

Provides a 7 percent increase (\$100 million) for university and community college operations. Increases MAP Grant funding by \$100 million allowing nearly all community college students at or below median income to go to college for free and about 40% of university students at or below median income to go to college for free.

Additionally, the FY24 budget allocates \$50 million for AIM High program, which provides merit-based scholarships to Illinois high school graduates to attend in-state universities.

PreK-12 Education

Increases the Evidence Based Funding formula by an additional \$350 million and includes \$45 million for the first year of a three-year pilot program to improve the teacher pipeline.

Public Safety

Provides \$17.5 million for two new State Police cadet classes, graduating 200 cadets, \$155 million for the Department of Corrections to hire additional staff, and \$3.6 million for Illinois Youth Center in Lincoln to open in 2024.

Pensions

Pensions are funded at the statutorily required minimum in FY24. The FY24 enacted budget also included another supplemental pension payment of \$200 million in FY23, after additional payments of \$300 million and \$200 million were made previously in FY22 and FY23, respectively.

Revenue Omnibus (SB 1963): Makes changes to various tax codes, tax exemptions, and tax credit programs, including:

- Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act by extending and expanding sales tax incentives for the purchase of a variety of higher-blend ethanol fuels.



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- Expands a sales tax exemption for farm machinery and equipment to include equipment for electrical power generation used primarily for production agriculture.
- Exempts the Red Cross from having to pay the Hotel Operators Occupation Tax when the agency is renting rooms for disaster relief purposes.
- Creates a Volunteer Emergency Worker tax credit in the amount of \$500 to volunteer firefighters and other volunteer emergency personnel that receive less than \$5,000 per year for their services.
- Amends the Illinois Municipal Code removing the provision that the Illinois Department of Revenue may be a quasi-arbitrator between certain tax disputes between a municipality and an energy provider.
- Expands the Rivers Edge Tax Credit program to add Joliet and Kankakee as municipalities that can establish Rivers Edge Redevelopment zones.
- Extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit for an additional 5 years. Increases the limit on the total credits that can be awarded per year from \$15 million to \$25 million.
- Amends the IL Enterprise Zone Act and the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act by expanding eligibility for the enhanced-EDGE enjoyment granted by current law to “startup taxpayers.”
- Amends the Enterprise Zone Act to grant High Impact Business (HIB) eligibility to a new category of investment properties. New eligibility is granted to cultured cell material food production facilities. *(Note: these are hypothetical factories, enabled by future technology, to culture animal cells into flesh food that could theoretically be consumed without slaughtering an animal.)*
- Increases the annual cap of the Angel Investment Tax Credit program from \$10 million to \$25 million, which is a program to encourage investment in innovative, early-stage companies to help obtain the working capital needed to further the growth of their company in Illinois.
- Makes changes to the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles (REV) Illinois Program to allow manufacturers of electric vehicle component parts to apply for the program.
- Fixes an unintended error in the Pass Through Entity tax that would have required retired out of state partners to file Illinois income tax returns to receive refunds for taxes they should not be required to pay.
- Keeps the standard exemption for the personal income tax at \$2,425 for tax year 2023. Reinstates the CPI increase for the standard exemption for tax year 2024 through tax year 2028.



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Notable Legislation

Constitutionality Claims (HB 3062): Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Requires the court venue to be in either Sangamon or Cook County for lawsuits against the state of Illinois challenging the constitutionality of a law. Applies to any action brought against the State seeking declaratory or injunctive relief against any State statute, rule, or executive order based on an alleged violation of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

First-Time Weapon Offense (SB 424): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Permanently extends the First-Time Weapon Offense Program for certain offenders charged with possessing weapons. Expands the program to allow gun offenders ages 21 and older to participate. Sets the timeframe of the First-Time Weapon Offense Program for at least six months, but not more than 24 months, in duration.

Firearm Manufacturer Marketing (HB 218): Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to allow private citizens, the Attorney General and counties to sue firearm dealers and manufacturers if they engage in so-called “unlawful business and marketing practices” such as marketing any firearm, accessory or component to people under the age of 18 or in a way that appears to support or encourage unlawful militia activity.

Expungement Trafficking Victims (HB 2418): Allows a trafficking victim to petition for vacation, expungement, or immediate sealing for an offense, upon the completion of his/her last sentence if his/her participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking.

Child Victim Testimony (HB 2607): Protects children of abuse younger than age 13 from further trauma by allowing them to testify remotely if the judge determines that the testimony by means of closed-circuit television does not prejudice the defendant.

Ends Nuclear Power Construction Moratorium (SB 76): Lifts the state’s ban on the building of new nuclear reactors. Allows for the future construction of small advanced nuclear reactor power plants in Illinois.

Deceptive Practices Pregnancy Centers (SB 1909): Prohibits pregnancy resource centers from engaging in unfair methods of competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices to interfere with an individual seeking to gain entry or access to a provider of abortion or emergency contraception.

Abortion Programs (SB 1344): Exempts reporting requirements for coordinating organizations administering the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program from FOIA requests. It also expands the insurance coverage mandate for abortion drugs, hormone therapy drugs, and HIV drugs to include FDA-approved drugs prescribed or ordered for off-label use.

Gender Terms (HB 2350): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to remove gendered terms from the Section regarding coverage for pap tests and prostate cancer screenings.



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Multiple Occupancy All Gender Restrooms (HB 1286): Allows any multiple-occupancy restroom to be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Contains a provision requiring that if multiple-occupancy restrooms are converted into an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and a multiple-occupancy restroom serving a different gender is located adjacent or in proximity to the all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom, then both multiple-occupancy restrooms must be converted into all-gender multiple-occupancy. Also sets certain requirements for how these restrooms should be constructed including they must have floor to ceiling stalls and cannot contain urinals, among other requirements.

Public Library “Bill of Rights” Adoption (HB 2789): Amends the Illinois Library System Act. Requires the adoption of the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and states that libraries will not be eligible for state grants unless they adopt it or develop a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books within the public library or library system.

Essential Support Person (SB 2322): Directs the Illinois Department of Public Health to establish a statewide policy for visitation for residents that includes indoor, outdoor and virtual visitations in the event of a public health emergency. Allows a resident of a long-term care regulated by the DPH to designate an “essential support person” who shall have access to the resident despite general visitation restrictions.

Chicago Police and Fire (HB 3162): Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to establish a presumption that a fireman or policeman who becomes disabled because of exposure to and contraction of COVID-19 was injured in the line of duty and is entitled to receive a duty disability benefit under the applicable Article of the Code.

Medicaid Omnibus/Hospital Reimbursement Rates (SB 1298): Contains numerous Medicaid rate increases. Notably includes a ten percent across the board increase to hospital Medicaid base rates beginning January 1, 2024 (\$111.2 million). Also provides the Governor’s Administration with rule making powers to attempt to control costs of the healthcare for undocumented immigrants program.

Insulin Costs (HB 2189): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to lower the cap for a 30-day supply of insulin to \$35.

Health Care Worker Registry (SB 855): Requires obstruction of investigations to be included in Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General investigative reports in response to abuse and cover-ups at Choate Mental Health Facility. Requires the Inspector General to report to the DPH Health Care Worker Registry, material obstruction of an investigation. Also amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Prohibits facilities licensed, funded or certified by the DHS from employing a person identified by the Health Care Worker Registry as having been the subject of a finding of physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, egregious neglect, or material obstruction of an investigation.



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EdTPA Teacher Evaluation (SB 1488): Waives the edTPA (teacher performance evaluation) requirement on college students studying to become teachers through August 31, 2025. Also creates the Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force to develop an evidence-based evaluation/assessment system to replace the current program. The task force would be required to present its findings no later than August 1, 2024.

Retired Teachers Return to Classroom (SB 1468): Allows retired teachers to return to the classroom to cover temporary vacancies and serve as substitutes for 120 days or 600 hours in each school year through June 30, 2026, and a maximum of 100 days or 500 hours beginning July 1, 2026, and thereafter.

AIM HIGH Grant Program (HB 301): Makes the AIM HIGH program permanent, which provides scholarships to Illinois high school graduates to attend Illinois public universities. Raises the state's match to 35 percent for public universities with at least 49 percent of Pell-eligible students seeking a bachelor's degree (currently 20 percent). Raises the state's match to 70 percent for public universities with less than 49 percent of Pell-eligible students seeking a bachelor's degree (currently 60 percent). Allows universities to consider part-time students for AIM HIGH if they are in their final semester.

Punitive Damages (HB 219): Amends the Wrongful Death Act and the Probate Act of 1975 to allow punitive damages under the Act. Punitive damages are not available in actions against: The State or an employee of the State in his or her official capacity; A local government or an employee of that local government in his or her official capacity; All employees covered under the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act; Healing Art Malpractice (aka medical malpractice); or Legal malpractice.

Municipal Police Applicants (HB 3751): Provides that an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States and DACA recipients that are legally authorized to obtain and carry a firearm under federal law are authorized to apply for the position of a municipal police officer, subject to all requirements and limitations to which other applicants are subject (other than citizenship). Provides that a deputy county sheriff or special policeman may be an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law or DACA recipients that are legally authorized to obtain and carry a firearm under federal law.

License Plate Recognition (HB 3326): Amends the Vehicle Code. Bans use of Automatic License Plate Reader's (ALPR) information being shared for the purposes of abortion or immigration enforcement in another state or local jurisdiction. Applies the ban to law enforcement agencies that use ALPR systems without a written explanation of the purpose.

Obstructed View (HB 2389): Provides that a driver's obstructed view is now a secondary violation by stating that a law enforcement officer cannot stop a vehicle solely based on obstructions between the driver and windows.



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Drone Usage (HB 3902): Expands the Illinois Freedom from Drone Surveillance to allow drones to be used during parades, walks, festivals, concerts, and carnivals in accordance with a sliding scale of attendees and population density. Drones could also be used to inspect bridges and other infrastructure, assess traffic routes (mapping), and respond to dispatched calls.

Also includes specific provisions limiting facial recognition, information/data retention timeframes as well as a prohibition against a law enforcement agency from equipping or using on a drone any firearm, weaponized laser, kinetic impact projectile, chemical agent or irritant, or any other lethal or non-lethal weapon.

Fentanyl Exposure (HB 3203): Provides that a pharmacist or retailer may sell fentanyl test strips over the counter to the public to test for the presence of fentanyl, a fentanyl analogue, or a drug adulterant within a controlled substance. Provides that a county health department may distribute fentanyl test strips at the county health department facility for no fee.

Commission to Redesign the Illinois State Flag (SB 1818): Creates the 20-member Illinois Flag Commission for the purpose of developing new State flag designs and making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning whether the current State flag should be replaced with a redesigned State flag.

Agriculture

Penalty for Pesticide Exposure (SB 203): Provides that for any person applying a pesticide that results in exposure to the pesticide by a human, the penalty will be \$2,500. An additional penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for each individual human exposed to the pesticide.

Partners for Conservation Program (SB 1701): Reauthorizes Illinois' Partners for Conservation Program while also providing modern updates to tackle emergent issues such as flooding, drought, and diminished water quality resulting from changing weather and climate.

Animal Nuisance Permits (SB 1745): Amends the Wildlife Code to exempt drainage districts and road districts from the requirement to obtain a state permit to control nuisance muskrats or beavers. All applicable provisions for licenses must be met, and proper trap types and sizes must be used.

Pesticide Applicator Restrictions (SB 1772): Provides that beginning July 1, 2024, no person will spray a pesticide at a school serving students grades kindergarten through eighth grade on areas of the property where children may be present including blacktops, playing fields and playgrounds.

Dogs/Cats Unnecessary Testing Act (SB 1882): Creates the Protection of Dogs and Cats from Unnecessary Testing Act and prohibits a testing facility from conducting a canine or feline toxicological experiment in the State, except for certain specified purposes.



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Bear/Primate Contact With Public (SB 1883): Makes it unlawful for any person to allow any member of the public to come into direct contact with a bear or nonhuman primate and provides exemptions. A violation is a Class B misdemeanor. Any law enforcement officer or peace officer employed by the State or by any county or municipality within the State may enforce these provisions.

(House Bills)

Migratory Birds (HB 1629): Provides that the Eurasian Collared Dove and Ringed Turtle-Dove are excluded from the list of wildlife protected by the Act. The Virginia Rail, Sora Rail, Wilson's Snipe, Woodcock, Mourning Dove, and White-winged Dove are classified as migratory game birds for purposes of the Code.

Fishing License Regulation (HB 2317): Provides that any Illinois resident age 26 or older who has not purchased a resident fishing license in the past 10 years shall be eligible to receive a one-time annual resident fishing license for a fee of \$5. Any nonresident who has not purchased a nonresident fishing license in the past 10 years shall be eligible to receive a one-time annual sport fishing license for a fee of \$10.

Nuisance Wildlife Permits (HB 2461): Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that any person who operates without a nuisance wildlife code permit is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$500. Any other violation of those provisions, including administrative rules, is a Class B misdemeanor. Any person found guilty of violating those provisions is subject to an additional civil penalty of up to \$1,500. The civil penalties remitted to the Department of Natural Resources are allocated as follows: 60 percent to the Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund; and 40 percent to the Illinois Habitat Fund.

Farm to Food Bank (HB 2879): Creates the Illinois Farm to Food Bank Program Act. Establishes the Illinois Farm to Food Bank Program within the Department of Human Services to help expand the availability of nutritious, locally grown, raised, or processed foods for Illinois's emergency food system.

Increased Fees Under the Pesticide Act (HB 3086): Increases various fees imposed under the Pesticide Act, and examines, with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture, the possibility of continuing education courses to satisfy pesticide applicator competency requirements required for existing licensees.

Diseased Animals (HB 3087): Amends the Illinois Diseased Animals Act. Provides that if the condition so warrants, the Director of Agriculture may declare a temporary prohibition on the sale, movement, or exhibition of certain types of animals to prevent or to reduce the spread of any contamination or disease in the State. The declaration shall be for a period not to exceed 30 days, but the declaration may be extended in increments not to exceed 30 days if the condition so warrants.

Hunting and Fishing License (HB 3677): Provides for fees for licenses for residents of the State of Illinois. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, residents of this State may obtain a three-year



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fishing/hunting license. The fee for a three-year fishing/hunting license is three times the annual fee. For residents ages 65 or older, the fee is one half of the fee charged for a three-year fishing/hunting license. For resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a three-year fishing license. Allows residents of the State to obtain a three-year trapping license and both three-year trapping licenses and one-year trapping will expire on March 31.

Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force (HB 3710): Creates the Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force for the purposes of making an investigation and study relative to alternative proteins and to develop a master plan of recommendations for fostering the appropriate expansion of protein innovation and the alternative protein industry in the State.

Food Labeling (HB 3849): Provides that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall, on or before July 1, 2024, publish information to encourage food manufacturers, processors, and retailers responsible for the labeling of food products to voluntarily use the specified uniform terms on food product labels to communicate quality dates and safety dates.

Behavioral and Mental Health

Professional Loan Repayment (SB 57): Amends the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Act by increasing grant amounts that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) may award to community behavioral health care professionals. Additionally, adds two new recipients eligible for grants: professionals with a master's degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or marriage and family therapy; and professionals with a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology, or social work. Amends the 12-month work requirement in a community mental health center to include substance use treatment centers and State-operated psychiatric hospitals licensed or certified by DHS and HFS. Requires 30% of grant funding each fiscal year be made available to minority applicants.

Statewide Mental Health Coordinator (SB 1543): Creates a new Governor-appointed position of Statewide Mental Health Coordinator under the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. The Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator is to be responsible for implementing a program of mental health support and education for law enforcement officers.

Stabilization Support Programs (SB 1674): Amends the Developmental Disability and Mental Disability Services Act. Creates Long-Term and Short-Term Stabilization Support Programs. Together the programs will open a minimum of 18 homes across the State with each serving no more than 4 residents at a time. Allows individuals in State-Operated Developmental Centers to utilize these programs. Included are provisions which allow residents to change their participation in the program or request alternative placement. A quarterly report must be published by DHS on the number of individuals participating and transitioning from the homes.



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Technical Support for Mental Health Care (SB 1709): Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services must partner with the State Board of Education to provide technical assistance for the provision of mental health care during school days.

(House Bills)

9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Workgroup (HB 1364): Creates the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Workgroup Act. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health to convene a working group tasked with examining the first year's implementation and use of the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis lifeline in Illinois. The workgroup must prepare an action plan that includes recommendations for a future structure of 9-8-8 centers in Illinois, as well as metrics for success and further funding to strengthen the rest of Illinois's behavioral health services and crisis assistance programs.

Mental Health Coverage (HB 2847): Creates the Mental Health and Wellness Act for the purpose of addressing mental health needs for children, youth and adults following the COVID-19 pandemic by covering mental health care. Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law to require DPH to undertake a public educational campaign regarding mental health wellness. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for an annual mental health prevention and wellness visit. Prohibits cost-sharing. Applies to plans beginning January 1, 2025. Makes conforming changes to the State Employees Group Insurance Act, Counties Code, Municipal Code, and School Code.

Behavioral Health Crisis Care (HB 3230): Creates the Strengthening and Transforming Behavioral Health Crisis Care in Illinois Act. Requires the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, to use an independent third-party expert to conduct a cost analysis and determine actuarially sound costs associated with developing and maintaining a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of the continuum of behavioral health crisis response services in the State, including crisis call centers, mobile crisis response team services, crisis receiving and stabilization centers, and other acute behavioral health services.

Local Deflection Programs (HB 3819): Amends the Community-Law Enforcement and Other First Responder Partnership for Deflection and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act. Changes the Act name to the Community Partnership for Deflection and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act. States that a law enforcement agency, other first responder entity, or local government agency may establish a deflection program in partnership with one or more licensed providers of substance use disorder treatment services and one or more community members or organizations. Makes conforming changes in sections regarding local government agencies, and case management. Specifies that an officer intervention during routine activities, such as patrol, or to a service call during which a referral to treatment, to services, or to a case manager is made in lieu of arrest as a type of response in deflection programs.



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Criminal Law and Public Safety

Mandatory Supervised Release (SB 423): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Expands and mandates education and training credits beyond high school by providing a 90-day credit off the supervision term for a secondary education diploma or a career/technical certificate. Establishes quarterly reporting to provide regular and meaningful updates to people on Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR) and decisionmakers on the Prisoner Review Board through the existing electronic system.

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“Prison Gerrymandering” (HB 1496): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to require that the Master Files of inmates at Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice of each person contain ethnic and racial background data and the person’s last known complete street address prior to incarceration or legal residence collected in accordance with the No Representation Without Population Act.

Companion Animal Forfeiture (SB 1499): Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Adds specified offenses for which law enforcement making an arrest may take possession of a companion animal. Adds those specified offenses for which a court may order the forfeiture of an animal. Requires the court to make a finding that the person arrested poses a health or safety risk to the companion animals seized.

Law Enforcement Training Waivers (SB 1754): Adds clarifying language to the Illinois Police Training Act to create a clearer and more consistent process to obtain a waiver especially with regards to prior law enforcement or county corrections experience including experience out of state.

Children Home Alone (SB 1834): Makes changes to the Juvenile Court Act and the Criminal Code so that no specific age for leaving children home alone but rather will be determined by reasonableness and the maturity of each child.

Drug Use and Probation Restrictions (SB 1886): Makes it where a person on probation, conditional discharge, or supervision cannot be ordered to refrain from having cannabis or alcohol in his or her body unless:

- the person is under 21 years old;



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- the person was sentenced to probation, conditional discharge, or supervision for an offense which had as an element of the offense the presence of an intoxicating compound in the person's body;
- the person is participating in a problem-solving court certified by the Illinois Supreme Court;
- the person has undergone a validated clinical assessment and the plan includes alcohol or cannabis testing; or
- a court ordered evaluation recommends that the person refrain from using alcohol or cannabis, provided the evaluation is a validated clinical assessment and the recommendation originates from a clinical treatment plan.

Controlled Substances (SB 1987): Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act by adding any benzodiazepine compound that is NOT FDA approved (i.e. has no current medicinal use) and is not listed in another schedule while allowing the current Schedule IV benzo compounds (like alprazolam, clonazepam, diazepam) that do have medicinal use to stay where they are.

Repayment of Court Costs (SB 2175): Prohibits a court from ordering a person to pay any outstanding fines, taxes, or costs arising from a criminal proceeding for one year following a person's release from a penal institution.

Independent Juvenile Ombudsman (SB 2197): Gives the Department of Juvenile Justice's Independent Office of the Ombudsman, which is responsible for securing the rights of committed youth in state juvenile facilities, oversight over county-run juvenile detention facilities in Illinois.

Gender-Based Violence (SB 2260): Updates and makes changes to a 2015 law that created a path to request re-sentencing for incarcerated survivors of domestic violence. Clarifies the timing of when petitions can be filed, so as not to be limited to two years. Changes the standard for evidence at the original hearing that would support a meritorious claim, as well as adds a definition of "substantial evidence" from case law. To address the concerns on the definition of "gender-based violence," made it include evidence of victimization as defined by 720 ILCS 5/10-9(a)(10), the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, the Stalking No Contact Order Act under 740 ILCS 21, or any sex offense under Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 2012, irrespective of criminal prosecution or conviction.

Airbag Offenses (SB 2285): Makes it a Class A misdemeanor to knowingly traffic counterfeit and non-functional airbags. Includes repair shops that knowingly install these products into vehicles.

(House Bills)

Criminal Justice Information Authority (HB 1119): Adjusts membership of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to replace 2 of the 6 public members with persons who have been incarcerated within the Department of Corrections.

Lewd Display (HB 1399): Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for someone in the custody of a penal institution to knowingly engage in a lewd exposure of the genitals or anus for the purpose or effect of



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intimidating, harassing, or threatening one whom he or she believes to be in the presence or view of such acts. A second or subsequent violation is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

Hospital and Agency Records (HB 1434): Makes changes to the admissibility of hospital or public or private agency records in an adjudicatory hearing on an abused, neglected, or dependent minor. Requires the court to find that the document was made in the regular course of the business of the hospital or agency instead of the court having to find that the document was made in the regular course of the business of the hospital or agency and that it was in the regular course of such business to make it. Provides that a certification by an agent, in addition to the head or a responsible employee of the hospital or agency attesting that a record satisfies specified conditions, shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained in the certification.

Financial Exploitation (HB 2100): Changes references to “an elderly person’s or a person with a disability’s life” to “a resident’s life” in a Section of the Criminal Code of 2012 concerning the offense of abuse or criminal neglect of a long-term care facility resident. Amends the offense of financial exploitation of an elderly person by making a provision apply to those ages 70 or older.

Juvenile Court (HB 2223): Prevents the possibility of a juvenile being subject to Illinois delinquency proceedings for conduct deemed unlawful by another State’s laws even if that conduct is not criminal in Illinois.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery (HB 2245): Requires the Cook County sheriff establish a vehicle theft hotline to facilitate interaction with vehicle manufacturers and vehicle location vendors consistent with the FOIA. The Cook County Sheriff shall collaborate with vehicle manufacturers, dealers, and vehicle location vendors to provide information and assistance to law enforcement officers in the investigation of a vehicular hijacking or kidnapping incidents.

Expungement Trafficking Victims (HB 2418): Allows a trafficking victim to petition for vacation, expungement, or immediate sealing for an offense, upon the completion of his/her last sentence if his/her participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking.

Child Victim Testimony (HB 2607): Protects children of abuse younger than age 13 from further trauma by allowing them to testify remotely if the judge determines that the testimony by means of closed-circuit television does not prejudice the defendant.

Sentencing Credits (HB 3026): Includes time served in a county jail as part of the minimum of 60 days of the sentence that must be served before the Department of Corrections may award discretionary earned sentence credit.

Prisoner Religious Rights (HB 3055): Creates the Faith Behind Bars Act stating/asserting that a person committed to the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice has a constitutional right to practice his or her faith in the institution or facility absent harm and without undue burden to the State’s correctional system. Requires the State to facilitate Chaplains and religious services.



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Youth Confinement (HB 3140): Prohibits the use of room confinement of a person younger than age 21 at a juvenile or correctional facility for discipline, punishment, retaliation, or any reason other than as a temporary response to a juvenile's behavior that poses a serious and immediate risk of physical harm to any individual, including the juvenile.

Deceptive Tactics (HB 3253): Expands current law which prohibits the use of deceptive tactics in custodial interrogations of a minor younger than age 18 to include the use of deceptive tactics during the custodial interrogation of those with severe or profound intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Cyberstalking Anxiety (HB 3289): Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 by adding a definition of "anxiety" to the statute defining cyberstalking.

COVID-19 Fraud (HB 3304): Expands the extended statute of limitations to cover prosecutions based upon fraudulent activity connected to COVID-19-related relief programs to include the Paycheck Protection Program, COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, and the Unemployment Benefit Programs. Under the bill, these can now be commenced within five years after discovery of the offense by a person having a legal duty to report such offense.

Gang Database (HB 3322): Requires each law enforcement agency that maintains a gang database or has access to a shared gang database to have a policy regarding those databases. In all criminal cases, evidence that indicates the mere presence that the person was or is on a gang database or a shared gang database is not admissible.

Prisoner ID Release (HB 3345): Provides that immediately after the initial admission of a person to a correctional institution or facility of the Department of Corrections, the Secretary of State shall issue the individual a standard Illinois ID card.

Juvenile Sentencing (HB 3414): Gives judges additional factors to consider in determining whether to keep a case in juvenile court when the State's Attorney has filed a petition to move the case to adult criminal court. Gives a judge more discretion at the time of sentencing of a minor in adult court to depart from the mandatory minimum, suspend any part of the sentence, or move the minor's case back to juvenile court for sentencing under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

County Reentry Programs (HB 3755): Allows the Department of Corrections to transfer inmates to County Sheriff's with a reentry program for up to 12 months before the committed person's release date for participation in the reentry program. No transfer shall be made without the written approval of the sheriff of that county.

Death Penalty References (HB 3762): Amends the Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Unified Code of Corrections by removing all references to the death penalty and repeals the provisions regarding the execution of the death sentence. Also amends various statutes to remove, other than historic references, references to "capital offense," "death penalty," "sentenced to death," and "sentence of death."



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Notice of Work Release (HB 3779): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that no fewer than three days prior to any person being placed in a work release facility, the Department of Corrections shall provide to the State's Attorney and Sheriff of the county in which the work release center is located, relevant identifying information concerning the person to be placed in the work release facility. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall, in addition, give written notice no fewer than three days prior to the placement to the State's Attorney of the county from which the offender was originally sentenced.

Drone Usage (HB 3902): Expands the Illinois Freedom from Drone Surveillance to allow drones to be used during parades, walks, festivals, concerts, and carnivals in accordance with a sliding scale of attendees and population density. Drones could also be used to inspect bridges and other infrastructure, assess traffic routes (mapping), and respond to dispatched calls.

Also includes specific provisions limiting facial recognition, information/data retention timeframes as well as a prohibition against a law enforcement agency from equipping or using on a drone any firearm, weaponized laser, kinetic impact projectile, chemical agent or irritant, or any other lethal or non-lethal weapon.

Early Childhood Education

ISBE's Initiatives (SB 2390): Decreases the timeframe for alternative teacher licensure from two to one year with one year of intensive in-district mentoring and support. Extends the sunset date to allow individuals with certain Early Childhood credentials and licensure to teach in Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion programs by five years. Allows school districts to adopt a policy to waive tuition costs for nonresident pupils of school district employees. Extends the short-term substitute teacher license by five years.

Education

Racism Free Schools (SB 90): Amends the School Code and Human Rights Code. Provides that each school district, charter school, or nonpublic, nonsectarian elementary or secondary school must create, implement, and maintain a policy on discrimination and harassment based on race, color, or national origin and retaliation. Provides that each school district, charter school, or nonpublic, nonsectarian elementary or secondary school must establish procedures for responding to student complaints of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, or national origin and retaliation. Requires each educational institution to at a minimum use the model training program created by the Department of Human Rights to train their teachers on racial discrimination every 2 years. If educational institutions do not comply with the requirements above, it will be considered a civil rights violation. (Does not require sectarian private schools to abide by these provisions).

Transfers to Alternative Schools (SB 183): Amends the School Code. Provides procedures on how a school is required to transfer a student to an alternative school program for students who are determined to be suspended or expelled. Provides that following the transfer of the student from the



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original educational environment to the alternative the appropriate personnel from both the sending school district and the receiving alternative school program are required to meet to develop an alternative education plan for the student. The parent or guardian of the student being transferred is required to be invited to the meeting and if the parents or guardians of a student are unable to attend the student's alternative school program meeting the alternative school is required to offer a meeting within 30 days after the effective date of the transfer. Provides that if a student who has an individualized educational program (IEP) is transferred to an alternative school program the IEP that was originally developed for the student still applies to the student following the transfer unless it is modified.

Retiring Teacher Evaluation Exemption (SB 1351): Provides that teachers who are set to retire and are due to be evaluated in their last year of employment are required to be offered the opportunity to waive their evaluation and to retain their previous evaluation score if they received a score of “Proficient” or “Excellent” on their previous evaluation.

Teachers Resignation and Referrals (SB 1352): Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Includes provisions concerning the termination of service by a teacher during the school term, and outside of the school term. Teachers may resign at any time during the school term by obtaining concurrence of the board. Outside of the school term a resignation by a teacher must be submitted a minimum of 30 calendar days prior to the first student attendance day of the following school year. Any teacher terminating their service not in accordance with this section may be referred by the board to the State Superintendent of Education for evaluation.

Retired Teachers Return to Classroom (SB 1468): Allows retired teachers to return to the classroom to cover temporary vacancies and serve as substitutes for 120 days or 600 hours in each school year through June 30, 2026, and a maximum of 100 days or 500 hours beginning July 1, 2026, and thereafter.

EdTPA Teacher Evaluation Suspension (SB 1488): Waives the edTPA (teacher performance evaluation) requirement on college students studying to become teachers through August 31, 2025. Also creates the Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force to develop an evidence-based evaluation/assessment system to replace the current program. The task force would be required to present its findings no later than August 1, 2024.

Rural Education Advisory Council (SB 1787): Amends the School Code to create the Rural Education Advisory Council. Duties of the advisory council are to address the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural districts. This 12-member Council is composed of Illinois education experts who will provide policy recommendations to the State. Members serve without compensation. The State Board of Education must provide administrative support to the Council. The Council is dissolved, and this section is repealed on December 31, 2031.

Teacher Tenure (SB 1872): Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that a teacher who is first employed to a school district full-time will only have to go through a probationary period lasting a maximum of three consecutive school terms and a minimum of two



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consecutive school terms depending on what their annual evaluation ratings are during the probationary period.

Local Assessment Notice (SB 1993): Amends the School Code. Provides that prior to a school district's approval to use an assessment that is not created by the school district a school board is required to hold a public hearing at a school board meeting where the school board will present to the public the terms of the proposal and allow for public comment. Provides that notice of the public hearing must be provided to the public in the district no later than 10 days before the hearing and provides stipulations on how and where to post the meeting.

Cash and Funds Report (SB 1994): Amends the School Code. Provides that each school district is required to annually calculate the combined annual average expenditures of its operational funds for the previous three fiscal years as reported in the school district's most recently audited annual financial report starting with the 2024-2025 school year and create a plan to spend their excess cash reserves if it is 2.5 times their annual average expenditures.

No Work on Holidays for Educational Support Personnel (2017): Amends the Employment of Teachers article of the School Code. Adds "educational support personnel" to the provisions specifying teacher attendance on holidays, which they are not required to teach or otherwise work. States that no deduction of time or compensation of a school employee and educational support personnel employee should be allowed on account for a legal or special holiday in which that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work.

School Report Cards (SB 2031): Amends the School Code. Adds specified information concerning high schools that must be included in the school report cards prepared by the State Superintendent of Education. Provides that indicators from the school report card shall be aggregated at the course level, department level, and school level, and the course-level indicators shall be collected from each course.

PUNS Database (SB 2039): Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education must work with the Department of Human Services and school districts to ensure that all students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their parents are informed of the Prioritization of Urgency of Need of Services (PUNS) database.

Teacher Dismissal List (SB 2218): Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that copies of the list showing the names of teachers that are to be honorably dismissed must show their race and ethnicity if the teacher provides it.

Drug Education and Overdose Prevention Resource Guide (SB 2223): Creates the Drug and Youth Overdose Prevention Act. This Act may be referred to as Louie's Law. By July 1, 2024, ISBE must work in consultation with relevant stakeholders including the Illinois Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council to develop and update substance use prevention and recovery resource materials for public elementary and secondary schools. A resource guide will be made available on ISBE's website and sent to all regional offices of education and school districts in the State via email. Schools seeking to provide a heroin and opioid overdose prevention instructional program will be reimbursed by DHS for any associated cost.



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Comprehensive Literacy Plan (SB 2243): Amends the State Board of Education Article and the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education is required to adopt and make available a rubric, template, and guidance for schools regarding teaching literacy to students by July 1, 2024. Requires the State Board of Education to develop and make available training opportunities for teachers in teaching reading by January 1, 2025. Requires the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a comprehensive literacy plan in consultation with stakeholders by January 31, 2024.

Bloomington School Building (SB 2323): Provides that for Bloomington School District 87 no referendum is required for the school district to purchase, construct, or build any building for school or educational purposes if the cost is paid or will be paid with funds available at the time of contract, purchase, construction, or building in the school district's existing fund balances to fund the procurement or requisition of a building or site during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, or 2024-2025 school years. Requires the school board of Bloomington School District 87 to conduct at least 2 public hearings for the purpose of discussing the decision to construct a school building and to receive input from the community and notice is required to be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearings on the school board's website.

Gifted Children Program (SB 2337): Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to gather information about gifted students in grades K-8 that includes the number and percentage of gifted students as well as their demographics and post that data on the State Board's annual report card.

Computer Science Grant (SB 2374): Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education will establish a competitive grant program to support the development or enhancement of computer science programs in the K-12 schools.

Community Schools (SB 2391): Amends the School Code. Provides that a community school is a public school or nonpublic school that creates strategic partnerships between the school and community resources to promote student achievement, positive learning conditions, and the well-being of students by providing wrap-around services. Provides a list of examples of wrap-around services. Provides that subject to appropriation or the availability of State or federal funding the State Board of Education is required to make grants available for community schools. Provides that the section pertaining to the requirements for qualifying for a community school grant are permissive. Provides changes to the qualifying attributes of a school to be recognized as a community school and to receive funding from the grant program.

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Teacher Pensions (HB 300): Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that when assessing payments for teacher payments the Pension System is required to exclude salary increases that are necessary to bring a school board in compliance with minimum salary rates that increase every year in the School Code. This means that the salary increases under this bill will NOT count toward the 6 percent cap for increases where the school district does not have to pay the cost difference. Provides that the annual increase in the minimum wage for teachers is required to increase by a percentage equal to the annualized percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending on June 30



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of the school year that ended 12 months prior to the school year in which the adjusted salary is to be in effect.

Whole Child and Trauma Omnibus (HB 342): Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to develop a Children's Adversity Index (Index) to measure community childhood trauma exposure which includes children ages 3 through 18 years old and must be developed by May 31, 2025. Requires that school board training on trauma must include the definition of trauma set forth in the bill. Requires that starting with the 2024-2025 school year teacher institutes are mandated to provide instruction on trauma-informed practices. Creates the Professional Educator Licensure Review Committee to change the professional educator renewal requirements and the professional educator licensure requirements for K-12 teachers to include demonstrated proficiency in adverse childhood experiences, trauma, secondary traumatic stress, creating trauma-responsive learning environments or communities, as defined above, restorative justice, and restorative practices on or before October 1, 2024. Reinstates the Whole Child Task Force (Task Force) and requires the Task Force to submit a new report on its assessment of the State's progress and any additional recommendations to the General Assembly, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, the State Board of Education, and the Governor on or before December 31, 2027.

School Report Card (HB 1123): Amends the School Code. Requires school report cards prepared by the State Superintendent of Education to include the percentage of students: with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum State graduation requirements and have been issued a regular high school diploma; who did not meet the requirements of high school graduation completion for any reason; who did not meet graduation requirements and are students with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum State graduation requirements but have not completed their Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) and are enrolled and receiving IEP services. The State Superintendent must ensure that for the 2023-2024 school year there is a specific code for districts to report students with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum State graduation requirements but have not completed their IEP services.

Constitution Day (HB 1273): Amends the School Code. Provides that Constitution Day (September 17) shall also be a commemorative holiday.

Teacher Annual Incentive (HB 1291): Amends the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program (Program) of the School Code. Provides that when there are adequate funds available for the Program monetary assistance and incentives are required to include an annual incentive of no more than \$2,250 (instead of \$1,500) prorated at \$50 per hour and paid to each qualified educator. Provides that monetary assistance will only be given to educators who provide up to 45 (instead of 30) hours of mentoring or National Board for Professional Teaching Standards professional development or both. Provides that funds may also be used for professional development training provided by the National Board Resource Center.

School Trauma Kits (HB 1561): Amends the School Code. Allows school districts to maintain a trauma kit for bleeding emergencies. When possible, products included in the trauma kit must be purchased in the U.S. Requires school boards to conduct in-service training every 2 years for all school district employees



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on the methods to respond to trauma. All trained school district employees are immune from civil liability in the use of a trauma kit unless the action constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

Native American History (HB 1633): Adds a member from a Native American organization to the State Education Equity Committee and requires the committee to identify diverse subject matter experts to help inform policy. Requires instruction on Native American culture and the Native American culture in the United States.

Safe2Help Helpline (HB 2156): Amends the School Code. Provides that student identification cards shall also provide contact information for the Safe2Help Illinois helpline.

School Treasurer (HB 2160): Amends the Trustees of Schools Article of the School Code. Provides that the school boards of Glenbrook High School District 225, Northbrook Elementary School District 27, Northbrook School District 28, Sunset Ridge School District 29, Northbrook/Glenview School District 30, West Northfield School District 31, and Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34 may, by proper resolution, withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of Northfield and Maine Townships and the township treasurer, provided that the school board shall, upon the adoption and passage of the resolution, elect or appoint its own school treasurer.

Transportation Contract (HB 2235): Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. Gives school boards the ability to enter transportation contracts for any period they deem appropriate (rather than 3 years). Except that no contract, inclusive of any proposed renewals, may exceed 10 years. Requires all contracts for a period greater than 5 years that do not include the use of electric vehicles for pupil transportation to include a termination option after 5 years. A contract for pupil transportation that utilizes a significant percentage of electric vehicles may be entered into by a school board for up to 15 years if the contract relies on capital or infrastructure purchases or improvements that cannot reasonably be justified in a shorter-term contract.

Teacher Union National Conference (HB 2392): Amends the School Code. Provides that any teacher who is a part of a union and who is elected by a union's membership to represent the union in federal advocacy work may spend up to 10 days during a school term representing the union. Requires no deduction of wages for the teacher undertaking this representation of their union. Requires the union to reimburse the school district for the costs associated with the substitute teacher during the teacher's absence.

Full-Day Kindergarten (HB 2396): Repeals the statute that provides for a school's ability to establish a half-day or a full day kindergarten. Beginning the 2027-2028 school year a school board must establish a full-day kindergarten. Includes an extension mechanism for school districts that lack adequate funding to request a 2-year extension.

Subsequent Endorsements (HB 2442): Amends the School Code. Creates the Subsequent Teaching Endorsements for Employees Section in the Article pertaining to Chicago Schools. Provides that subsequent teaching endorsement may be granted to teachers that are licensed under the Educator



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Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the subsequent teaching endorsements may be granted for specific content areas and grade levels as part of a pilot program.

Healthy School Meals for All Program (HB 2471): Amends the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act. The State Board of Education must establish the Healthy School Meals for All Program to begin on July 1, 2023. Provides that each school board of a school district or governing body of a nonpublic school that chooses to participate in the Healthy School Meals for All Program shall offer eligible meals, without charge, to all students enrolled in schools that participate in the National School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program.

ISBE's Cleanup Omnibus (HB 3071): Provides that ISBE does not have to collect information on students concerning their sexual orientation and gender identity unless it is required by the federal government. Requires ISBE to make available reports on its website of statistical data concerning the sex sexual orientation, and gender identity demographics through the use of anonymous surveys as age and developmentally appropriate. Provides changes to the definition of a comprehensive school, provides that only schools in improvement status are eligible for ISBE's system of awards, defines targeted school and intensive school, provides that all schools that are deemed school improvement status are required to complete a school-level needs assessment and develop and implement a continuous improvement plan, and provides that only schools in improvement status are eligible for ISBE's system of awards. Provides that schools are required to submit to the State Board of Education annual spending plans as part of the budget submission process no later than October 31 of each year (Instead of the end of September of every year). Requires Charter Schools to collect accurate data on their enrollment, daily attendance, student characteristics, student achievement, student participation in programs, and student needs and enter the data into the statewide student information system. Requires ISBE to make quarterly funding installments to Charter Schools based on school enrollment. Adds 4 members of the General Assembly recommended by the 4 caucus leaders to the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Requires private schools to report to ISBE their annual school safety review compliance report. Requires ISBE to report to the State Fire Marshal and Governor the annual school safety review compliance reports of private schools. Makes other conforming changes to the School Code and omits outdated language.

Staff Training on Homelessness (HB 3116): Requires a school board to conduct an in-service training program on homelessness every two years, required for all school personnel.

Special Education Transition (HB 3224): Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. As part of transition planning, a school district must provide a student and the parent or guardian of the student with information about the district's career and technical education opportunities. A student and the parent or guardian of the student must be provided with information about dual credit courses offered by the school district.

Hiring Priorities (HB 3402): Amends the School Code. Provides that, when hiring physical education, music, and visual arts educators, school districts must prioritize the hiring of educators who hold a teaching license and endorsement in those content areas. Provides that, if a school district is unable to



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hire a qualified candidate, the district may then hire a candidate who holds a valid professional educator license on a short-term basis.

Bullying Notification (HB 3425): Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, pregnancy, parenting status, and homelessness are added to areas of bullying in the school code. Schools must make a diligent effort to notify parents or guardians of children who have been involved in an alleged incident of bullying within 24 hours. Requires all individuals involved in instances of bullying, including threats, suggestions, or self-harm resulted from bullying be reported to parents or legal guardians.

Opioid Antagonist (HB 3428): Amends the School Code. Requires a school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school to maintain a supply of an opioid antagonist, unless there is a shortage of opioid antagonists in which the school must make a reasonable effort to maintain a supply of an opioid antagonist.

Substitute Teacher (HB 3442): Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that for teacher vacancies a school district is allowed to fill a vacant position with a substitute teacher for 90 days after the initial 30 days of the vacancy. Provides that the school district is required to first file a written request to their Regional Office of Education (ROE) before the expiration of the initial 30-day extension.

Debt Limitation Increase (HB 3500): Amends the Debt Limitations of School Districts Section of the School Code. Provides a debt limitation increase of \$99.5 million to Joliet Public School District 86.

Global Scholar Credit (HB 3522): Provides that, beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, each institution of higher education may award course credit to a student who has received State Global Scholar Certification. Provides that each institution of higher education may determine whether credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or major requirements for students who received State Global Scholar Certification.

School Bond Penalty Reduction (HB 3523): Amends the Treasurers Article and the Debt Limitation Article of the School Code. Provides that the penalty of a bond is required to be determined by the school board and can be no less than 10% (instead of 25%) of the amount of all bonds, notes, mortgages, moneys, and effects of which the treasurer has custody over which is to be measured on the final day of the school district's most recent fiscal year.

Rapid Entry Strategy (HB 3559): Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Requires schools to include in their emergency and crisis response plan a rapid entry strategy for law enforcement.

Teacher Evaluation Data (HB 3570): Amends the Evaluation of Certified Employees Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Educations shall analyze and assess teacher evaluation data from each school in the State.



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Oxygen Tank (HB 3613): Amends the General Provisions Article of the School Code. A school district that provides special educational facilities for children with disabilities may maintain a supply of undesignated oxygen tanks in a secure location that is accessible before, during, and after school where a person with developmental disabilities is most at risk.

Religious Food (HB 3643): Provides guidelines for religious food options in several public settings. **Public Schools:** Subject to appropriation, each school is required to provide religious dietary food options including but not limited to halal and kosher food options. **University of Illinois Hospital:** The University of Illinois Hospital must offer upon request religious food options. An individual must request religious food from the University of Illinois Hospital. **State Facilities:** Any halal food provided by a State facility must be purchased from a halal food certified vendor. **Department of Corrections:** Any Department of Corrections (DOC) facility that provides food services or cafeteria services must also provide upon request religious dietary food options. **Consequences for Halal and Kosher Food:** If State facilities are convicted of violating this section the first offense is a Class C misdemeanor, the second and subsequent offenses are a Class A misdemeanor.

IEP Emergency (HB 3680): Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that in the development of the individualized education program (IEP) for a student, if the student needs extra accommodation during emergencies, including natural disasters or an active shooter situation, then that accommodation shall be considered when developing a student's IEP plan.

School Personnel Training (HB 3690): Amends the School Code. Requires teachers, administrators, and school personnel who work with pupils to go through trainings in the following topics:

- health conditions of students;
- social-emotional learning;
- developing cultural competency;
- identifying warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth;
- domestic and sexual violence and the needs of pregnant and parenting youth;
- protections and accommodations for students;
- educator ethics;
- responding to child sex abuse and grooming behavior; and
- effective instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution.

Requires the trainings listed above to be completed every 5 years instead of every 2 years. Provides that if a training does not have anything to do with the work of a school support personnel then the support personnel may be exempt from the trainings listed above. Provides that school nurses are exempt from the trainings listed above. None of the trainings listed above are new mandated trainings.

Teaching Excellence (HB 3801): Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that in addition to other monetary assistance and incentives, if adequate funds are available, retention



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bonuses of \$4,000 per year for two consecutive years shall be awarded to National Board-certified teachers employed in hard-to-staff schools.

Pupil Attendance (HB 3814): Amends the Pupils Article of the School Code. Expands pupil participation that is counted as school attendance clock hours to any work-based learning experience. States FFA and 4-H count as a work-based learning experience, but it does not limit it to FFA and 4-H.

Bilingual Education (HB 3822): Amends the School Code. Requires the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education to deliver a report to the General Assembly on how to incentivize dual language instruction in schools.

Fentanyl Education (HB 3924): Provides that starting the 2024-2025 school year, a school district will be required to provide instruction on the dangers of Fentanyl during state-required health courses, grades 9-12. Information for instruction must come from the National Institutes of Health, the United States Drug Enforcement, or the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Allergies Education (HB 3932): Provides that starting the 2024-2025 school year, instruction on the dangers of allergies will be required to be taught in grades 9-12. Information for instruction must come from The Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Curriculum includes signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction, exposure preventions, and epinephrine administration.

Energy and Public Utilities

Ends Nuclear Power Construction Moratorium (SB 76): Lifts the state's ban on the building of new nuclear reactors. Allows for the future construction of small advanced nuclear reactor power plants in Illinois.

Solar Recycling and Disposal (SB 1160): Provides that the Renewable Energy Component Recycling Task Force shall consider the benefits of prohibiting a person from mixing renewable energy generation components and energy storage systems with municipal waste that is intended for disposal at a landfill and consider the benefits of prohibiting a person from disposing of renewable energy generation components and energy storage systems in a sanitary landfill.

Illinois Dig Once Act (SB 1438): Creates the Illinois Dig Once Act. Provides that the Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will jointly develop a policy to reduce the scale and number of repeated excavations related to roads, highways, tollways, and expressways for the installation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure and public utilities in rights of way.

New Hydro Dam Power Subsidy (SB 1474): Creates a new hydropower procurement program at the Illinois Power Agency to jumpstart new renewable power projects on Illinois river dams. Renewable power projects would count towards Illinois renewable energy goals.



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ARES Access (SB 1879): Expands Alternative Retail Electric Supplier (ARES) access to ComEd's and Ameren's AMI/Smart Grid real-time electric usage data in hourly, 30-minute, and 15-minute meter intervals, upon a customer's consent, in addition to current utility provided historical usage data in order to develop and offer specific energy management products which will support the Governor's 2021 Energy Principles, the Energy Transition Act, and the State's energy policy goals.

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Water Utility Eminent Domain (HB 1105): Provides that property belonging to a public utility that provides water or sewer service and that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission may not be taken or damaged by eminent domain without prior approval of the Illinois Commerce Commission. Excludes eminent domain actions commenced prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Underground Gas Storage Testing Rules (HB 1190): Provides that the owner or operator of an underground natural gas storage facility shall create procedures for a suspected natural gas leak or suspected unintentional release from an underground natural gas storage facility that is identified by either the Department of Natural Resources or the operator or owner. Requires collecting and testing to be performed by an independent contractor at the expense of the owner or operator.

Summer Utility Shutoff Rules (HB 1541): Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that if gas or electricity is used as the only source of space cooling equipment at a residence, then a utility may not terminate gas or electric utility service to a residential user for nonpayment of bills: on any day when the National Weather Service forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast that the temperature will be 90 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

Sanitary District Bonds (HB 2219): Authorizes the corporate authorities of a sanitary district to issue bonds prior to Dec. 31, 2034, for the development of distributed renewable energy generation devices. Authorizes a district to construct, maintain, finance, and operate distributed renewable energy generation devices as necessary to sell or otherwise dispose of recovered resources or renewable energy resources resulting from the operation of district facilities.

Energy Omnibus/Ameren Transmission Lines (HB 3445):

- Provides that an incumbent electric transmission owner (Ameren) has the right to construct, own, and maintain an electric transmission line that has been approved for construction in a transmission plan and that will connect to facilities that are owned by that incumbent electric transmission owner and are or will be under the functional control of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). Only applies to MISO-designed transmission line plans until December 2024.
- Provides that solar funds now apply to colleges instead of just public schools. Provides that in provisions concerning distributed renewable generation devices or photovoltaic community



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renewable generation projects installed at public schools, adds public institutions of higher education to the definition of “public schools.”

- Fixes farm drainage tile issues with the January wind siting law (HB 4412).
- Adds in numerous rate study mandates for costs to various 2023 energy bills by the Illinois Power Agency such as Lake Michigan Wind farms, new transmission lines (underground line), and battery storage power plants.

CEJA Jobs Program Data Collection (HB 3702): Provides that with oversight and support from the Illinois Office of Equity, Program Administrators for the jobs training program created under the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act shall collect and disaggregate specified data by race, ethnicity, gender, age, and location.

Streaming Tax Clarification (HB 3808): Provides that the definition of “video service” does not include direct-to-home satellite services defined in federal law. In provisions concerning applicable fees payable to the local unit of government, “gross revenues” shall include any revenues received from video programming accessed via a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail, or other services offered over the Internet, including Internet streaming content.

Emergency 911 System (HB 3940): Changes the date that the Act will be repealed from Dec. 31, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2025. Provides that an entity that manages or operates a private residential switch service or shared residential or temporary residential MLTS service that was installed on or before Feb. 16, 2020, shall ensure that the system includes the ALI containing the street address of the 9-1-1 caller (rather than dispatchable location) who is the source of the call to 9-1-1. Extends the various small surcharges and fees on Chicago phone and cell phones into the future.

Environment and Conservation

Recycling Needs Assessment (SB 1555): Creates a Statewide Needs Assessment program to identify existing infrastructure, service gaps and needs, and develop a cost estimate for implementing a statewide recycling program.

Microplastics in Water (SB 1563): Provides that by March 1, 2024, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will have the following publicly available on its website: description of microplastics and their effects on aquatic life and human health; any federal and State regulatory actions taken to address microplastics and their effects; contact information for an employee at IEPA to provide information on microplastics; and additional resources on other State Agencies and Federal information on microplastics.

Refrigerant Limitations (SB 1804): Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, use of a refrigerant is not prohibited or otherwise limited if the refrigerant is identified as a safe alternative under a specified federal statute and is contained within equipment that is listed and installed in accordance with specified federal safety standards and use conditions.



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Conservation Opportunity Area (SB 2226): Provides that a Conservation Opportunity Area designation by the Department shall not be used by any State, county, or local government as a basis to deny or withhold any regulatory action, permitting, licensure and funding.

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Bulk Food Refill (HB 2086): Allows restaurants and retailers to fill or refill a consumer-owned container with ready-made food. Municipalities may regulate but shall not prohibit the ability of a retailer to allow a consumer to fill or refill a consumer-owned personal container with bulk food.

Low-Level Waste (HB 2301): Amends the Central Midwest Radioactive Waste Compact Act, the Radioactive Waste Compact Enforcement Act, the Illinois Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act, and the Radioactive Waste Tracking and Permitting Act. Modifies the definition of “low-level radioactive waste” or “waste” to expand the referenced definition of byproduct material.

Justice 40 Oversight Committee (HB 2487): Creates the Justice40 Oversight Committee Act. Provides that a Justice40 Oversight Committee shall make findings, conclusions, and recommendations regarding environmental justice in this State and uses of federal funds provided to the State for environmental justice.

Forest Preserve Landfill Expense Fund (HB 2622): Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act to remove the provisions requiring a forest preserve district’s Landfill Expense Fund to be maintained for a period not to exceed 40 years from the date of closure of the facility.

Lead Service Line Replacement (HB 2776): Provides that a municipality with a population of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants shall publicly post on its website or arrange with the Environmental Protection Agency to have posted on the Agency’s website data describing progress the municipality has made toward replacing (rather than installing) lead service lines.

EPA Violations (HB 2788): Authorizes the extension of mutually agreed deadlines for the submittal of enforcement-related items. Allows notices, responses, and other items to be submitted or served on a person complained against or the Environmental Protection Agency not only by certified mail but also by personal service or a third-party commercial carrier that requires the receipt of that document to be acknowledged with the recipient’s signature. Refers to the additional time, “not to exceed an additional 30 days.”

EPA Site Remediation Plan (HB 2901): Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency may require a Remediation Applicant for a site to make an advance partial payment of \$2,500. Allows reviews undertaken by the Agency or a Licensed Professional Engineer or a Licensed Professional Geologist to be completed and the decisions communicated to the Remediation Applicant within 90 days after the request for review or approval if two or more plans or reports are submitted concurrently.



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Limestone Residual Regulation (HB 3095): Excludes limestone residuals generated from the treatment of drinking water at a publicly owned drinking water treatment plant from regulation as a waste under the Act when used for specific beneficial purposes.

Compost Site Regulation (HB 3277): Provides that incidental sales of finished compost do not need to be applied to agronomic rates in determining whether a person needs a permit to conduct a landscape waste composting operation at specified sites. No fee is charged for the acceptance of materials to be composted at the facility.

Illinois Solar for All Program (HB 3351): Specifically requires that every project in the Illinois Solar for All Program shall be subject to prevailing wage. Requires the Illinois Power Agency to verify that all construction performed on the project is performed by workers receiving prevailing wage. Does not apply to residential buildings, apartment buildings or small churches.

PFAS Reduction Act (HB 3508): Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to follow the most up-to-date guidance to states from the United States Environmental Protection Agency on addressing the discharge of PFAS in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Requires IEPA to establish a take-back program for fire departments that use and store firefighting foam containing PFAS.

Financial Institutions

ATMs at State Facilities (SB 1835): Amends the State Treasurer Act & State Finance Act. Allows the State to contract with automated teller machine providers (as opposed to only financial institutions) for ATMs at State facilities. Dissolves the Rental Fee Fund, transfers funds to the Bank Services Trust Fund.

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Credit Union Omnibus (HB 2043): Amends the Credit Union Act. Does the following:

- Provides that societies, associations, and other organizations which have one or more members eligible for credit union membership can join the credit union in the same manner as an individual. However, if one is ineligible, they do not become eligible simply by being a member of said organization.
- Allows for dual membership on both a supervisory and credit committee at a credit union.
- Allows a board of directors to appoint a registered agent.
- Allows for less frequent required meetings of boards of directors and/or executive committees at credit unions which have high scores under the Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System.
- Specifies that compliance review documents remain confidential after transmission to affiliates, credit regulatory agencies, and insurers of accounts.
- States that loan limits shall not be subject to reduction by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).
- Effective immediately.



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Consumer Fraud & Mortgage Marketing Materials (HB 2094): Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that any marketing materials from a mortgage company that is not connected to the consumer's actual mortgage company must comply with specified requirements. Violations are considered an unlawful practice under the Act.

Mortgage Loans Originators Remote Work (HB 2325): Amends the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987. Allows for remote work by mortgage loan originators. Currently, mortgage loan originators must only work from an office recorded with IDFPR as a mortgage business. Provides that only full-service offices of mortgage lenders be recorded with IDFPR. This is changed from "each office, place of business, or location at which a residential mortgage licensee conducts any part of his or her business."

Mortgage Escrow (HB 2717): Amends the Mortgage Escrow Account Act. Provides that if a mortgage lender is in compliance with federal regulations regarding higher priced mortgage loans, they shall be deemed to also be in compliance with state requirements. Specifies that a borrower cannot terminate an escrow account in conjunction with the aforementioned higher priced mortgage loan unless they have also met all of the required conditions under federal regulations.

Sustainable Investment Disclosures (HB 2782): Amends the Illinois Sustainable Investment Act. Requires investment managers to disclose how they prudently integrate sustainability factors into their investment decisions prior to being awarded a contract by a state agency to act as a fiduciary for that agency, pension fund, or retirement system. Defines investment manager.

Illinois DREAM Fund Donations (HB 3233): Requires the DREAM Fund Commission to develop a marketing plan for the purpose of increasing donations to the fund. The Commission must also develop marketing materials for the specific use by licensees under the Transmitters of Money Act. Allows licensed transmitters of money to provide an option to customers to donate to the DREAM Fund when transmitting money internationally (remittances). Provides that donation must not be less than \$1 per transaction. Licensees can deduct amounts from donations only to cover costs incurred from third-party payment processors.

Note: The Illinois DREAM Fund is a scholarship fund for high school graduates who are children of immigrants and is funded entirely by private donations.

Prohibits Specified Loans for Dogs and Cats (HB 3236): Prohibits sales finance agencies from purchasing retail installment contracts, retail charge agreements, or outstanding balances under the former for canines or felines. Prohibits sales finance agencies from making loans secured by the aforementioned transactions. Amends the Predatory Loan Prevention Act. Provides that no person or entity shall make a secured loan for the purchase of a canine or feline. Amends the Retail Installment Sales Act. Prohibits retail sellers from entering into retail installment transactions for canines or felines. Any prohibited transaction is null and void with no right to collect.

Credit Union Fee Increase (HB 3296): Increases maximum annual regulatory fees on a credit union from \$141,875 to \$210,000.



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Local Government Borrowing (HB 3340): Allows local governments to borrow money from the Illinois Finance Authority by adding it to the definition of a financial institution within the code.

Health and Human Services

Newborn Screening (SB 67): Requires the Department of Public Health to provide all newborns with screening tests for the presence of metachromatic leukodystrophy. Also requires this testing to begin within six months following the occurrence of specified milestones.

Medical Records Consent (SB 188): Amends the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act. Provides that a parent who consents to health care services for their child is entitled, upon request, to inspect and copy the child's records, if it is related to the health care services the parent consented to. Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act and provides that the personal representative of a recipient under HIPAA, regardless of the age of the recipient, are entitled to access the recipient's medical records.

Guardian Training on Alzheimer's and Dementia (SB 216): Amends the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to require guardianship training program include content regarding Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Amends the Probate Act of 1975 to require a public guardian, which is appointed by the Governor (and typically an attorney) to complete a one-hour course on Alzheimer's disease and dementia within six months of appointment and annually afterward.

Controlled Substances Records (SB 285): Amends the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Article of the Illinois Controlled Substance Act. Requires Healthcare facilities to integrate their Electronic Health Records System or Pharmacy Management System with the State's Prescription Monitoring System. Allows the Department of Human Services a way to establish rules that exempt certain prescribers from integration (dentists). Prohibits the Department of Human Services from requiring Electronic Health Records Systems, pharmacies, or other providers to utilize a particular entity or system for integration of pharmacy records with the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Children's Behavioral Health (SB 724): Implements some of the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Blueprint's 12 recommendations including:

- Establishing a Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Officer.
- Creating an Interagency Children's Behavioral Health Services Team, consisting of the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
- Creating a public-facing, centralized intake Portal housed at DHS to triage cases, manage information, and provide parents with guidance to access state programs for which they are eligible and/or referral to a warmline, based on eligibility criteria.
- Broadening the support and length of placement without custody that Comprehensive Community Based Youth Support can provide to youth in crisis at risk of entering the child



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welfare system or juvenile detention.

- Modifying the Community and Residential Services Authority to operate as a Parent/Guardian Navigator Assistance Program in collaboration with DHS Portal staff to assist parent/guardians in securing community-based resources and residential placement for youth.
- Requiring ISBE to build the foundation for a plan to implement annual mental health screenings for students in grades K-12 by conducting a landscape scan of current district-wide screening practices.
- Requiring all residential and institutional providers who receive reimbursement for children's mental health, substance use, and developmental disability services from HFS, DHS, DJJ, ISBE, or DCFS to submit daily staffing and occupancy numbers to the state for the purpose of establishing state need and placement availability.
- Requiring HFS to identify leading indicators for elevated behavioral health crisis risk and share them with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations and other HFS care coordination entities.

Vision Care Regulation (SB 764): Creates the Vision Care Regulation Act. Establishes requirements regarding contracts between eye care providers and vision care organizations, including, reimbursement for non-covered services and materials, fees for covered services and materials, suppliers and optical labs, and medical plan preconditions.

Health Care Worker Registry (SB 855): Requires obstruction of investigations to be included in Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General investigative reports in response to abuse and cover-ups at Choate Mental Health Facility. Requires the Inspector General to report to the DPH Health Care Worker Registry, material obstruction of an investigation. Also amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Prohibits facilities licensed, funded or certified by the DHS from employing a person identified by the Health Care Worker Registry as having been the subject of a finding of physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, egregious neglect, or material obstruction of an investigation.

Abortion Programs (SB 1344): Exempts reporting requirements for coordinating organizations administering the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program from FOIA requests. It also expands the insurance coverage mandate for abortion drugs, hormone therapy drugs, and HIV drugs to include FDA-approved drugs prescribed or ordered for off-label use.

Nursing Home Residents Consent (SB 1497): Provides that psychotropic medication will be administered to a resident only if clinical documentation in the resident's medical record supports the benefit of the psychotropic medication over contraindications related to other prescribed medications and supports the diagnosis of the resident.

Lottery Scratch-Off Game (SB 1508): Amends the Illinois Lottery Law. Provides that the Department of the Lottery shall offer a joint special instant scratch-off game for the benefit of the special causes of: the Carolyn Adams Ticket For The Cure; the Scratch-off for Illinois veterans; the Scratch-out Multiple Sclerosis scratch-off game; the Quality of Life scratch-off game; the Go For The Gold scratch-off game; the Scratch-off for State police memorials; the Scratch-off for homelessness prevention programs; the



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Scratch-off for Alzheimer's care, support, education, and awareness; the Scratch-off for United Negro College Fund Illinois; and the Illinois DREAM scratch-off.

Direct Support Program (SB 1558): Creates a Direct Support Professional Training Program. The Board of Higher Education will make available a for-credit model program of study that incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct support professional. This will be made available to all public institutions of higher education.

Guaranteed Income Exemption (SB 1665): Amends the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act. Provides that a hospital subject to the Act will disregard household income received through participation in a guaranteed income program reported by an uninsured patient who applies for financial assistance.

Omnibus Clean-up of the Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act (SB1721): Amends the Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act. Expands a licensed audiologist scope of practice by allowing them to prescribe hearing aids. When obtaining a prescription hearing aid, a patient 17 years old or younger must be medically evaluated by a licensed physician prior to getting a prescription hearing aid by a hearing instrument professional. Patients aged 18 or older may be prescribed a hearing aid by a hearing instrument professional after evaluation by a hearing instrument professional. No medical evaluation by a physician is required unless they have a negative finding on the Consumer Ear Disease Assessment or similar assessment. Changes the references to "hearing instruments" to "hearing aids" when referring to the devices. Changes references to "hearing instrument dispenser" to "hearing instrument professional". Specifically defines what qualifies as an over-the-counter hearing aid and its purpose. States that over-the-counter hearing aids are intended for persons aged 18 years old or older.

Home Visiting Program (SB 1794): Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a home visiting program to offer on a voluntary basis, intensive home visiting to pregnant women and families with children from birth to elementary school enrollment. Requires grant awards to be prioritized for communities in need of such services based on data and statewide home visiting needs assessments.

Assisted Living Board (SB 1814): Requires the Governor to establish an Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board, which will be provided with copies of any additions or changes to the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Establishment Code for review and comment prior to notice being given to the public.

Deceptive Practices Pregnancy Centers (SB 1909): Prohibits pregnancy resource centers from engaging in unfair methods of competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices to interfere with an individual seeking to gain entry or access to a provider of abortion or emergency contraception.

Youth In Care Fund (SB 2293): Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to establish and maintain locally held funds to be individually known as the Youth in Care Support Fund. The fund must be used for purchases for the immediate needs of youth in care; or youth families and caregivers served by DCFS.



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Health Information Exchange (SB 2294): Repeals the Illinois Health Information Exchange and Technology Act on July 1, 2023. Provides that staff employed by the Illinois Health Information Exchange Office will remain employed and continue their service within the Department of Healthcare and Family Services after the repeal of the Act and the dissolution of the Office.

Essential Support Person (SB 2322): Directs the Illinois Department of Public Health to establish a statewide policy for visitation for residents that includes indoor, outdoor and virtual visitations in the event of a public health emergency. Allows a resident of a long-term care regulated by the DPH to designate an “essential support person” who shall have access to the resident despite general visitation restrictions.

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Youth in Care (HB 439): Creates the Illinois Youth in Care Timely Provision of Essential Care Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to develop a written, strategic plan that comprehensively addresses improving timely access to quality in-State residential treatment, evidence-based alternatives to residential treatment, and specialized foster care for youth in the care of the Department who have significant emotional, behavioral, and medical needs.

Health Workforce Certification (HB 559): Creates the Health Care Workforce Reinforcement Act. Provides that any person who was issued a temporary out-of-state permit or temporary reinstatement permit by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic may continue to practice under his/her temporary out-of-state permit if he/she applies for licensure by endorsement to the Department on or before May 11, 2023.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (HB 780): Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Requires the Department on Aging to establish and administer a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot Program to operate in Will County beginning Jan. 1, 2024, through Jan. 1, 2027. The Program shall allow the Senior Services Center of Will County to designate an intake coordinator for Will County to help connect grandparents raising grandchildren to relevant services and resources provided by the various State agencies.

Hospice Residents (HB 1117): Increases the number of hospice residents authorized to be served per location from 20 to 24. Provides that the number of licensed hospices shall not exceed 16 (rather than five).

Charitable Reports (HB 1197): Amends the Solicitation for Charity Act to provide that every charitable organization that receives in any 12-month period ending upon its established fiscal or calendar year contributions more than \$500,000 shall file a written report meeting specified criteria with the Attorney General. Provides that a charitable organization that receives more than \$300,000, but not more than \$500,000, shall file a written report disclosing the financial statements for the fiscal year to the Attorney General upon forms prescribed by the Attorney General.



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Multiple Occupancy All Gender Restrooms (HB 1286): Allows any multiple-occupancy restroom to be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Contains a provision requiring that if multiple-occupancy restrooms are converted into an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and a multiple-occupancy restroom serving a different gender is located adjacent or in proximity to the all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom, then both multiple-occupancy restrooms must be converted into all-gender multiple-occupancy. Also sets certain requirements for how these restrooms should be constructed including they must have floor to ceiling stalls and cannot contain urinals, among other requirements.

Medicaid Fees (HB 1558): Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Removes language requiring the Department of Public Health to establish, by rule, and charge a fee to any facility or program applying to be certified to participate in the Medicare program or in the Medicaid program to cover the costs associated with the application, inspection, and survey of the facility or program and processing of the application.

Distressed Facility (HB 2076): Revises language that establishes which nursing homes must be designated as “distressed facilities” to address the Department of Public Health (DPH) audit findings. Provides that no facility shall be identified as a distressed facility unless it has committed a violation or deficiency that has harmed a resident. In provisions relating to designation of distressed facilities, requires DPH to, by rule, create a time frame and a procedure on how a facility can be removed from the list and the list may not contain more than 40 facilities per quarter. Provides facilities the right to appeal a designation and the procedure for appealing must be outlined in rule.

Healthcare Workers (HB 2102): Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Expands background checks to all 50 States. Requires the State Police to forward an applicant’s fingerprints to the FBI and request the FBI conduct a national criminal history of the applicant. Requires the State Police to transmit fingerprints through a livescan vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and check against State Police and FBI databases, including civil, criminal, and latent databases. Requires the State Police to forward records to State departments and agencies and fingerprints to the FBI for a national criminal history.

Stolen SNAP Benefits (HB 2214): Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to track and collect data on the scope and frequency of SNAP benefits fraud in this State where a SNAP recipient’s benefits are stolen from an EBT card by means of card skimming, card cloning, or some other similar fraudulent method. Requires DHS to keep a record of every report made, the benefit amount stolen and if possible, how those stolen benefits were used as well as the location of the theft.

Park District Programs (HB 2277): Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Excludes special activities programs organized under the Park District Code, including park district recreation programs from the definition of day care when they are offered to children ages 3 and older; the park district meets for 3.5 continuous hours or less at a time, and no more than 25 hours per week; and background investigations are conducted by the park districts on program employees.



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Health Care Employer (HB 2285): Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Adds to the definition of "health care employer," a financial management services entity contracted with the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities which is not the employer of personal support workers but supports individuals receiving participant directed services, to administer the individuals' employer authority.

DCFS Drivers (HB 2618): Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires every driver who applies for employment with a transportation provider under contract with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to have their fingerprints electronically submitted to the State Police for criminal history record information.

LTC Ombudsman Notification (HB 2619): Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that the State Long Term Care Ombudsman shall be notified when a resident is involuntarily transferred or discharged from a facility.

Uninsured Patients (HB 2719): Provides that upon agreement by the patient, hospitals are required to screen all uninsured patients to determine eligibility in either: Public health insurance programs offered by the State and Federal government; or any financial assistance offered by the hospital. A hospital must exhaust all financial assistance options with the patient before being sent to collections. Extends the requirement for financial assistance to 90 days from the date of discharge. Screenings must be provided in compliance with the Language Assistance Services Act.

Adult Protective Services (HB 2858): Amends the Adult Protective Services Act. Excludes from the definition of "mandated reporter" the State Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Ombudsman's representatives or volunteers when such persons are prohibited from making a report under a federal regulation. Clarifies the definition of "Access" under the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, authorizing the Office to inspect and copy patient records with patient consent.

Residential Treatment (HB 2861): Provides that within 30 days after placing a child in its care in a qualified residential treatment program, the Department of Children and Family Services is required to prepare a written report for filing with the court and send copies of the report to all parties. Provides that, within 20 days of the filing of the report, or as soon thereafter as the court's schedule allows but not more than 60 days from the date of placement, the court shall hold a hearing to consider the Department's report and determine whether placement of the child in a qualified residential treatment program provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment and if the placement is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child, as specified in the permanency plan for the child.

Product Safety Database (HB 3363): Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is required to establish and maintain a database on the safety of consumer products and other products or substances regulated by the Department that is: publicly available; searchable; and accessible through the DCFS Internet website. Provides that "children's product" means a product that is designed or intended for the care of, or use by, any child younger than age 12.



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Cultural Empowerment Program (HB 3698): Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Human Services to create the Cultural Empowerment Program to make grants-in-aid to one or more community providers to provide outreach, engagement, training, and support to faith-based organizations serving communities that are underserved by mental and behavioral health resources. Requires the Department to provide a list of ZIP codes identifying the targeted communities.

Employment Security (HB 3699): Authorizes the Department of Employment Security to work with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to identify employment opportunities in Illinois for persons who are in arrears in child support obligations. The Department shall share the identified opportunities with the public on its IllinoisJobLink.com system or a successor website system to allow job seekers to search online for employment opportunities that match the skills of the persons seeking employment.

DCFS Family Placement (HB 3705): Amends the Children and Family Services Act. In the definition of “child welfare services,” provides that one of the purposes of the Department of Children and Family Services is to place children in suitable permanent family arrangements, through guardianship or adoption, (rather than in suitable adoptive homes) in cases where restoration to the biological family is not safe, possible, or appropriate.

Nursing Staff (HB 3890): Requires a nursing care committee to annually notify the hospital nursing staff of the staff’s rights under provisions concerning nurse staffing. Requires the notice to provide a phone number and an email address for staff to report noncompliance with the nursing staff’s rights. Provides that the notice shall be provided via email or by regular mail in a manner that effectively facilitates receipt of the notice.

Generic Drug Pricing (HB 3957): Prohibits manufacturers or wholesale drug distributors from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential off-patent or generic drug. Requires the Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services or the Department of Central Management Services to notify the Attorney General of any increase in the price of any essential off-patent or generic drug under the Medical Assistance Program or a State health plan, respectively, that amounts to price gouging.

Higher Education

Debt Assistance (SB 49): Amends the Student Debt Assistance Act. Outlines and details the withholding of official transcripts, past-due policy, reporting guidelines, and complaints for the institutions of higher education and the current and for former students requesting an official transcript. Students who believe their transcripts are being erroneously withheld may file a complaint with the Attorney General’s student loan ombudsperson.

Higher Education Success (SB 99): Creates the Removing Barriers to Higher Education Success Act. Requires Illinois public institutions of higher education to adopt a policy for documentation of students with disabilities. The policy developed must be transparent and explicit regarding information about the



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process by which the public institution of higher education determines eligibility for accommodations for an individual with a disability.

Emergency Contraception at Public Universities (SB 1907): Requires public universities and community colleges to make emergency contraception available for purchase through at least one wellness kiosk located on each campus. The kiosk must be in an area of campus where students can access it on weekends and after class. The wellness kiosk may also include condoms, menstrual cups & pads, tampons, pregnancy tests, and over-the-counter drugs.

Remediation Data for Community Colleges (SB 2240): Amends the Public Community College Act. Requires community colleges to share remediation data with their members school districts. Each community college board must annually provide its member high schools with remediation data for all students that had attended a member high school and have enrolled in the community college any term in that academic year.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (SB 2288): Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative. All public institutions will submit and maintain up to four core courses in each of the Illinois Articulation Initiative majors, provided the public institution has equivalent majors and courses. All public institutions' Illinois Articulation Initiative major courses must be transferable as direct course equivalents towards the requirement of the major.

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AIM HIGH Grant Program (HB 301): Makes the AIM HIGH program permanent, which provides scholarships to Illinois high school graduates to attend Illinois public universities. Raises the state's match to 35 percent for public universities with at least 49 percent of Pell-eligible students seeking a bachelor's degree (currently 20 percent). Raises the state's match to 70 percent for public universities with less than 49 percent of Pell-eligible students seeking a bachelor's degree (currently 60 percent). Allows universities to consider part-time students for AIM HIGH if they are in their final semester.

Community Colleges Working Cash Fund (HB 1133): Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides the chairman and vice chairman shall be elected by their Community College District Board and shall be members of the Board. If the secretary isn't serving on the Board, they may receive compensation fixed by the Board prior to the election of the secretary. Provides that moneys in the working cash fund may be used for all community college district purposes and may be transferred in whole or in part from the working cash fund to the educational fund or operations and maintenance fund. Also if a community college district elects to abolish or abate its working cash fund, it will have the authority to increase or recreate a working cash fund at any time. Allows the abolition and establishment of working cash funds without voter approval. Allows community college districts to abate their working cash fund.

Scholarship Fund (HB 1378): Provides that subject to appropriation, establishes the Illinois Graduate and Retain Our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program to recruit and train individuals to work in



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technology jobs that have a high demand for new employees and offer high wages by awarding scholarships. Scholarships may be made through the 2029-2030 academic year.

University Police (HB 1767): Amends the State University Civil Service Act. Removes the requirement that applicants must be Illinois citizens to take exams for university police officer positions. Currently, out-of-state applicants can only take exams if all Illinois applicants have been deemed unqualified.

Board of Higher Education (HB 2041): Board of Higher Education Omnibus. Makes several changes to various acts associated with post-secondary education. Combines the funds received from the Academic Degree Act and the Private College Act administration into one fund, the Academic Quality Assurance Fund. Delays the Task Force on Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys initial report due date from July 31, 2022, to July 31, 2023. Delays the initial Tuition and Fee Waiver Report due date from July 1, 2020, to Nov. 1, 2023.

Loan Repayment (HB 2380): Amends the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program Act. Adds to list of eligible professionals to include human service agencies that receive funding from a state agency. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission may grant preference applicants based on need or income levels.

Out-of-District Tuition (HB 2503): Amends the Public Community College Act. If a student wants to enroll in a program that is offered by a public community college outside their district, then they may do so at the tuition and fee at the district rate of the receiving college.

Hunger-Free Campus Grant (HB 2528): Creates the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program. The Board of Higher Education (IBHE) shall allocate grant funding to each public institution of higher education that has one or more campuses designated by the Board as a hunger-free campus.

MAP Funds (HB 2898): Provides that for at least six months after the effective date of this Act, if a for-profit college is found to have been using an unfair, misleading, or deceptive practice, any MAP funds paid to that for-profit college must be refunded to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). The funds would be deposited into the MAP Refund Fund, which is created as a special fund in the State treasury.

Scholarship Repayment Plan (HB 3498): Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that recipients of the Minority Teachers of Illinois scholarship program, the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program, and special education teacher scholarships that are in a repayment plan may reduce their amount owed by completing teaching at an eligible school.

Career Development Insurance (HB 3590): Creates the Student Career Development Liability Insurance Advisory Committee within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Committee shall issue a report to the Governor and General Assembly containing recommendations for providing liability insurance to qualifying students and teachers by Dec. 31, 2023.



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Higher Education in Prison (HB 3648): Creates the Higher Education in Prison Act. The Department of Corrections (DOC) shall release a report and publish on its website information pertaining to higher education within DOC's institution and facilities, such as number of enrolled individuals; racial, ethnic, age, and gender breakdown; the length of sentence and sentence remaining; the number of individuals on a waiting list, and the average time on the waiting list broken down by length of remaining sentence; total amount of earned program sentence credit; number, category, and ultimate resolution of grievances; financial statement including DOC monthly expenditures on education programs; and explanation of how education is factored into a committed person's risk assessment score.

Student Data Sharing (HB 3759): Adds that student profile information collected by the SAT shall be made available to the State's public institutions of higher education in a timely manner. Requires school districts maintaining grades 10 through 12 to be consistent with the federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Those school districts must provide access to a high school campus and student directory to State public institutions of higher education for the purpose of informing students of the educational and career opportunities available to them.

Uniform Admission for Transfer Students (HB 3760): Amends the Public University Uniform Admission Pilot Program Act. Creates a four-year uniform admission system pilot program specifically targeted for community college transfer students beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. Public universities shall guarantee admission to all applicants who meet set standards.

Human Rights

School Dress Code (SB 1446): States that public and charter schools shall not prohibit the right of a student to wear or accessorize the student's graduation attire with items associated with the student's cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or any other protected characteristic or category identified in the Unlawful Discrimination subsection of the Illinois Human Rights Act. Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to make available to schools' resource materials developed in consultation with stakeholders regarding a student wearing or accessorizing the student's graduation attire.

Convicted Criminals Casino Employees (SB 1462): Authorizes convicted criminals to work in casinos and the jobs are limited to service employees, such as waitstaff, janitorial, and hotel services. The Illinois Gaming Board has discretion in awarding occupational licenses and may refuse if an individual has background, including a criminal record, reputation, habits, social or business associations, or prior activities, that poses a threat to the public interests of this State or to the security and integrity of gaming.

Right to Counsel (SB 2379): Amends the Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Act. Provides that the Task Force will submit a report of its findings in the investigation and its recommendations for how to fully provide legal representation for covered individuals facing covered proceedings by no later than July 1, 2024.

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Black Immigrants Task Force (HJR 18): Creates the Task Force on Black Immigrants to study the state of Black immigrants in Illinois and provide recommendations on how to assist them.

Gender Neutral Technical Changes (HB 1596): Amends various Acts concerning children by: replacing certain pronouns with the nouns to which the pronouns refer; replacing certain instances of the word “biological” with “birth”; replacing “Mother” with “person who gave birth”; changing the Independent Juvenile Ombudsman to the Independent Juvenile Ombudsperson; and deleting certain obsolete language and making other technical changes.

Employee Reporting Data (HB 2297): Amends the State Employment Records Act. Requires State agencies, when collecting and reporting data on employment records, must include specified data on persons who identify as non-binary or gender non-conforming.

Human Rights Complaints (HB 3135): Amends the Human Rights Act. Changes the timing requirement to notify the Department when a complaint is filed in circuit court from the same day to within 21 days after filing. Adds language that grants the Department of Human Rights the authority to intervene in certain complaints. Allows the Attorney General to intervene in cases that are of public importance.

Insurance

Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders (SB 101): Clarifies that insurers cannot deny or delay coverage for the treatment of PANDAS or PANS because the insured has previously received treatment or has been diagnosed and received treatment for another condition. Provides that coverage for treatment will adhere to the recommendations developed by a medical professional consortium and based on evidence of positive patient outcomes.

Liver Screenings (SB 1282): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate preventive screenings every six months for insureds with a high risk of liver disease.

Dividing Stock Companies (SB 1494): Amends the Domestic Stock Company Division Article of the Illinois Insurance Code and gives the Director of Insurance the authority to independently decide whether to hold a public hearing on a plan of division or amended plan of division.

Public Adjusters (SB 1495): Amends the Public Adjusters Article under the Illinois Insurance Code. Makes a change regarding the timeframe a contract between the insured and adjuster is voidable. Prohibits an adjuster from acting in place and instead of an insured.

Compression Sleeves (SB 1527): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for compression sleeves. Applies to plans beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Ties the coverage to medical necessity of the compression sleeve.

Insurance Mandates (SB 1561): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to codify coverage for “preventative services” in State law. Makes conforming changes to the State Employees Group Insurance Act, the



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Counties Code, the Municipal Code, the School Code, the HMO Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plan Act.

Disability Insurance (SB 1568): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires the Department of Insurance to collect data on disability employment insurance plans in Illinois and submit the findings to the General Assembly by April 30, 2024.

Telehealth Services Coverage (SB 1913): Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code to mandate coverage for telehealth services. Makes a conforming change under the Illinois Insurance Code.

Prosthetic/Orthotic Coverage (SB 2195): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate that benefits be provided for a prosthetic or custom orthotic device determined by the enrollee's provider to be most appropriate for physical activity.

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Cybersecurity Insurance (HB 47): Amends the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund Article under the Illinois Insurance Code to clarify the Fund's covered claims obligations for cybersecurity insurance.

State-Based Health Insurance Exchange (HB 579): Amends the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Law to require the Department of Insurance to operate a State-based exchange by 2026. Requires the Department to enforce coverage requirements under the Affordable Care Act, even if the federal statute is no longer effective and gives the Director authority to require plans to conform with standardized plan designs.

Homeowners Insurance (HB 1049): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to prohibit homeowner's and renter's insurance policies from canceling, raising premiums, or taking other adverse action based upon the ownership of a dog breed, unless the dog has been deemed dangerous under the Animal Control Act.

HMO Referrals (HB 1186): Amends the Health Maintenance Organization Act to allow health maintenance organizations to utilize voluntary referral systems for their enrollees to access contracted providers. Allows for rulemaking to set marketing and disclosure requirements.

Reconstructive Services (HB 1384): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to prohibit insurers and managed care plans from denying coverage for medically necessary reconstructive services to restore physical appearance. Applies to plans beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Makes conforming changes to the HMO Act and Medicaid.

Prescription Coverage (HB 1565): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate insurers and managed care plans that provide prescription drug coverage to cover at least one therapeutic equivalent of vaginal estrogen. Prohibits higher cost-sharing requirements for estrogen products than those imposed on drugs prescribed to treat erectile dysfunction. Makes conforming changes to all relevant insurance statutes and Medicaid.



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Dental Notification Requirements (HB 2072): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to make changes to provider notification requirements. Requires dental carriers to notify dental providers 60 days prior to an assignment or lease of the network and requires dental carriers to allow a dental provider to opt-out. Allows dentists to contract directly with entities proposing to gain access to the provider's network.

Insurance Cleanup (HB 2089): Provides for a Department of Insurance administrative clean up. Changes references to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Pension Code to correctly reference the Department of Insurance Public Pension Division. Corrects erroneous and outdated cross references and drafting errors under the HMO Act. Reduces late filing fees for industrial insureds. Codifies insurance benefit mandates into required coverage under the Insurance Code.

Insurance Data (HB 2130): Creates the Insurance Data Security Act. Requires licensees to develop and implement information security systems. Provides licensees to notify the Department of Insurance about any cybersecurity events and to develop a response plan.

Insulin Costs (HB 2189): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to lower the cap for a 30-day supply of insulin to \$35.

Insurance Premium Rate Review (HB 2296): Provides that any forms and rates filed for large employer group accident and health insurance shall be automatically deemed approved after 90 days after filing. Provides that beginning plan year 2026, rate increases for all individual and small group accident and health insurance policies must be filed with the Department for approval. Provides that unreasonable rate increases or inadequate rates shall be modified or disapproved.

Gender Terms (HB 2350): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to remove gendered terms from the Section regarding coverage for pap tests and prostate cancer screenings.

Hearing Aid Coverages (HB 2443): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to apply the child hearing aid coverage mandate to all ages. Maintains the cost defrayal provisions.

Proton Beam Therapy (HB 2799): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require insurers and managed care plans to provide coverage for medically necessary proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer. Prohibits insurers and managed care plans from requiring a higher standard of clinical evidence for the coverage of proton beam therapy than applied for any other form of radiation therapy.

EPA Medical Arbitration (HB 3030): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to allow for the "batching" of claims through the medical arbitration process. In the Section regarding billing for services provided by a non-participating provider, provides health insurance issuers or health care providers or facilities can initiate arbitration on a "batched bill" basis, as is in accordance with federal statute.

Cancer Screening (HB 3202): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for home saliva cancer screening tests every two years for at risk individuals.



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Information Disclosure (HB 3631): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from retaliating against a pharmacist for disclosing information in a government proceeding, or to a government or law enforcement agency if the pharmacist believes the information is evidence of a violation of law, rule, or regulation. Requires the pharmacist to make reasonable efforts to limit the disclosure of confidential and proprietary information.

Epinephrine Cost (HB 3639): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to impose a \$60 cap on epinephrine twin-packs.

Impaired Children (HB 3809): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for therapy, diagnostic testing, and equipment necessary to increase quality of life for children who have any disease, syndrome, or disorder that includes low tone neuromuscular, neurological, or cognitive impairment.

ER Payment (HB 3955): Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act and the Hospital Licensing Act to prohibit hospitals from delaying examinations or treatment in the Emergency Room to inquire about a patient's insurance or payment method.

Judiciary

Electric Vehicle Charging (SB 40): Creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Act, which applies to all new single-family homes and newly constructed multi-unit residential buildings that have parking spaces and are constructed or renovated after the effective date of the Act. All new, large multi-family residential building or a large multi-family residential building permits issued 90 days after the effective date of this Act shall be required to have 100 percent of its total parking spaces EV-capable. However, for a developer converting a property to an association, no EV-capable or EV-ready mandate will apply if it would necessitate the developer having to excavate an existing surface lot or other parking facilities to retro-fit the parking lot or facility with the necessary conduit and wiring.

Power of Attorney, Visitation (SB 55): Amends the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. Adds that when a Power of Attorney exists, a court may review if an agent is acting for the benefit of the principal, which includes restricting or not allowing an interested person to have reasonable visitation with the principal. Clarifies petition by an interested person should include notice to the agent, principal, and interested person.

Guardian Petition Education Resources (SB 195): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 so that no petition for the appointment of a guardian of a minor will be filed in which the primary purpose of the filing is to reduce the financial resources available to the minor to cause the minor to qualify for public or private financial assistance from an educational institution.

Foreclosure Files Sealed (SB 201): Amends the Mortgage Foreclosure Article of the Code of Civil Procedure to require a court file to be sealed upon the commencement of any foreclosure action during the COVID-19 emergency and economic recovery period. If a residential eviction action filed during the



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COVID-19 emergency and economic recovery period is pending on the effective date of this Act and is not sealed, the court shall order the sealing of the court file.

Not-for-profit Engineering (SB 247): Provides that a not-for-profit corporation may be organized to do engineering for conservation services associated with wetland restoration or mitigation, flood mitigation, groundwater recharge, and natural infrastructure. The amendment additionally clarifies that non-profit engineering for conservation services may not be procured by qualifications-based selection criteria for contracts with the Department of Transportation, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, or Cook County, except as a subcontractor or sub-consultant.

Historic Properties or Exterior Design (SB 283): Amends the Administrative Review Article of the Code of Civil Procedure. Amends the Act to define “parties of record” to mean only the administrative agency and applicants before the administrative agency under the Municipal Code. The new definition only applies to an action to review a decision of an administrative agency with final decision-making authority over designated historic properties or authority over exterior design review of buildings or structures.

FOIA Exemption (SB 325): Amends the Freedom of Information Act to clarify the FOIA exemption for Public Access Counselors (PAC). States that records or documents obtained by the PAC from a public body for the purpose of addressing a request for review may not be disclosed to the public.

Automatic Contract Renewal (SB 328): Amends the Automatic Contract Renewal Act. Requires businesses to make renewal terms and agreements clear and conspicuous and make the termination process unobstructed. Provides additional notice requirement concerning contracts that allow the consumer to accept a gift or trial as part of an automatic renewal offer before the consumer makes any payment. Regulates free gifts/promotional periods.

Collateral Recovery Act (SB 800): Requires repossession agencies to dispose of “personal information” found in vehicles. If repossession agency has cause to believe that vehicles that serves as collateral stores “personal information” prior to release of the vehicle from the agency, the agency shall clear, erase, delete “personal information” in the vehicle by utilizing a standardized electronic solution that has been approved by the American Recovery Association. Adds the repossession businesses must include a receipt of disposal of personal information found in a vehicle. Extends the regulatory sunset extension repeal date of the Collateral Recovery Act from Jan. 1, 2027, to Jan. 1, 2032.

Two Rivers Fisheries (SB 1068): Provides that the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the State of Illinois and the Department of Natural Resources, is authorized to sell to Two Rivers Fisheries for the appraised value as determined by a Certified General Appraiser which is to be paid into the Park and Conservation Fund.

Debt Collection (SB 1291): Amends the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986 to create a five-year limitation on a state agency collecting any debt. Except for fraud, if a state agency fails to provide written notice and a demand for payment of any debt, account, or claim to the State agency within five years, then the State agency is barred from attempting to collect that debt.



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Housing Authority Data Collection (SB 1367): Amends the Housing Authorities Act to create new reporting requirements for housing authorities. Housing Authorities must collect the criminal history record data of all applicants. Every Authority must also collect 1) the number of vacant rental units within each housing project they operate; and 2) the information on whether each waiting list maintained by the Authority is open or closed.

Consumer Fraud Mail Disclosure (SB 1440): Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Makes it unlawful to contact a person by letter, postcard, mail, telephone, email, website, or any other prescribed means if it does not disclose all affiliations on the document. All disclosures on a letter or postcard must be conspicuously located at the top of the postcard or letter in an easily readily 14-point bold font in a black-outlined box.

Road Maintenance (SB 1460): Provides that a highway commissioner may contract with a common interest association, if the association makes up 50 percent of the township's population or greater, to provide the association with materials related to the maintenance or repair of roads.

Fees/Fines For Minors (SB 1463): Abolishes assessments and fines in juvenile delinquency cases but preserves juveniles' liability for restitution and for assessments in traffic cases.

Affordable Housing (SB 1476): Amends the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act to add additional requirements for local governments to fulfill their affordable housing plan. Amends the definition of "Affordable housing" to add that for dwelling units for rent, the cost of any required parking, maintenance, or landlord-imposed fees are to be included in the calculation of affordable housing. Amends the definition of "exempt local government" to mean any local government to have at least 10% of year-round housing units are affordable, as determined by the IHDA or any municipality with a population under 1,000 persons. In provisions requiring non-exempt local governments to approve an affordable housing plan adds that the affordable housing plan must consist of a description of any housing market conditions, infrastructure limitations, local government ordinances, local policies or practices that do not affirmatively further fair housing as defined in the federal Fair Housing Act, and other local factors that constrain the local government's ability to create and preserve affordable housing. Starting January 1, 2026 an affordable housing developer, or resident of municipality where affordable housing is located may file an appeal against a non-exempt municipality if the proposed affordable housing development was denied by the municipality.

Security Deposit (SB 1741): Amends the Security Deposit Return Act to require all landlords who has received a security deposit from a lessee to secure the payment of to compensate for damages to the leased property may not withhold any part of the security deposit without first providing the lessee with an itemized statement of the damage to the property (currently only properties with 5 or more units). The notice must be sent within 30 days of the lessee leaving the property or within 30 days of the right of possession ending, which is later.

Discovery Trial Date (SB 1748): Provides that in civil cases where the defense requires a medical examination of a plaintiff by a physician, the victim has the right to designate an additional person to be present and video record the medical examination. In civil cases where the defense requires a medical



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examination of a plaintiff by a physician, the bill states that the victim has the right to designate an additional person to be present and video record the medical examination. In wrongful death cases, the bill provides that elderly plaintiffs or survivors of the deceased in a wrongful death action aged 67 or older (currently 70 years old) or those showing substantial physical or mental hardship shall receive preference in setting of the trial by requiring the Court to begin the trial within 1 year of the motion for the preference.

Human Rights (SB 1817): Amends Article 3 (Real Estate Transactions) of the Human Rights Act. Changes the definition of a civil rights violation for a real estate transaction to mean “refusing to engage in the real estate transaction with a person or the discriminate in making available such transactions.” Makes it a violation to inquire or use immigration status if the inquiry is in not in compliance with State or Federal law.

Electronic Signature for Vehicle Sales (SB 1896): Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. An Illinois licensed new or used vehicle dealer is authorized to conduct sales and delivery activities, including the collection of electronic signatures, via the Internet and deliver vehicles to a customer at the customer’s residence or other suitable location, if the sale, lease, or delivery is requested by the customer and the identity of the customer is verified. Any documents that State or federal law require to be signed in person may be signed at the time of delivery without constituting an offsite sale. If the vehicle is delivered to an off-site location, then date of the sale will be the date on which the application for title is signed.

Abandoned Infants (SB 1999): Amends the abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act to make several updates as recommended by the Chicago Bar Association. The Act no longer includes presumptive eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid for abandoned newborns. Instead, the Act requires a hospital to complete and submit an application for medical assistance and allows HFS to adopt rules. In provisions on DCFS’ State Central Registry of child welfare agencies willing to take legal custody of relinquished newborn infants, provides that within 3 business days after accepting a referral from DCFS, the agency shall file a petition for custody and request that the agency be given authority to place the infant in an adoptive home, foster home, child care facility, or other appropriate facility. Increases the time to 30 days for when a birth parent can return to the place of relinquishment to seek information. Requires the hospital to which the infant is taken to apply for Medicaid and to provide information to DCFS and the assigned adoption agency about the child.

Housing Quality Standards (SB 2013): Amends the Illinois Affordable Housing Act to create a minimum standard of living requirements for all housing financed under the Act. In order for a program applicant to be eligible to receive funding to acquire, construct, rehabilitate, develop, operate, insure, or retain affordable single-family or multi-family housing, the applicant must demonstrate that each housing unit meets the standards of the Act.

Adoption Information (SB 2134): Provides that a confidential intermediary can access records of closed child welfare agencies that are housed in the State Central Storage, if the requestor of the information is an adult adopted or surrendered person, or the adoptive parent of an adult adopted person younger than age 21, or the adoptive parent of a deceased adopted or surrendered person.



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Will County Quick-Take (HB 217): Amends the Eminent Domain Act. Gives Will County quick-take powers for two years to acquire certain property for road construction. Repeals the powers three years after the effective date.

Punitive Damages (HB 219): Amends the Wrongful Death Act and the Probate Act of 1975 to allow punitive damages under the Act. Punitive damages are not available in actions against: The State or an employee of the State in his or her official capacity; A local government or an employee of that local government in his or her official capacity; All employees covered under the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act; Healing Art Malpractice (aka medical malpractice); or Legal malpractice.

Impaired Minor Responsibility (HB 1155): Amends the Drug or Alcohol Impaired Minor Responsibility Act as that a person, or their surviving spouse and next of kin, who is injured by an intoxicated person younger than age 18 has a right of action for damages against any person older than age 18 who willfully permitted consumption of the alcohol or illegal drugs on any premises (rather than only on non-residential premises) they owned or controlled.

Probate Executor (HB 1268): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 to expand who is eligible to be an executor. Adds that a person who has been convicted of a felony and not currently incarcerated is qualified to act as an executor if the: testator names that person as an executor and expressly acknowledges in the will that the testator is aware that the person has been convicted of a felony, and if the felony is a financial crime that the testator is aware that the felony is financial in nature, prior to the execution of the will or codicil; person is not be prohibited by law from receiving a share of the testator's estate; and person is otherwise qualified to act as an executor.

Gender Violence (HB 1363): Amends the Gender Violence Act so an employer is liable only for gender-related violence committed in the workplace by an employee or agent of the employer when the interaction arises out of and in the course of employment with the employer. An employer shall be liable for gender-related violence if the employer: failed to supervise, train, or monitor the employee who engaged in the gender-related violence; or failed to investigate complaints or reports directly provided to a supervisor, manager, owner, or another person designated by the employer of similar conduct by an employee or agent of the employer and the employer failed to take remedial measures in response to the complaints or reports. Includes provisions on proximate cause, an affirmative defense for proper training, and a four-year statute of limitations.

"Prison Gerrymandering" (HB 1496): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to require that the Master Files of inmates at Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice of each person contain ethnic and racial background data and the person's last known complete street address prior to incarceration or legal residence collected in accordance with the No Representation Without Population Act.



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Car Sharing Exclusion (HB 1497): Provides that taxes paid on the gross receipts of car renting do not apply to car sharing. Requires car sharing programs to collect and remit the Occupation and Use taxes and authorizes the car sharing program to rely on the vehicle owner's response if the owner paid the taxes at the time of purchase. Removes arbitrary liability limits on vehicle damage and instead changes those limits in the event a car is stolen. For vehicles with MSRPs of \$50,000 or less, the maximum liability to a renter is \$5,000. For vehicles with MSRPs of more than \$50,000, the maximum liability to a renter is \$40,000. If the renter or authorized driver failed to exercise ordinary care or aided the commission of a theft, then the damages shall be the actual and reasonable costs of the rental vehicle up to its fair market value.

Guardian Ad Litem (HB 1555): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Adds that a guardian ad litem shall investigate the facts of the case and interview the child and the parties and, unless the court directs otherwise, submit to the court and the parties a written report, written recommendations, or a proposed parenting plan, in accordance with the child's best interests, not less than 30 days before a final hearing or trial. Requires a guardian ad litem to be available for deposition before a final hearing or trial notwithstanding any other discovery cutoff.

Disinterment (HB 1571): Amends the Cemetery Oversight Act. In the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, licensed cemetery authorities shall have clear and specific cemetery rules and regulations and apply them equally to all consumers and individuals serviced. A cemetery authority must make publicly available a copy of its rules, and through continuous publication on an Internet website or social media page or, if it does not have a website or social media page, provide a copy to each person either prior to or contemporaneous with the cemetery authority's or its representative's presentation of any contract or legal agreement for services in relation to the cemetery or within 5 days of such a person's request.

Marriage Prohibitions (HB 1591): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act by repealing the following: No marriage shall be contracted in this State by a party residing and intending to continue to reside in another state or jurisdiction if the marriage would be void if contracted in the other state or jurisdiction, and every marriage celebrated in this State in violation of that provision is null and void; Before issuing a license to marry a person who resides and intends to continue to reside in another state, the officer having authority to issue the license shall satisfy himself by requiring affidavits or otherwise that the person is not prohibited from intermarrying by the laws of the jurisdiction where the person resides; and An official issuing a marriage license with knowledge that the parties are prohibited from marrying and a person authorized to solemnize marriages who knowingly solemnizes such a marriage are guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

Electronic Payments (HB 1628): Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. Provides that a landlord shall not require a tenant or prospective tenant to remit any amount due to the landlord under a residential lease, renewal, or extension agreement by means of an electronic funds transfer, including, but not limited to, an electronic funds transfer system that automatically transfers funds on a regular, periodic, and recurring basis. Beginning 90 days after the effective date, a violation is an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.



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National Guard Land Transfer (HB 1920): Allows the Adjutant General and the Illinois National Guard to transfer a property to the city of Lawrenceville. The Adjutant General will only transfer the property if it is no longer required for military purposes.

DOC Land Transfer (HB 2097): Authorizes the Director of Corrections to execute and deliver a quit claim deed for specified real property located in Will County to the City of Crest Hill upon the payment of \$1, subject to specified conditions. Provides that the conveyance of real property authorized by Section 1-5 shall be made subject to: existing public utilities, existing public roads, and all reservations, easements, encumbrances, covenants, and restrictions of record; and the express condition that if the real property ceases to be used for public purposes, it shall revert to the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources.

Property Disclosures (HB 2098): Amends the Residential Real Property Disclosure Act by amending the definition of “seller.” “Seller” is defined to not include a beneficiary who has never occupied the residential real property, and never had management responsibility for the residential real property.

Digital Forgeries (HB 2123): Amends the Civil Remedies for Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act to include false images. Adds to the definition of “Sexual Image” to include images that show or falsely appear to show nudity or sexual conduct. Allows a civil action against an individual who shares an intentionally altered sexual image without the depicted individual’s consent if the person knew or recklessly disregarded the possibility that: 1) The depicted individual did not consent to the digitally altered image; 2) The image was a private or intentionally digitally altered image; and 3) The depicted individual was identifiable. In the case of digitally altered sexual images, disclosing that the images were digitally altered is not a defense to liability.

Homeowners Energy (HB 2174): Amends the Homeowners’ Energy Policy Statement Act to make substantial changes to rules on Energy Policy Statements. A property owner cannot be required to use specific technology when installing a solar energy system, including solar shingles rather than traditional solar panels. Any energy policy statement must explicitly include the minimum standards for a project to be approved. A written energy policy statement may not condition approval of an application on approval by adjacent property owners. An association cannot inquire into a property owner’s energy usage, imposing conditions impairing the operation of a solar energy system, imposing conditions negatively impacting any component warranty, or requiring post-installation reporting. No energy policy statement shall be valid unless recorded as required by applicable law in the office of the recorder of deeds in the county where the property is located. An association may not impose a fee on any application for a solar energy system and the application must be processed within 30 days.

Tenant Radon Protection (HB 2217): Amends the Illinois Radon Awareness Act. At the time before, during, and after a lease is entered into, the landlord shall provide each tenant in a dwelling unit: Pamphlet entitled “Radon Guide for Tenants” approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; Copies of records pertaining to radon concentrations within the dwelling unit; and The Disclosure of Information on Radon Hazards to Tenants form. At the start of the lease, a tenant shall have 90 days to conduct their own radon test of a dwelling unit. If a tenant performs a radon test, the tenant will provide the landlord with copies to the test within 10 days of receiving the result of the radon test. If the



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tenant does not conduct the radon test within the first 90 days, they may not terminate the lease. If a radon test shows a radon hazard and the landlord does not dispute the results or does not mitigate the radon hazard, the tenant may within 60 days: 1) Hire at the tenant's expense a radon contractor to perform radon mitigation activities; or 2) Terminate the lease. A tenant may only terminate a lease only if the result is in excess of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's recommended Radon Action Level.

Innkeeper Protection (HB 2220): Amends the Innkeeper Protection Act. Amends the Innkeeper Protection Act to allow hotels to remove or refuse service to intoxicated customers, those who cause damage to the premises, use the premise for underage drinking, or violate Federal, State, and local law. Removes provisions that a hotel cannot remove a guest who "brings property into the hotel that may be dangerous to other persons, including firearms or explosives" or someone who is younger than age 18 without an adult. A proprietor or manager of a hotel shall not eject a guest while the area the hotel is in is under a severe weather warning without first giving a verbal or written warning to the guest that the guest may be ejected for the guest's behavior.

Anti-Trust Powers (HB 2222): Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. Provides that the legal notice required to be published upon completion of an application for change of ownership shall also be sent to the Attorney General. Provides that documentary material, transcripts of oral testimony, or answers to interrogatories obtained in an investigation of a violation of the Act may be used by the Attorney General in any administrative or judicial action or proceeding.

Civil Rights Remedies (HB 2248): Provides for damages for emotional distress for the violations of Civil rights statutes or the provisions of any other Federal Statute prohibiting discrimination under a program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance whether the Statute expressly provided for such damages or not. the award of damages may range from any amount that may be determined by a jury, or a court sitting without a jury, but in no case less than \$4,000 and any other attorney's fees costs, and expenses.

Electronic Documents (HB 2269): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 and Electronic Wills and Remote Witnesses Act to allow for Electronic Estate Planning Documents. Creates the Electronic Nontestamentary Estate Planning Documents Article. The nontestamentary article shall be construed and applied to facilitate electronic estate planning documents and signatures consistent with other law; and be consistent with reasonable practices concerning electronic documents and signatures and continued expansion of those practices.

Environmental Covenants (HB 2278): Authorizes the creation of environmental covenants by the Environmental Protection Agency for solid and hazardous waste management units, which establishes restrictions on the use of property to help protect human health and the environment.

Mobile Home Sales (HB 2338): Amends the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act to require a purchaser of a mobile home to obtain a written and signed lease from the park owner unless the purchaser elects to remove the mobile home from the mobile home park. If the purchaser elects to remove the mobile home, the person or entity that removes the mobile home shall be licensed in



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accordance with the Manufactured Home Installers Act and provide proof of insurance to the park owner as a named additional insured. If purchaser and park owner establish a mutually agreed date and time for removal of the mobile home and requires the home be removed within 30 days of purchase.

Property Control (HB 2562): Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act, Condominium Property Act, and Landlord Tenant Act. When a common interest community building, condominium building, or residential rental property has a cooling or heating system serving the entire building, including individual units, the association or landlord shall comply with specified standards for the individual units during the cooling and heating seasons. When a building does not have a building-wide cooling system that serves individual units, the association or landlord shall provide at least one indoor common gathering space with a cooling system when the heat index exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and all occupants of the building shall have free access to that cooled space.

Court Documents (HB 2624): Creates the Court Record and Document Accessibility Act which states all records and documents are presumed to be accessible by the court and the clerk of the court. A clerk of the court is required to limit access to case information and documents not identified as public to the clerk of the court or limited supervisory staff through use of access codes restricting access. Access to court records and documents remotely over the Internet shall be as authorized by the Illinois Supreme Court Remote Access Policy. Encourages the Supreme Court to consider establishing a process for access to court files limited by statute or court rule, including standardized forms and provisions for requesting access to documents in court files restricted in any manner. The Act applies to all court records and documents related to any civil or criminal proceeding that are created and maintained by a State court.

Quick-Take Menard/McHenry (HB 2800): Amends the Eminent Domain Act. Provides that quick-take proceedings may be used for one year after the effective date by Menard County for acquisition of certain described property to reconstruct the Athens Blacktop corridor, and McHenry County for the Randall Road Corridor Improvement Project.

Labor Disputes (HB 2907): Amends the Labor Dispute Act to include that no award of monetary damages, except for damage done to an employer's property because of conduct prohibited by law, shall be granted by any court in Illinois in any case involving a labor dispute.

Civil Liability for Doxing (HB 2954): Creates the Civil Liability for Doxing Act and provides that an individual engages in the act of doxing when that individual intentionally publishes another person's personally identifiable information without the consent of the person whose information is published and the information is published with the intent that it be used to harm or harass the person whose information is published and with knowledge or reckless disregard that the person whose information is published would be reasonably likely to suffer death, bodily injury, or stalking. Allows a victim to bring a civil action to recover damages and obtain any other appropriate relief. An individual found liable under the Act shall be jointly and severally liable with each other individual, if any, found liable. Allows a court to issue a temporary restraining order, emergency order of protection, or preliminary or permanent injunction to restrain and prevent disclosure or continued disclosure of a person's personally identifiable information or sensitive personal information if requirements are met.



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Constitutionality Claims (HB 3062): Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Requires the court venue to be in either Sangamon or Cook County for lawsuits against the state of Illinois challenging the constitutionality of a law. Applies to any action brought against the State seeking declaratory or injunctive relief against any State statute, rule, or executive order based on an alleged violation of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

Order of Protection for Military Members (HB 3103): Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Stalking No Contact Order Act, and the Civil No Contact Order Act. The bill allows Illinois National Guard and reserve military service members who are survivors of non-consensual sexual conduct and have received a military protective order to receive protection under the state's civil no-contact and stalking no-contact orders.

MWRD Electronic Reporting (HB 3133): Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Provides that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago may implement an electronic reporting system that will allow notices, orders, and other documents to be sent directly by email to persons or entities registered with the sanitary district, in the discretion of the District, to allow those persons or entities registered with the District to view, modify, or submit documents using the electronic reporting system.

Consumer Contracts (HB 3314): Creates the Consumer Reciprocal Attorney's Fees Act. Defines "consumer contract" to mean any contract in which the money, property, or service that is the subject of the transaction is primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. The Act states that if a consumer contract allows for the recovery of attorney's fees in an action brought to enforce the contract, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees to the defendant if the defendant prevails in the action. In addition, this act states that a defendant prevails if 1) judgment is entered by the court in favor of the defendant; 2) a motion to dismiss the case is filed by the defendant is granted by the court; or 3) the plaintiff voluntarily dismisses the pending case after a trial date has been set and after the pending case has been previously filed on the same consumer contract and dismissed. The Act applies to any action filed on or after the effective date of the Act. If a commercial party is filing action as a debt buyer, this Act applies irrespective of when the consumer contract was made or acquired by the debt buyer if the principal amount claimed does not exceed the maximum amount of a judgment allowable for a small claim under the Illinois Supreme Court Rules.

Shooting and Recreation Complex (HB 3456): Creates the Department of Natural Resources World Shooting and Recreational Complex Act. The Director of Natural Resources may enter into a public-private agreement to develop, finance, lease, manage, and operate the World Shooting and Recreational Complex located in Sparta, Illinois.

Student Testimony (HB 3592): Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that no alleged victim or other witness who is or was at the time of the alleged conduct a student or younger than age 18 may be compelled to testify in the physical or visual presence of a teacher or other witness. Removes that both parties will be allowed to question the witness. Provides



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that the hearing officer must permit the teacher to submit all relevant questions and follow-up questions for such a witness to have the questions posed by the hearing officer. If a hearing officer fails to make the accommodations described in this subsection, then they shall be removed from the master list of hearing officers maintained by the State Board of Education for not more than 24 months.

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Public Employee Disability (SB 214): Provides that if a firefighter or EMS worker contracts COVID while working, the employee shall continue to be paid their regular wages without any deductions to their sick, compensatory, or vacation leave. Allows for an employer to require a medical examination to confirm the diagnosis. Exempts Chicago.

Workplace Privacy (SB 1515): Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Codifies certain requirements for employers enrolling employees in E-Verify systems. If an employer receives notification from the Social Security Administration (SSA) of a discrepancy between an employee's name or social security number and the SSA's records, an employer must provide the employee with the specific document or documents that are deemed to be deficient and the reason why; instructions on how the employee can correct the deficient documents; an explanation of the employee's right to have representation present during the verification or re-verification process; an explanation of any other rights that the employee has in the verification or re-verification process. Grants the employee 30 days of unpaid leave to correct any verification discrepancy.

Fire Department Promotion (SB 1707): Amends the Fire Department Promotion Act to remove language that exempts firefighters from working for a municipality with a population of 1 million or more from the Act.

Child Labor Online Content (SB 1782): States that a minor younger than age 16 is considered engaged in the work of vlogging when at least 30 percent of the vlogger's compensated video content produced within a 30-day period included the likeness, name, or photograph of the vlogger's minor child.

Extended Bereavement (SB 2034): States that employees of a large employer (250+ employees) may take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave after the loss of a child by suicide or homicide. Employees of a small employer (50-250 employees) may take up to six weeks of unpaid leave after the loss of a child by suicide or homicide.

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Charter School/Union Neutrality (HB 1120): Provides that any renewal of a certified charter must include a union neutrality clause. Requires a union neutrality clause to be included in a charter school proposal.

Freelance Worker Protection (HB 1122): Creates the Freelance Worker Protection Act. Provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a freelance worker shall be paid the contracted compensation



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amount no later than 30 days after the freelance worker provides the product or completes the services under the contract.

Laser System/Safety Officers (HB 1132): Requires each laser installation must have a laser safety officer on site. The laser safety officer must be on site at all times during the laser show. Provides that IEMA shall promulgate rules for laser safety officer certification.

EMS Personnel (HB 1595): Amends the EMS Systems Act in effort to provide for a concurrent disciplinary process of EMS personnel. Provides that an individual interviewed by the Department of Public Health, or the EMS Medical Director, has the right to a union representative or legal counsel.

Nurse Workforce Center/Surveys (HB 1615): Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides legislative findings. Provides that a primary goal of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center is to develop a strategic plan for nursing workforce in the State by selecting priorities to be addressed, including license renewals beginning in 2024, and no later than 2026, to develop a nurse demand and employer survey to be collected biennially.

Illinois Works Job Program (HB 2300): Amends the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act. Does the following:

- Allows employers to earn bid credits for employing program graduates for non-state work. Requires contractors and subcontracts to submit payroll documentation on hours worked by program graduates. Specifies these bid credits still can only be used on state public works projects.
- Increases the goal for percentage of work done by program graduates on public works contracts estimated to cost \$500,000 or more. Before January 1, 2024, the goal shall be 25%. After that date, it is increased to 50%. Currently, the goal is set at 10%. Adds graduates of the Illinois Climate Works Pre-apprenticeship Program and the Highway Construction Careers Training Program to those who can be employed to achieve the goal.
- Allows the DCEO to issue a waiver to reduce the labor hours requirement if it determines that the contractor or subcontractor has demonstrated that insufficient graduates of the program.
- Adds penalties for intentional failure to comply which state agencies may enforce: “(i) terminating the contract or agreement involved, (ii) prohibiting the party that contracted with the State from participating in public contracts or agreements for a period not to exceed 3 years, (iii) seeking a penalty of up to 25% of the contract or agreement as a result of the violation, or (iv) any combination of items (i) through (iii).”
- Requires State agencies to report to DCEO all projects that did not comply with the program, any action taken against the noncompliant party, and provide an action plan to address the reported instance of noncompliance.

Victims Safety Act (HB 2493): Amends the Victims’ Economic Security and Safety Act. Provides that an employee may take unpaid leave from work for specified reasons relating to a family or household member who is killed in a crime of violence. Provides that an employee shall be entitled to a total of not more than two work weeks of unpaid leave for specified reasons relating to a family or household



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member who is killed in a crime of violence, which must be completed within 60 days after the date on which the employee receives notice of the death of the victim.

Prevailing Wage/Biosolids (HB 2845): Codifies that removal, hauling, and transporting biosolids from water treatment plants or facilities is covered under prevailing wage. Proponents argue that this bill is a simple clarification of existing law. Opponents argue that this bill is a vast expansion of prevailing wage.

Temporary Workers and Agencies (HB 2862): Codifies extensive changes for rules surrounding temporary workers, staffing agencies, and third-party employers. Notably:

1. Allows for a temporary worker to refuse a job assignment in a location where a strike is occurring;
2. Codifies that once a temporary worker has worked for the same third-party employer for 90 calendar days, the temporary worker is entitled to the same pay and benefits of a similarly situated permanent employee;
3. Increases disclosures required by temporary agencies to the Department of Labor;
4. Increases fines for violation of the Act;
5. Allows “interested third-parties” to bring a civil action against an offending staffing agency or third-party employer if certain conditions are met.

Jobs Postings (HB 3129): Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that employers with 15 or more employees must post a pay-range and expected benefits for a job posting.

Department of Labor/Recovered Wages (HB 3227): Amends the Minimum Wage Law and the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that wages recovered by the Department of Labor shall be deposited into the Department of Labor Special State Trust Fund, from which the Department shall disburse the sums owed to the employee or employees. If the sums of money are not collected after three years, IDOL is to transfer the funds to the Treasurer’s Office, where it shall be deposited into the Treasurer’s RUUPA account.

Public Safety/Health Insurance (HB 3249): Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that police, fire, and corrections officers that suffer a catastrophic injury on the job are entitled to medical coverage in the same manner as on-duty police, fire, and corrections officers.

Independent Contractor Reporting (HB 3301): Provides that any contract entered into between an employer and an independent contractor must be reported to the Department of Labor.

Prevailing Wage/Power Washing (HB 3370): Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of “public works” includes power washing projects in which steam or pressurized water, with or without added abrasives or chemicals, is used to remove paint or other coatings, oils or grease, corrosion, or debris from a surface or to prepare a surface for a coating.



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Right of Way (HB 3396): Amends the Labor Dispute Act in provisions relating to use of public right of way. A person who intends to interfere with, obstruct, or impede a picket or other demonstration or protest and places any object in the public way commits a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$500.

Illinois Works Jobs Program (HB 3400): Provides that the Department of Labor shall report quarterly (rather than annually) to the General Assembly and the Governor the number of people employed on public works in the State during the preceding three months (rather preceding calendar year).

Wage Payment/Contractors (HB 3448): Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that every primary contractor and subcontractor shall post and keep posted, in one or more conspicuous places on the premises where work is being performed, a notice, to be made available by the Director of Labor, summarizing specified requirements under the Act and information pertaining to the filing of a complaint.

Prevailing Wage/Contractors (HB 3491): Provides that any laborer, worker, or mechanic who is employed by the contractor or by any lower tier sub-contractor and is paid for services in a sum less than the prevailing wage rates for work performed on a project shall have a right of action for whatever difference there may be between the amount so paid and the prevailing rates required to be paid for work performed on the project.

Employee Organ Donation (HB 3516): Amends the Employee Blood Donation Leave Act. Changes the name of the Act to the Employee Blood and Organ Donation Leave Act. Amends the Employee Blood Donation Leave Act. Provides that an employee may use up to 10 days of leave in any 12-month period to serve as an organ donor. Reinserts a provision that the definition of “employer” includes employers with 51 or more employees.

Labor/Work-related Notices (HB 3733): Amends the State Finance Act. Changes the name of the Equal Pay Registration Fund to the Equal Pay Fund. Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that any business that is required to file an annual Employer Information Report EEO-1 with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission must submit a list of all employees from the past calendar year to the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Prevailing Wage/Light Poles (HB 3792): Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of “public works” includes all construction projects involving fixtures or permanent attachments affixed to light poles that are owned by a public body, including street light poles, traffic light poles, and other lighting fixtures, whether done under public supervision or direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. Provides for an exception if the project is performed by employees employed directly by the public body.



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Licensed Activities

Nurses Prescribing Authority (SB 199): Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse with full practice authority includes prescribing up to a 120-day supply of benzodiazepines without a consultation relationship with a physician. Provides that thereafter, continued prescription of benzodiazepines shall require a consultation with a physician.

Physician Assistant RX Authority (SB 218): Provides a Physician Assistant with independent prescriptive authority without delegation from a physician in Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Pharmacy Education and Training (SB 303): Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act to include programs recognized by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board under which a new pharmacy technician may be educated and trained. Includes equivalent work experience of 500 hours as a pharmacy technician.

Vaccine Administration (SB 759): Provides that upon completion of appropriate training, authorizes podiatrists to administer influenza, tetanus, and COVID-19 vaccinations to patients 18 years and older. Requires vaccinations to be documented in the patients' records and reported to the patients' Primary Care Providers.

Fire-Resistant Material (SB 1250): Amends the State Fire Marshal Act. Defines "fire-resistant material" and "fire-resistant material applicator." Provides that it is unlawful for a person to engage in business as a fire-resistant material applicator in this State without being certified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Chiropractic Loans (SB 1590): Amends the Underserved Health Care Provider Workforce Act. Includes a student studying chiropractic medicine and chiropractic physicians in the Act's provisions. Amends the Loan Repayment for Physicians Act. Provides that the term "physician" means a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

Health Care Credentialing (SB 1617): Amends the Health Care Professional Credentials Data Collection Act. Provides that "recredentialing" and "single credentialing cycle" must be undertaken for a period not to exceed three years.

Surgical Assistant (SB 1716): Amends the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act. Provides that all applicants and registrants will: provide a valid address and email address to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which will serve as the address of record and email address of record, respectively, at the time of application for registration or renewal of a registration; and inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of record within 14 days after such change.

Medical Practice Collaborative Agreements (SB 1785): Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that the written collaborative agreement between a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches and an advanced practice registered nurse will be for services for which the collaborating physician can provide adequate collaboration.



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Auction/Real Estate Acts (SB 1866): Amends the Auction License Act, the Community Association Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act, Home Inspector License Act, Real Estate License Act of 2000, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002, and the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act. Makes changes in provisions including expiration, renewal, and continuing education; restoration; fees, disposition of funds; disciplinary actions, grounds; investigations, notice and hearing; findings and recommendations; restoration of license; and the various relevant boards.

Pharmacy Practice Act (SB 1889): Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Provides that when a pharmacist is not present in the pharmacy, a registered pharmacy technician, a registered certified pharmacy technician, a student pharmacist, and other supportive staff will dispense prescriptions that have received final verification by a pharmacist. Provides that it shall be the responsibility of the pharmacy and pharmacist-in-charge to ensure that all staff, including supportive staff, are trained in selling pre-verified prescriptions.

Occupational Therapy (SB 2057): Amends the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act. Provides that all applicants and licensees will provide a valid address and email address to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which will serve as the address of record and email address of record, respectively, at the time of application for licensure or renewable of a license; and inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of record within 14 days after such change either through the Department's website or by contacting the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act (SB 2059): Repeals the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 on Jan. 1, 2029. Amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Provides instances in which telehealth may be used. Provides that a veterinarian will not substitute telehealth, tele-advice, telemedicine, or tele-triage when a physical examination is warranted or necessary for an accurate diagnosis of any medical condition or creation of an appropriate treatment plan.

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Licensed Funeral Directors (HB 1367): Amends the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code. Allows licensed funeral directors who have engaged in the practice of funeral directing and embalming for at least 40 years to be exempt from continuing education requirements under the Act.

DFPR Data (HB 1612): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall collect and annually publish data on the racial and ethnic makeup of applicants who were denied licensure by the Department.

Dental Practice (HB 2077): Amends the Dental Practice Act to make several changes, including provisions regarding clean-up legislation from the 102nd General Assembly; language regarding military personnel licensure under the Dental Practice Act; and dental office closure requirements. Adds language clarifying that Continuing Education shall not be approved in subjects such as personal



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financial planning or personal investments. Stipulates that when offering a continuing education course, the course provider shall explicitly disclose that the course is an approved course for continuing education in the State of Illinois under the Act or by the rules adopted by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (DFPR). Adds language to the Controlled Substance Act regarding e-prescriptions. Provides that up to Dec. 31, 2028, a prescriber shall not be required to issue prescriptions electronically if the prescriber certifies to the DFPR that the prescriber will not issue more than 150 prescriptions during a 12-month period.

Worker's Comp Requirements (HB 2145): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law regarding issuance of licenses and unresolved Work Comp issues. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall refuse the issuance or renewal of a license to, or suspended or revoked license of, any individual, corporation, partnership, or other business entity that has been found by the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance to have failed to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by the Workers' Compensation Act; to pay in full a fine or penalty imposed due to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by the Workers' Compensation Act; or to fulfill all obligations assumed pursuant to a settlement reached with the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance relating to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by the Workers' Compensation Act.

IDFPR Omnibus (HB 2207): Updates the various Acts under the Real Estate Division of the Department.

Dental Practice (HB 2267): Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Changes the definition of "public health supervision." Provides that without the supervision of a dentist, a dental hygienist may perform dental health education functions, including instruction in proper oral health care and dental hygiene in, for example, a school setting, a long-term care facility, and a health fair. Provides that a dental hygienist may record case histories and oral conditions. Provides that a dentist may enter into an agreement for public health supervision with four public health dental hygienists.

Speech-Language Assistant (HB 2274): Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall issue a waiver of the 100-hour supervised field work requirement for a licensed speech-language pathology assistant who completed a program of study that includes general education and the specific knowledge and skills for a speech-language pathology assistant in a state in which the 100-hour requirement is not required if, in the opinion of the Department, the person has completed comparable work in the field equal to that completed in a speech-language pathology assistant program in the State.

Radiation Protection (HB 2308): Amends the Radiation Protection Act of 1990. Requires rules or regulations promulgated by the Emergency Management Agency for registration of persons seeking accreditation to specify that an individual seeking accreditation for limited diagnostic radiography shall not apply ionizing radiation to human beings until the individual has passed an Agency-approved examination and is accredited by the Agency.



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Social Work Licensure (HB 2365): Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work practice Act regarding alternative options (in lieu of the current exam) for licensure. Applies this option retroactively five years prior to bill effective date.

Surgery Assistants (HB 2450): Amends the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act. Provides that all applicants and registrants shall provide a valid address and email address to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which shall serve as the address of record and email address of record, respectively, at the time of application for registration or renewal of a registration; and inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of record within 14 days after such change.

Nursing Licensure (HB 2509): Amends the Nurse Practice Act regarding nursing licensure by exam procedures and new nursing education program criteria for IDFP to consider in their program approval reviews.

Massage License Renewal (HB 2756): Amends the Massage Licensing Act. Provides that for the initial renewal of the massage license which requires continuing education, as prescribed by rule, one hour of the continuing education shall include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

IDFP Background Checks (HB 2826): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to provide that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall not require criminal background information in instances where the Department has already stated that the criminal background information cannot be used against an applicant for licensure under the relevant licensing Act.

DFPR Ombudsman (HB 2948): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Office of the Ombudsman for International Applicants within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to assist international applicants in meeting the foreign education requirements for those licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 and the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that the duties of the Office of the Ombudsman for International Applicants would include answering questions about meeting foreign education requirements; assisting international applicants in successful completion of the application forms; coordinating with personnel of the Department in processing the applications; and providing direction to community organizations that assist international applicants.

Medical License Questions (HB 3109): Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. In provisions concerning application for medical licensure, provides that the Illinois State Medical Board, in determining mental capacity, shall ensure questions concerning mental health are compliant with the guidelines of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Electronic Credentials (HB 3206): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2024, the Department of Financial and



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Professional Regulation shall supplement all paper-based certificates, licenses, and authorities with digitally verified electronic credentials.

Cemetery Sales Contracts (HB 3775): Amends the Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act. Provides that the pre-need contract shall provide, if applicable, that if the purchaser does not pay the costs associated with the opening or closing of an undeveloped interment, inurnment, or entombment space, the seller may repossess the undeveloped interment, inurnment, or entombment space.

Local Government

Illinois Waterway Ports Commission (SB 46): Creates the Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Act to: Coordinate and synchronize common efforts and initiatives in the Commission area to enhance the reporting and benefits of statistical data; Make recommendations to the Governor, the GA, Congress, and federal agencies on regional issues that impact multimodal transportation, economic development, environmental sustainability, and climate resiliency; Coordinate and synchronize common efforts and initiatives on the larger Illinois Waterway with the Mid-America Port Commission and the Joliet Regional Port District; Coordinate and synchronize federal activities associated with the nonfederal sponsorship of the M-55 Illinois-Gulf Marine Highway; Request and assist in requesting funding for the Commission area and the surrounding areas, as the Commission deems necessary.

Borrowed Public Employees (SB 895): Prevents local governments from utilizing other local government workers to conduct highway, road, street, alley, bridge, sidewalk, parking lot, driveway, or any other transportation related facility maintenance or repairs unless a disaster has occurred. Permits counties to conduct maintenance or repairs if such structure is part of their county highway system or is jointly performed with an adjacent county through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement. Permits road districts to conduct maintenance or repairs if such structure is part of their district road system or is jointly performed with an adjacent road district through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement. Permits municipalities to conduct maintenance or repairs if such structure is part of their municipality road system or is jointly performed with an adjacent municipality through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement.

Municipal Design-build Authorization (SB 1570): Creates the Municipal Design-build Contracts Division in the Illinois Municipal Code and the School Design-Build Article in the School Code. Provides that a municipality or a school district may enter design-build contracts.

MWRD Civil Penalties (SB 1673): Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Provides that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago may provide for a civil penalty for each offense of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, with each day's continuance of a violation to be a separate offense, excluding costs and fees that may be assessed.

Drinking Fountain/Bottle Filling Stations (SB 1715): Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt a rule requiring that for each drinking



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fountain in any construction required under the Illinois Plumbing Code, there will also be a bottle filling station or a combined bottle filling station and drinking fountain.

EMT Training (SB 1750): Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that board of trustees of a fire protection district must, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, reimburse the mandatory training expenses of an EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or paramedic employed by or under contract with the fire protection district.

Park District Tax Levy (SB 1840): Amends the Park District Code. Provides that a park district may levy and collect annually a tax for maintaining a police system, for implementing and maintaining public safety and security measures, or both within the parks and playgrounds maintained by the district.

Joliet Park District (SB 1861): Amends the Park Commissioners Land Sale Act. Provides that the Joliet Park District may sell the Splash Station if the board of commissioners of the Joliet Park District authorizes the sale by a four-fifths vote of the commissioners, and if the sales price equals or exceeds the average of three independent appraisals commissioned by the Joliet Park District.

Rock Island Regional Port District (SB 1897): Creates the Rock Island Regional Port District Act. Establishes the Rock Island Regional Port District within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Island. Provides that territory of adjacent municipalities may be annexed into the Port District. Provides that the governing and administrative body of the Rock Island Regional Port District initially consists of the Rock Island City Council but will later include the city councils of annexed territories of adjacent municipalities.

County Building Environmental Regulations (SB 1997): Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county with a population of less than 1,000,000 may establish minimum requirements for new building design and construction to lessen the risks caused by new building design and construction to wildlife and sensitive habitats.

County Recorders Omnibus (SB 2227): Amends the Recorder Division of the Counties Code. Removes a requirement that a recorder be commissioned by the Governor. Provides that the chief deputy recorder (rather than the deputy recorder) will be the recorder when the elected recorder is in active military service and that the chief deputy recorder will receive the same compensation as the recorder during this time unless already receiving higher compensation than the recorder.

Administration Adjudication Division (SB 2320): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes the Administration Adjudication Division applicable to all municipalities.

(House Bills)

Rescue Squad/Mental Health Board (HB 475): Amends the Counties Code. Creates a new Section titled "Sangamon County Rescue Squad." Provides that the Sangamon County Board may form, manage, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue squad to aid within Sangamon County to any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services. Also amends the



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Community Mental Health Act to permit a township to levy a tax up to .15% to provide mental health services if approved by referendum.

Metro East Sanitary District (HB 476): Amends the Metro-East Sanitary District Act of 1974. Permits the Metro-East Sanitary District Board to provide medical insurance benefits to employees and commissioners. Also permits insurance to include coverage for employees reliant on treatment through prayer and spiritual means. Permits the board to either pay for premiums or charges or to deduct/withhold from employee compensation. Requires the insurance or the service used to be licensed in the State.

Public Works Supervisor (HB 1067): Amends the Counties Code in respect to the qualifications of a County Superintendent of Public Works. Provides alternative qualifications for a County Superintendent of Public Works. Provides they qualify if they: hold a degree in engineering from an accredited institution of higher learning, or have at least 10 years of professional, management-level experience in either a municipal or county public works department. Requires that at least one employee in the public works department shall be a professional engineer licensed under the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

County Farmland Leasing (HB 1076): Amends the Counties Code. Provides that upon three-fourths vote, the county board may lease farmland acquired or held by the county. Provides that farmland may be leased to either public or private entities for the public purpose of financially supporting the operations of government as the board deems best for the interest of the county, including, but not limited to, crop-sharing arrangements. Permits the leasing for a term of five years.

Economic Development Authorities (HB 1131): Amends the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority Act and does the following: Adds Monroe County to the territory of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority (SWIDA). Provides that the Chairman of the Authority shall be elected by the Board annually from the voting members (rather than elected from the members appointed by the county board chairmen). Provides that members of the Board must participate in Board meetings in person. Allows the Authority to also enter into intergovernmental agreements with Bond, Clinton, and Monroe counties, in addition to other entities. Amends the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority Act. Adds Winnebago and Boone County to the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority and provides each County with an appointment to the Board. Provides that each new County included shall appoint a public member within 60 days of the effective date with one term being three-years and the other being two-years.

County Auditor (HB 1153): Amends the Officers and Employees Article of the Counties Code. Decreases the minimum number of inhabitants that must reside in a county for the county to be required to create the office of county auditor from 75,000 inhabitants to 70,000 inhabitants.

County Bidding (HB 1236): Amends the Counties Code in respect to other considerations required by county boards when selecting a contractor in the competitive bidding process. Provides that county boards may take into consideration a contractor's participation in applicable apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor when awarding a contract.



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Nondiscriminatory Use of Township Funds (HB 1283): Amends the Township Code by creating a new Section titled “Nondiscriminatory use of township funds.” Prohibits a township official from denying financial assistance to an organization based upon the actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of the person who would receive those funds from the organization.

Road District Bidding (HB 1465): Amends the Highway Code to increase the competitive bidding threshold for road district from \$20,000 to \$30,000, above which a township must put construction, materials, supplies, new machinery, or equipment up for competitive bidding.

Surplus Property (HB 1625): Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that, when selling surplus real estate of a fire protection district, the value of the surplus real estate shall be determined by a written MAI certified appraisal or by a written certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real estate appraiser.

Lake County Forest Preserve District (HB 1635): Authorizes the Executive Director of the Lake County Forest Preserve District to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to certain real property located in Lake County to the United States of America and its assigns.

County Vehicle Sale (HB 1727): Amends the Counties Code to permit a county with fewer than 2 million inhabitants to bypass the competitive bidding process for contracts and purchases in the event of the need of replacing a destroyed or inoperable Sheriff’s Department patrol vehicle, with county board approval.

Emergency Services Districts (HB 1740): Amends the Rescue Squad District Act to add “Emergency Services Districts” to serve as an ambulance district, for the purposes of providing ambulance service. The creation of a district requires a petition before the circuit court; the court’s approval for a referendum; and the approval of the majority of voters.

Electronic Filing of Ordinances (HB 2033): Amends the Local Government Debt Reform Act to permit the electronic filing of an ordinance levying a tax for the payment on general obligation bonds or limited bonds.

Highway District Clerk Residency (HB 2040): Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Permits townships/road districts to fill the position of road district clerk with a non-resident if the district. Distinguishes commission counties from township counties. Provides that a commission government county may appoint a non-resident as highway commissioner or contract with a neighboring township to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if there are no other qualified candidates.

Township Voting (HB 2079): Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. States that if a township official is appointed to a not-for-profit board by the Township, then the official may vote on matters involving the not-for-profit (if the appointment is not a paid position). If the township official is serving on a not-for-profit board but was not appointed by the Township, then the official must abstain from voting on matters involving the not-for-profit.



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Solar Energy Contracts (HB 2192): Amends the Park District Code to permit park districts to enter into an agreement related to solar energy for a period not to exceed 20 years if the agreement is authorized by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the park district's board of commissioners.

Open Meetings Act Exemptions (HB 2447): Allows school boards to hold a closed meeting where evidence or testimony presented regarding denial of admission to school events or property, provided that the school board prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning. Also, adds childcare obligations to an existing provision allowing a member to remotely participate if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present. Current law already allows this in cases of personal illness, employment purposes or business of the public body and emergencies.

Municipal Water/Wastewater Funding (HB 2527): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Extends the date that the Municipal Water and Wastewater Funding Study Committee is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to March 1, 2024.

Vital Record Fee Waiver (HB 2841): Amends the Vital Records Act. In provisions on searches by the State Registrar of Vital Records, provides that no fee may be assessed against a victim of domestic violence as defined in the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

Asthma/Epi Pen Medication (HB 2949): Amends the Asthma Inhalers at Recreational Camps Act. Adds "after-school care program" alongside "recreational camp" in various provisions to allow the possession and self-administration of epinephrine auto-injectors or inhalers at such programs. Allows personnel of after-school programs to carry and administer an undesignated asthma medication to any child whom they believe is experiencing respiratory distress. Permits personnel of after-school care programs who have completed an anaphylaxis training program to carry undesignated epinephrine injectors and administer the injector to any child whom the staff believe in good faith may be having an anaphylactic reaction while in the program.

Dixon Park District Solar Panels (HB 2963): Amends a Public Act covenant concerning property of the Dixon Park District to authorize the District to install and operate solar panels, to create all necessary ingress and egress, to construct any necessary connections to the electric grid, and to conduct any other necessary activities for the development and operation of a solar electric generation facility.

Rescue Squad District Fees (HB 2972): Amends the Rescue Squad Districts Act to allow rescue squads to fix, charge, and collect fees for rescue squad services and ambulance services within or outside district but not exceeding the reasonable cost of the service.

Elected President (HB 3337): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, for the Town of Normal, a president must be elected every four years at the general municipal election with other officers to be elected or appointed as set forth by ordinance of the corporate authorities.

Township Public Aid (HB 3424): Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that a drug-related felony does not disqualify an individual from receiving cash assistance from the State. Provides that a local



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governmental unit may aid households under its General Assistance program following a disaster proclamation issued by the Governor if the local governmental unit is within the area designated area. Provides that a local governmental unit may aid under its General Assistance program under a service that complies with a specified provision of the Township Code.

Residential Sound Insulation (HB 3722): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code in respect to the appointments to the advisory committee that determines which homes contain windows or doors that cause offensive odors and are eligible for replacement pursuant to the Residential Sound Insulation Program. Allows the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the Senate to appoint one member each to the advisory committee. Speaker of the House/Senate President already have appointments.

Municipal Police Applicants (HB 3751): Provides that an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States and DACA recipients that are legally authorized to obtain and carry a firearm under federal law are authorized to apply for the position of a municipal police officer, subject to all requirements and limitations to which other applicants are subject (other than citizenship). Provides that a deputy county sheriff or special policeman may be an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law or DACA recipients that are legally authorized to obtain and carry a firearm under federal law.

Pensions

SURS Credit Calculation Changes (SB 1235): Provides that for the purposes of computing service for academic years for any participant, one month of service means a calendar month during which the participant qualifies as an employee and contributes to the System.

Pension Code Deferred Comp (SB 1646): Provides that for universities and teachers, sets parameters prevents solicitation, promotion, or recommendation any other deferred compensation plan besides the one prescribed by the statute.

Disability Benefit for Chicago Laborers (SB 1648): States that Tier 2 employers in the Chicago Laborers Pension Fund that have maxed out the ordinary disability benefit are eligible for a disability pension based on age and contributions. In accordance with Tier 2, such pension will not have automatic annual increases. Codifies transfer of the annuity to the spouse in the case of death of the annuitant in a comparable way.

IMRF Pensions (SB 1824): Requires authorized agents of participating employers to complete a training course provided by IMRF regarding the duties/responsibilities of being an agent within three months of appointment.

Regional Superintendent Pensions (SB 1924): Provides that all regional superintendents of schools will receive the same salary regardless of the population of the region they serve. The salary will be equal to the middle annual salary tier.



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Pension Fund Trustees (SB 2100): States that the legal counsel of the pension fund may administer the oath of office to trustees as an option. For a vacancy to be filled by appointment by the board for the unexpired term from a list of candidates recommended by the trustees. The list of candidates is to be compiled and presented to the board by the executive director of the Fund. A trustee appointed to fill the vacancy of an elected trustee shall serve until a successor is elected.

Treasurer Proxy Voting for Pension Systems (SB 2152): Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Does the following:

- Provides that, upon a 3/5 vote of the Board, the Treasurer shall manage the proxy voting activity on behalf of SURS, TRS, and ISBI, with a sunset date of January 1, 2027. Provides for the revocation of this authority upon a majority vote of the Board. Requires the Treasurer to act as a fiduciary in these cases.
- Requires the Treasurer to provide the pension system boards with comprehensive proxy voting reports on a quarterly basis and access to communicate with its third-party proxy voting service.
- Requires the Treasurer to consider the Board's proxy voting guidance if any such guidance is provided to the Treasurer.
- Provides that the Treasurer and Board shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement concerning costs, proxy voting guidance, reports, and other issues.
- Beginning September 1, 2023, requires the pension system boards to publish an annual report describing how sustainable investment factors are considered as part of their investment policy.

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TRS Optional Credit (HB 1297): Allows downstate teachers to buy up to two years of credit for service at parochial school. Extends a current statute in the Pension code which allows the purchase of up to two years of private/parochial school service credit by TRS active participants starting from when this bill becomes law until June 30, 2028, if the participant: has been a teacher in a private school recognized by the State Board of Education; is a certified teacher when that service was rendered; and completes at least 10 years of TRS contributing service. Requires an active member to pick up employer and employee contributions, as well as the actuarially assumed rate of interest.

MWRD Disability (HB 2035): Clarifies "licensed health care professional" for purposes of disability in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Article of the Pension Code. Changes all references pertaining to doctors, physicians, etc., to "licensed healthcare professional. Concerning the power of the board to waive guardianship, adds a person under legal disability to this power. Clarifies that a representative is managing the beneficiary's affairs.

Subpoena Powers (HB 2057): Gives the Chicago Laborer's Annuity and Benefit Fund and the Cook Forest Preserve Boards of Trustees broader subpoena power, updates the witness fees, and provides that subpoenas are enforceable in Circuit Court and subject to the Code of Civil Procedure.

Downstate Teachers (HB 2147): Extends Downstate Teacher Return to Work provisions. Provides that through June 30, 2026, an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing retirement



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status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year.

Cook County Pensions Overhaul (HB 2352): Makes various changes to the Cook County Article of the Pension Code, including:

- **Calculations:** Beginning on January 1, 2024, the annual earnings, salary, or wages of a member or participant under the Cook County Article is to include an annual earnings, salary, or wage cap that tracks the Social Security wage base and the maximum annual earnings, wages, or salary shall be the annual contribution and benefit base established for the applicable year by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration under the federal Social Security Act
- **Pension Funding:** The employer contribution is to be paid partly with the property tax levy already used and partly with other lawfully available funds of the county. This amount, together with such real estate taxes as are specifically levied under this Section for that year, shall not be less than the amount of the minimum required employer contribution for that year as certified by the Fund to the county board. Does not apply retroactively.

Return to Duty (HB 2390): Amends the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Concerning submission to an examination to determine fitness for duty for police officers whose duties have been suspended because of disability, certification that a police officer is no longer disabled, and authorizing disabled police officers to be assigned to duty during an emergency, excludes police officers who have attained the age of 60. Amend the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code to provide that that a deputy sheriff or police officer who is retired for disability and is age 60 or older may not be recalled to service in any capacity.

Chicago Municipal Article (HB 3161): Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Restores the Chicago Municipal Article to the form in which it appeared before amendment by Public Act 98-641, which has been held unconstitutional. Does so by removing the following: "Use of contributions for health care subsidies. Except as may be required pursuant to Sections 8-164.1 and 8-164.2 of this Code, the Fund shall not use any contribution received by the Fund under this Article to provide a subsidy for the cost of participation in a retiree health care program.

Chicago Police and Fire (HB 3162): Amends the Chicago Police and Chicago Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code to establish a presumption that a fireman or policeman who becomes disabled because of exposure to and contraction of COVID-19 was injured in the line of duty and is entitled to receive a duty disability benefit under the applicable Article of the Code.

CTA Service Contributions (HB 3646): Clarifies that in the allowance for City of Chicago employees to contribute for Chicago Transit Authority Service, the salary calculation to be used at the later of the date of entrance or reentrance into to service at a municipal employee. MEABF initiative.

Downstate Firefighters (HB 3769): Provides that for purposes of the requirement that a policy allow a retired or disabled fireman to elect to remain covered under the policy, replaces definition of fireman



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with that of firefighter. Defines firefighter as a person who is a “firefighter;” a paramedic who is employed by a unit of local government; or an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or advanced emergency medical technician who is employed by a unit of local government.

Public Health

Hospital Immunization Policies (SB 69): Requires every hospital to adopt influenza and pneumococcal immunization policy that includes procedures for identifying patients ages 50 or older for influenza immunization and ages 65 or older for pneumococcal immunization.

EMT Support (SB 761): Creates the EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task Force. The Department of Public Health is responsible for administrative support. Provides that the EMS personnel licensed at or above the level of care required by the specific patient shall be the primary care provider in route to the destination facility or patient's residence. In provisions concerning Vehicle Service Providers, provides that adoption of an alternative staffing model shall not result in a Vehicle Service Provider being prohibited or limited in the utilization of its staff or equipment from providing any of the services authorized by the provisions outlined in the EMS System Program Plan.

Medicaid Omnibus/Hospital Reimbursement Rates (SB 1298): Contains numerous Medicaid rate increases. Notably includes a ten percent across the board increase to hospital Medicaid base rates (\$111.2 million.)

HIPPA Medical Records FOIA Exempt (SB 1670): Amends the Freedom of Information Act to amend the definition of “private information” to include specific examples of medical records. States “medical records” include electronic medical records and the information contained within or extracted from an electronic medical records system operated or maintained by a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act covered entity.

Clinical Trial Participation (SB 1774): Changes the Cancer Clinical Trial Participation Program Act to the Clinical Trial Participation Program Act. Expands the act and allows third parties to cover the ancillary costs for qualifying patients in all clinical trials.

Lyme Disease Innovation Program (SB 1803): Requires the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, and the University of Illinois to establish the Lyme Disease Innovation Program. The Departments shall contract with a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to raise awareness of tick-borne diseases with the public and the medical community to operate the Program.

Health Care Provider (SB 2130): Adds an anesthesiologist to the definition of “eligible health care provider” to include them in loan repayment and scholarship programs.

Home Health Services (SB 2271): Requires the Department of Public Health to issue provisional licenses for Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing agencies, renewable every two years. Allow



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agencies to submit a plan of correction for minor violations of the Act, rather than be subjected to a fine.

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Overdose Prevention (HB 1121): Provides that a trained overdose responder for an organization enrolled in the Drug Overdose Prevention Program administered by the Department of Human Services may dispense drug adulterant testing supplies to any person. Drug adulterant testing supplies shall be stored so that they are accessible only by trained overdose responders.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman (HB 1156): Provides that establishments or facilities licensed under the Acts shall post on the website home page of the licensed establishment or facility a phone number for and homepage link to the Department on Aging's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Provides that an establishment or facility may comply with the provisions by posting the required information on the website of its parent company if the establishment does not maintain a unique website and is not required to comply with the provisions if the establishment or facility and any parent company do not maintain a website.

Outdoor Rx Program (HB 1526): Creates the Outdoor Rx Program Act. Creates the Outside Rx Program to provide funds, through grants established by the Department of Human Services, for outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource or outdoor-based therapy programs serving the citizens of the State of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall establish an advisory committee to assist and advise the Department of Human Services in the development and administration of the Outdoor Rx Program.

Electronic Cigarettes (HB 1540): Includes "alternative nicotine products" and "electronic cigarettes" in the definition of "smoke" or "smoking. Defines "electronic cigarette," "nicotine," and "tobacco product." Makes vaping consistent with current tobacco prohibitions.

Opioid Antagonists (HB 1557): Requires a music venue with a capacity of 1,000 or more to have opioid antagonists available and a staff member trained to administer it. Provides that the venue and staff member shall not be liable for damages from an opioid antagonist administered in good faith. Requires an insurer to consider an insured compliance with the new Liquor Control Act opioid requirement when providing commercial liability insurance.

Access to Public Health Data (HB 2039): Creates the Access to Public Health Data Act. Provides that the Departments of Public Health (IDPH), Human Services (DHS), and Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS) must provide latest available data for each certified local health department within 120 business days after completion of the applicable master data use agreement. Requires IDPH, DHS, and DHFS to execute a single master data use agreement that includes all data sets.

Stroke Centers (HB 2238): Provides for the certification and designation of Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers, Thrombectomy Ready Stroke Centers, and Primary Stroke Centers Plus and makes conforming changes throughout the Act.



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Hospital Licensing (HB 2519): Requires hospitals licensed under the Act to provide information and instructional materials regarding the option to voluntarily donate milk to nonprofit milk banks that are accredited by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America. Provides that the information and instructional materials shall be provided to the parents of each newborn upon discharge from the hospital after the newborn's birth.

Plumber Agreements (HB 2621): Provides that the Department of Public Health (DPH) shall create a pilot program to allow DPH to enter into an agreement with a municipality that employs a State of Illinois certified plumbing inspector (rather than with a licensed plumber employed by a municipality) to do inspections on behalf of DPH and submit appropriate documentation as requested to verify the inspections were completed to the standards required by DPH and outlined in the partnership.

Intubating Training (HB 2820): Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. In the definition of "birthing facility," adds birth centers as defined in the Birth Center Licensing Act. Provides that the written policy and continuing education for providers and staff of obstetric medicine and of the emergency department and other staff that may care for pregnant or postpartum women shall include addressing airway emergencies experienced during childbirth.

Health Care Professionals (HB 2827): Amends the Health Care Professional Credentials Data Collection Act. Provides that "recredentialing" and "single credentialing cycle" must be undertaken for a period not to exceed three years. Provides that forms established by the Department of Public Health under the provisions shall be available in both paper and electronic formats upon request and in the format requested.

Task Force on Homelessness (HB 2831): Creates the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness within the Department of Human Services to facilitate the implementation of a strategic plan and initiatives aimed at decreasing homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization. Provides that the Office shall be led by the State Homelessness Chief Officer who shall report to the Secretary of the Department. Creates the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness within the Department of Human Services to facilitate and implement initiatives related to decreasing homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization in this State.

Lyme Disease Task Force (HB 2855): Provides that one veterinarian appointed to the Task Force by the Director of Public Health must be a practicing Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Adds one medical entomologist appointed by the Director of Public Health to the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to meet not less than four (rather than two) times each year.

At-Home Care (HB 3060): Defines "at-home continuing care" and "at-home continuing care resident." Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to adopt rules meeting specified requirements for providers of at-home continuing care. Tasks the DPH with issuing preliminary certificates of registration, certificates of registration, and renewal certificates of registration to providers of at-home continuing care.



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Insulin Administration (HB 3172): Removes a provision prohibiting a person from being accepted for residency to an assisted living establishment if the person requires sliding scale insulin administration unless self-performed or administered by a licensed health care professional.

Fentanyl Exposure (HB 3203): Provides that a pharmacist or retailer may sell fentanyl test strips over the counter to the public to test for the presence of fentanyl, a fentanyl analogue, or a drug adulterant within a controlled substance. Provides that a county health department may distribute fentanyl test strips at the county health department facility for no fee.

Revenue

Property Tax Payments (SB 74): Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires Cook County to create a task force to make recommendations on how to implement a payment plan program for property taxpayers that are delinquent in their property tax payments.

Common Area Assessment Application (SB 1225): Requires an initial application before granting a \$1 preferential assessment for subdivision common area under 35 ILCS 200/10-35 for counties outside of Cook County.

Payment Due Date Clarification (SB 1641): Requires, when a change is made on a federal return result in a subsequent state tax liability, the resulting liability must be paid at the time an amended state return is filed for the payment of the liability to be considered timely. If not, a late payment penalty is applicable.

Cook County PTAX Interest Penalty Reduction (SB 1675): Lowers Cook County property tax interest penalties while keeping all other Counties the same.

Sales Tax Exemption (SB 1705): Creates a sales tax exemption for military purchases with the proper military identification and form prescribed by the Department of Revenue.

Revenue Omnibus (SB 1963): *See Budget section for details.*

Income Tax Pass Through (SB 2047): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to make consistent provisions that govern the pass-through of certain income tax credits contained in the Act. The bill adds consistent language to each tax credit that applies to a pass-through entity, which then refers to a new section that sets out the parameters for pass-through entities receiving the credit.

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Hydrogen Fuels (HB 2204): Creates the Hydrogen Fuel Replacement Tax Credit Act. Creates an income tax credit for eligible taxpayers in an amount equal to \$1 per kilogram of eligible zero-carbon hydrogen used by the eligible taxpayer during the immediately preceding year. Provides for additional credits if the use of the zero-carbon hydrogen by the eligible taxpayer occurs in an equity investment eligible



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community. Contains provisions concerning applications and credit allocation by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Property Tax Omnibus (HB 2507): Makes numerous changes to various property tax codes including the expansion of the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities to automatically include any veteran of WWII beginning in the 2023 taxable year and the creation of a homestead exemption for surviving spouses of fallen police officers and rescue workers.

TIF Extension Omnibus (HB 2518): Extends the life of six tax increment financing (TIF) districts throughout the state.

Local Government Compensation (HB 2539): Amends the Property Tax Code and Counties Code in respect to how stipends or additional compensation is paid to local county officials. (Treasurers, Sheriffs, Auditors, Assessors, and Coroners). Requires that the Department of Revenue will pay the additional compensation to assessors, treasurers, auditors, coroners, and sheriffs, to the appropriate township or county, and then that money will be deposited by the township supervisor or county treasurer into the dedicated fund for that purpose.

Past-due Returns (HB 2579): Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Stipulates that taxpayers who have non-filed returns from an existing business cannot register a new business until those returns are filed or until it is determined the taxpayer is not obligated to file those returns.

State Government

Polystyrene Ban for State Agencies (SB 58): Provides that after January 1, 2026, or at the renewal of its next contract, whichever occurs later, no vendor contracted through a State agency or department may provide customers with disposable food service containers that are composed in whole or in part from polystyrene foam at any site owned or leased by the State, and instead shall offer only compostable food ware or recyclable food ware for use at sites owned or leased by the State.

Sunset Extension Omnibus (SB 89): Extends the sunsets of several provisions under the Stretch Energy Code, and removes a sunset for a provision establishing fees under the Clerks of Courts Act.

DCEO Grocery Initiative Act (SB 850): Requires DCEO to study food insecurity in urban and rural food deserts and establish the Grocery Initiative to expand access to healthy foods in food deserts in Illinois and areas at risk of becoming food deserts in Illinois. DCEO shall provide grants and other forms of financial and technical assistance to independently owned for-profit, co-op, and non-profit grocery stores, as well as grocery stores owned and operated by units of local government. Applies to both currently existing and planned grocery stores. Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Allows grocery stores that receive funding under the Grocery Initiative to apply to be designated a "high-impact business" and eligible for certain benefits if they received program funding within the 10 years prior to



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submitting their application. *All provisions are subject to appropriation. DCEO received \$20 million for this program in the FY24 Budget.*

Broadband Council (SB 851): Amends the Broadband Advisory Council Act. Creates new Illinois Century Network Study. The Council shall study the feasibility of connecting all Illinois public schools, public libraries, and State-owned correctional facilities to the Illinois Century Network by Jan. 1, 2030. The goal is to give all public schools, public libraries, and State-owned correctional institutions or facilities access to reliable, gigabit-level broadband service by Jan. 1, 2030.

Honor and Remember Flag (SB 1072): Designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the symbol of the State's concern for and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the United States armed forces who have lost their lives while serving. Adds the Honor and Remember Flag to authorize it to be lowered to half-staff in the event of the death of resident military member, law enforcement officer, firefighter, or members of EMS crews. Requires the flag to be flown at the State Capitol and Veteran Cemeteries.

Cooperative Housing Fund (SB 1484): Creates the Cooperative Housing Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury. Requires the Illinois Housing Development Authority to use appropriated moneys from the Fund to award grants to various organizations for cooperative housing developments. Allows \$5 million in such grants to be issued by the Authority in each fiscal year. Subject to appropriations.

Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator (SB 1543): Creates a Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator under LETSB for implementing a mental health support and education program for law enforcement. Provides requirements and duties of the position. The coordinator is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Purchasing of Timber (SB 1560): Makes several changes to the Timber Buyers' Licensing Act. Requires liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 and removes current provisions dealing with lack of payment and damages for wrongful cutting of timber and restructures such provisions. Requires all timber buyers to possess a DNR validated license and a timber identification card. Increases the fee for a resident timber buyers license to \$125 and creates a class for non-resident buying licenses, which carries a \$300 fee.

Firefighter Leave of Absence (SB 1611): Creates the Firefighter Leave of Absence Act. Permits a state employee to be granted leave for firefighter training on one occasion, for up to 200 hours, to participate in training necessary to obtain Basic Operations Firefighter certification from the State Fire Marshal while attending a State Fire Marshal-approved fire academy; and special or advanced training annually, not to exceed 80 hours, after obtaining Basic Operations Firefighter certification from the State Fire Marshal for courses that will lead to additional certification by the State Fire Marshal.

Underground Railroad Task Force (SB 1623): Creates the 10-member Underground Railroad Task Force to develop a statewide plan to connect existing local projects and new projects to create a cohesive statewide history of the Underground Railroad in Illinois, while developing new educational and tourism opportunities.



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COGFA Cleanup (SB 1790): Amends the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. Repeals provisions concerning a now obsolete advisory committee known as the Advisory Committee on Block Grants. Amends the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability Act. Authorizes the deadline for the Commission to complete its annual summary report on State appropriations to be extended if State appropriations have not been enacted by July 1 of a State fiscal year. Provides that the Commission's report on estimated State income must be issued on the third Wednesday in March or within 14 days after the Governor's budget address, whichever is later.

Commission to Redesign the Illinois State Flag (SB 1818): Creates the 20-member Illinois Flag Commission for the purpose of developing new State flag designs and making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning whether the current State flag should be replaced with a redesigned State flag.

JCAR Rulemaking Submissions (SB 1875): Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Requires that during the first notice period before a JCAR action, JCAR is to accept submissions in writing including submissions by email or by publicly accessible means. Gives JCAR the discretion for such submission to be made orally. Requires the notice published in the Illinois register to include an email address where submissions will be accepted. Makes other clarifications on submissions for data, views, or arguments regarding agency rulemaking.

Preference in Disposition or Property (SB 1935): Includes qualified veteran-owned small businesses in the list of entities that may receive preference in the disposition of transferable property.

Land Trust Task Force (SB 2037): Establishes the 15-member Community Land Trust Task Force to collect data regarding the current use of community land trusts in Illinois and opportunities for expansion statewide and membership and goals are provided.

Elections Omnibus (SB 2123): Amends the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act, Election Code, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Act, Park District Code, and the School Code. The most significant provisions include the following:

- **Sponsoring entities of political committees:** Removes requirement for a sponsoring entity to be listed on a political committee's statement of organization forms submitted to SBE.
- **Voter pre-registration for 16-year-olds:** Allows 16-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Voter registration application must be held in abeyance by SBE until they are old enough to vote; then it is sent to the proper election authority.
- **Vote by mail, early ballot, and rejected vote by mail ballot information:** Requires that "the vote by mail (VBM), early vote, and rejected ballot information maintained by each election authority" must be synchronized with the statewide voter registration list every 24 hours. Requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) to maintain this information on its website and make it accessible to State and local political committees. Also requires election authorities to transmit, within one day of receipt, certain VBM and early ballot information. Election authorities must also transmit information on rejected VBM ballots within one day after rejection. If the ballot is cured, it must be removed from the list.



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- **Vote Centers:** Requires curbside voting to be available for a least one vote center per jurisdiction. Requires jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 to have at least two vote centers. Extends sunset on section of code mandating vote centers from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2029.
- **Task Forces:** Creates a Ranked-Choice and Voting Systems Task Force. Purpose is to "review voting systems and the methods of voting, including ranked-choice voting, that could be authorized by law." Creates the Security of Remote Vote by Mail Task Force. Purpose is to study a fully electronic VBM process.
- **Elected Chicago School Board Maps:** Extends the deadline for the passage of the Chicago Elected School Board Maps from July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024.
- **Election Day State Holiday:** Makes November 5, 2024, a state holiday known as the 2024 General Election Day. Adds that schools closed for the holiday must be made available to election authorities to serve as polling places.

Crematory Regulation Act (SB 2146): Provides that the Crematory Regulation Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. Provides that a person who is certified to perform a cremation service in this State must complete, at least once every five years, a continuing education cremation course that is at least two hours in length and that is offered by a continuing education provider recognized by the Comptroller.

Treasurer Proxy Voting for Pension Systems (SB 2152): Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Does the following:

- Provides that, upon a 3/5 vote of the Board, the Treasurer shall manage the proxy voting activity on behalf of SURS, TRS, and ISBI, with a sunset date of January 1, 2027. Provides for the revocation of this authority upon a majority vote of the Board. Requires the Treasurer to act as a fiduciary in these cases.
- Requires the Treasurer to provide the pension system boards with comprehensive proxy voting reports on a quarterly basis and access to communicate with its third-party proxy voting service.
- Requires the Treasurer to consider the Board's proxy voting guidance if any such guidance is provided to the Treasurer.
- Provides that the Treasurer and Board shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement concerning costs, proxy voting guidance, reports, and other issues.
- Beginning September 1, 2023, requires the pension system boards to publish an annual report describing how sustainable investment factors are considered as part of their investment policy.

Medicaid Fraud (HB 2188): Makes several changes in statutes concerning the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to codify and clarify the unit and its function are carried out by the Attorney General and no longer Illinois State Police. Makes changes to the Whistleblower Protection Fund and how moneys are to be dispersed.

Explanation of Rejection (SB 2192): Amends the Procurement Code to state that if a bidder has failed to be awarded a contract after four consecutive bids for the same services to the Department of Transportation, the Capital Development Board, or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the Chief Procurement Officer provide a written explanation why all four bids were rejected.



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CMS Hiring Procedure Changes (SB 2228): Makes several technical and administrative changes concerning procedure for hiring persons with disabilities. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall make available, on its website or the equivalent, information regarding all exempt positions in State service and information showing the number of employees who are exempt and non-exempt from merit selection in each department. CMS shall post on its website no less than every three months information on all positions being exempt or non-exempt from merit selection in each department.

ABLE Program (SB 2247): Provides that the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program may also be referred to as the Senator Scott Bennett ABLE Program; clarifies that entities may make contributions to accounts; and updates the FOIA provisions.

General Revisory Act (HB 2289): Creates the First 2023 General Revisory Act. Combines multiple versions of Sections amended by more than one Public Act. Renumbers Sections of various Acts to eliminate duplication.

Unified Building Code (SB 2368): Amends the Capitol Development Board Act. Beginning January 1, 2025, any building code must do the following:

- Regulate the structural design of new buildings other than residential buildings, in a manner that is at least as stringent as the baseline building code.
- Regulate the structural design of rehabilitation work in existing buildings, other than residential buildings, in a manner that is at least as stringent as the baseline existing building code; and
- Regulate the structural design of residential buildings in a manner that is at least as stringent as the baseline residential code.
- States that no person may occupy a newly constructed or substantially improved commercial building unless the inspection is passed.
- Adds new definitions for “substantial damage” and “substantially improved commercial building.”
- States that a “Qualified Inspector” is an individual certified as a commercial building inspector by the International Code Council or equivalent (rather than “certified by the state of Illinois.”
- Applies to all municipalities, including Chicago. Preempts home-rule.

Comptroller Administration (SB 2406): Amends the State Comptroller Act. Removes the requirement to automatically dissolve inactive funds and makes the language permissive. Replaces the \$500 limit with a \$1,000 limit for state credit cards.

License to Read Program (SB 2419): Creates the License to Read Act. States that it is the policy of the State Library to promote the effective sharing of resources and services among libraries to promote access to information in both print and electronic format.

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IMEA Emergency Grant Qualifications (HB 1187): Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. In provisions on security improvements that assist a not-for-profit organization in preventing, preparing for, or responding to acts of terrorism, requires the Agency to determine that an organization is at high risk of being subject to threats, attacks, or acts of terrorism based on the organization's profile, ideology, mission, or beliefs to be eligible for assistance.

Italian American Heritage Month (HB 1199): States that October of each year is designated as Italian American Heritage Month to be observed throughout the State as a month to recognize the contributions and influence of Italians on American history, achievement, culture, and innovation.

Audit Expense Fund (HB 1566): Amends the State Finance Act. Modifies a Section concerning moneys in the Audit Expense Fund to provide for the transfer of moneys from specified funds into the Audit Expense Fund.

Aftercare Extension DJJ (HB 2054): Provides that upon the discharge of a youth, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is allowed to continue to provide services to the youth for up to 12 months to allow the youth to participate in vocational, rehabilitative, or supportive programs. The continuance of services may be requested by the youth, the youth's parent or guardian, or the Director of Juvenile Justice.

Furniture Safety (HB 2258): Repeals multiple outdated portions of the Furniture Safety Act. Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to adhere to newly passed federal regulations concerning furniture fire safety guidelines.

Personnel Review Board (HB 2266): Amends the State Treasurer Employment Code to compensate members of the Personnel Review Board \$100 per meeting and allow meetings to take place as needed, rather than quarterly.

Cremation Permit Fee (HB 2332): Raises the cremation fee from \$50 to \$100.

Youth Firesetter Interventionists (HB 2372): Amends the State Fire Marshal Act to provide for the creation of the position of Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator within the Division of Arson and must employ a person to serve in that position. States an interventionist must see or connect with a youth.

Omnibus Regulatory Rewrite (HB 2395): Provides for the omnibus regulatory sunset extension and rewrite bill. Contains provisions from the following bills: HB 2247: Repeals the provisions of the Illinois Plumbing License Law concerning irrigation contracts and lawn sprinkler systems on Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2296: Illinois Public Accounting Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2395: Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2473: Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2499: Electrologist Licensing Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029.



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State Police Cleanup (HB 2412): Provides for the Illinois State Police administrative changes, requested by State Police, sheriffs, and law enforcement.

DNR Conservation Officers (HB 2448): Provides that any person hired by the Department of Natural Resources for a sworn law enforcement position or position that has arrest authority must be at least age 20 and have successfully completed an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at an accredited college or university. Currently, the minimum age is 21.

ISP Requirements (HB 2475): Adds the following to the list of alternatives to the collegiate requirement to become an ISP officer: Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal. The above requires honorable discharge from the US Armed Forces or the Illinois National Guard. Adds to the alternative requirement of having at least three years of active and continuous US Armed Forces Duty, that such three years of duty is to include a period of active-duty service in the National Guard when the President or Governor has sent out orders for such active duty. Adds to the list of alternatives a candidate who has successfully completed basic law enforcement training, has at least three years of continuous, full-time service as a peace officer with the same police department, and is currently serving as a peace officer when applying.

South Suburban Airport (HB 2531): Amends the Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act (Peotone). Defines cargo-oriented development as the development of places that are both multimodal nodes of freight transportation and centers of employment in logistics and manufacturing businesses.

Public Library "Bill of Rights" Adoption (HB 2789): Amends the Illinois Library System Act. Requires the adoption of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and states that libraries will not be eligible for state grants unless they adopt it or develop a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books within the public library or library system.

Human Rights Commission (HB 2829): Amends the Human Rights Commission Article of the Human Rights Act. Removes language requiring the Governor to appoint three members to a special temporary panel of commissioners. Requires the Human Rights Commission to appoint at the expense of the Commission a qualified interpreter (rather than a qualified sign language interpreter) whenever a hearing-impaired individual or an individual who lacks proficiency in the English language is a party or witness in proceedings before the Commission (rather than at a public hearing). Changes language in the Act from "his or her" to "the member's."

Procurement Omnibus (HB 2878): Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Among many changes, it: 1) Provides for the Expansion of public/private partnerships between the State (Specifically- Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and any county, municipality, or other unit of local government) that allows these entities to enter public/private partnerships for funding of public projects. These entities will now be allowed to accept unsolicited proposals to fund public works projects. 2) For contracts under \$150,000,000, veteran-owned small businesses will be given certain preferential treatments. 3) Allows Public Institutions of Higher Education to enter certain 30-year contracts.



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Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act (HB 3017): Adds “expediting permit issuance” to the goals of the Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act and makes other changes in the act concerning the duties of the Office of Business Permits and Regulatory Assistance within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety (HB 3097): Provides for a Department of Labor clean-up the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act to close enforcement loopholes and give the department more discretion to process permit applications to accommodate real-world circumstances.

Illinois Secure Choice Program (HB 3155): Establishes a new fee structure for Illinois Secure Choice Program to cover administrative costs of the program; clarifies employer exemptions and the role of the Treasurer’s Office staff in providing administrative support to the program and the Board.

Medal of Honor Committee (HB 3405): Amends the Law Enforcement and Fire Fighting Medal of Honor Act to stagger the terms of office for Committee members. Provides that the terms of the committee members shall be as follows: one of the members shall be appointed for a term of one year, one member shall be appointed for terms of two years, and two members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Committee members shall hold office for four years and the Illinois State Police shall provide administrative support to the Committee.

Native American Remains (HB 3413): Allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create burial sites on DNR-owned land for reburial of repatriated Native American Remains.

Increases Bond Authorization (HB 3551): Increases GO bond authorization by \$165 million. Increases Build Illinois bond authorization by \$535 million.

Generative AI and Natural Language Processing (HB 3563): Provides that the Department of Innovation and Technology shall establish the Generative AI and Natural Language Processing Task Force to investigate and provide a report on generative artificial intelligence software and natural language processing software.

Tinley Park-Park District Quick Take (HB 3743): Allows the State of Illinois, execute and deliver to Tinley Park District, for \$1 paid via quit claim the title to the Tinley Park Mental Health Center and Howe Developmental Center. Tinley Park District is wanting to tear down the old Mental Health Center to build a park. The facility has been abandoned for decades.

CMS Workforce Report (HB 3744): Requires the Department of Central Management Services to annually report to the General Assembly the following characteristics of the State’s workforce: The average age of the workforce, broken out by agency. The average length of service of the workforce, broken out by agency. The number of funded vacancies, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of new hires, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with less than five years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least five but less than 10 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least 10 but less



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than 20 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least 20 but less than 30 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least 30 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month.

Racial Classification (HB 3768): Amends the Uniform Racial Classification Act and offers that when a State agency is required by law to compile or report statistical data using racial or ethnic classifications, that State agency shall also include people who are Middle Eastern or North African.

Budgeting for Results Fund (HB 3856): Provides for the Budgeting for Results Commission's annual bill to cleanup outdated and unused fund language.

Illinois Housing Development (HB 3892): Amends the Illinois Housing Development Act. Provides that the Illinois Housing Development Authority may develop a program that provides incentives for the development of affordable housing projects that incorporate urban and suburban gardening programs.

Automated Traffic Enforcement (HB 3903): Prohibits automated traffic enforcement (ATE) vendors from donating to a political committee established to promote a candidate or public official. Prohibits General Assembly, Municipal, and County members from accepting employment, compensation, or fees from ATE vendors. Adds a two-year revolving door ban specific to General Assembly members and municipal/county employees and officers. Only local governments can determine and issue citations and any contracts delegating the authority are now null and void.

Transportation

Highway Sign Permits (SB 63): Amends the Highway Advertising Control Act. Updates Department of Transportation procedures regarding permit applications for Highway Signs. Requires IDOT to review and approve the application, or notify the applicant of deficiencies, within 45 days. State that new permits are not required when changing from a static highway sign to a digital one. Requires the owner to submit an upgrade form and pay \$200 non-refundable fee upon changing the highway sign to a digital format.

Mobile Safety Testing (SB 273): Authorizes the creation of mobile safety testing companies. Allows those companies to evaluate and issue emission and safety certificates of their own vehicles. Explicitly states trucks, truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, and buses engaged in interstate commerce to remove school buses from mobile testing ensuring that they continue to adhere to school bus standards. Requires a 48-hour notice to IDOT to conduct mobile testing at a vehicle owner's location to ensure oversight.

Ambulance Operations (SB 1251): Requires the siren and lamp or lamps on an ambulance or a rescue vehicle to be always in operation when pedestrians and other drivers are present. Responding vehicles must also reduce speed when approaching traffic-controlled intersections.



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Road Conditions App (SB 1526): Requires the Department of Transportation to develop a mobile telephone application that provides motorists with updated traffic and road conditions.

Bridge Hazard Pilot Program (SB 1653): Requires the Department of Transportation (IDOT) to establish a pilot program for early warning devices for low bridges and viaducts. Devices may include light detection and ranging (LiDAR), radar, visual signals, or increased signage. IDOT may work with the University of Illinois on the program. Authorizes IDOT to adopt administrative rules regarding the pilot program.

Bike Trail Signage (SB 1710): Requires IDOT and local road authorities to erect signage warning vehicles approaching a trail crossing. Requires temporary signage for trail hazards and maintenance. Road and trail signage shall be within 150 feet of the trail crossing.

Regional Transportation Authority Benefit (SB 1892): Provides that persons with transportation benefits due to disability will automatically renew every five years with validated residency and Disability Identification card. For individuals without a Disability Identification Card, they may submit other qualifying documentation.

Bike Lane Maintenance (SB 2014): Requires the Department of Transportation to develop a policy that will provide that improvements will be made during routine maintenance and within 500 feet of the maintenance work on any State Road within a municipality to include high-visibility signage, crosswalk improvements, curb bump-outs, barrier-protected bike lanes, and bus shelters.

Rules of the Road Addition (SB 2028): Provides that Rules of the Road will include best practices related to stranded motorists. Updates will include how to safely pull the vehicle out of traffic, activating hazard lights, when to remain in a vehicle, how to safely exit a stranded vehicle, where to find a safe place outside the stranded vehicle and emergency numbers to call for assistance.

Uber/Lyft Carriers (HB 2231): Amends the Transportation Net Providers Act. Removes rideshare companies' (Uber and Lyft) exemption from the "common carrier" standard, which is a standard of liability a company has for the conduct of their agents and drivers.

Local Road Restrictions (SB 2278): States that local governments are not required to construct new non-designated highways to accommodate semi-trucks. Requires local governments to report to the Department of Transportation any limitations to vehicles imposed by ordinance or resolution and any non-designated highway that is not designed and constructed after Jan. 1, 2023, to the overall length dimension of vehicle (65 feet in length).

Soil Water Conservation District Signs (SB 2325): Authorizes a Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to request the Department of Transportation (IDOT) to install a related sign. The sign can be on a new or existing pole, and IDOT must manufacture and construct the sign and the SWCD must reimburse.

School Bus Stop Arms (SB 2340): Requires all school buses to have a stop signal control arm. Authorizes school buses to have up to two extensions on the stop signal control arms (not required).



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Project Definition (SB 2424): Adds land acquisition to the definition of “project” in the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act.

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Autism Awareness (HB 42): Authorizes Autism Awareness decals for the Universal License Plate.

Transit Omnibus Bill (HB 1342): Provides that the Regional Transportation Authority must make a reasonable effort to contact a suspended rider. Changes the zero-emission bus portion to include only new contracts after 2026. Gives Service Boards relief by allowing them to remain in compliance with statute in the event that supply chain issues arise ordering buses, delay in converting facilities to electric from diesel, a contractual issue with a third party, or lack of funding. Adds recovery ratio exemption language for RTA and PACE buses. Requires the RTA to create a program to provide 25,000 transit assistance pre-loaded cards, with a value of \$20 on each card, to survivors of domestic violence.

Submariner License Plate (HB 1581): Allows the Secretary of State to issue special registration plates designated as United States Submarine Veterans plates to residents of this State who served in the United States Navy as a submariner.

University Police (HB 1865): Authorizes private and public university police to receive a permanent vehicle registration plate beginning with the 2025 registration year and they are required to pay the \$8 registration fee.

Transit Benefits Program (HB 2068): Creates the Transportation Benefits Program Act. Requires employers with 50 or more employees in Cook County or Suburban Townships to provide a pre-tax commuter benefit to their covered employees. Sets maximum amount of benefit to federal maximum of \$300.

Driving Tests (HB 2091): Provides that after the completion of a study to determine age-related issues, the Secretary of State is authorized to raise the age requirement for driving tests.

Traffic Task Force (HB 2131): Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and convene by July 1, 2024, the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force to develop a structured, coordinated process for early engagement of all parties to develop policies to reduce traffic fatalities to zero.

Obstructed View (HB 2389): Provides that a driver’s obstructed view is now a secondary violation by stating that a law enforcement officer cannot stop a vehicle solely based on obstructions between the driver and windows.

Video Conferencing (HB 2431): Prohibits individuals from video conferencing while driving.

Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (HB 2464): Authorizes pedestrian hybrid beacons for areas that do not have a traffic control signal to warn and control traffic.



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Duplicative Motorcycle Testing (HB 2582): Removes the duplicative requirement that persons younger than age 18 must have completed motorcycle examination by the Secretary of State. Keeps the requirements that individuals must complete the Department of Transportation motorcycle safety course.

Lyme Disease (HB 2584): Authorizes Lyme Disease Research decals for the Universal License Plate.

Junk Salvage Certificates (HB 3126): Amends Vehicle Code. Allows salvage certificates to be issued to junk/rebuilt vehicles.

CDL Provisions (HB 3149): Amends the Vehicle Code to bring Illinois within compliance of Federal Law. No later than Nov. 18, 2024, the Secretary of State shall request information from the drug and alcohol clearinghouse (federally regulated) for all applicants applying for an CDL or commercial learner's permit and enforce federal regulations pertaining to drug and alcohol screening. Sets forth additional requirements when approaching or shopping at railroad grade crossings. A commercial learner's permit is valid for 12 months, and certificates of insurance and notices of cancellation or termination of insurance shall be submitted to the Secretary of State electronically.

License Plate Recognition (HB 3326): Amends the Vehicle Code. Bans use of Automatic License Plate Reader's (ALPR) information being shared for the purposes of abortion or immigration enforcement in another state or local jurisdiction. Applies the ban to law enforcement agencies that use ALPR systems without a written explanation of the purpose.

Police and Emergency Vehicle Definitions (HB 3406): Provides that the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" includes emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by proper State or county authorities.

Line Worker (HB 3436): Allows the issuance of the Thank a Line Worker license plate decals for the Universal License Plate.

General Assembly Disability Plates (HB 3578): Authorizes current and retired members of the General Assembly and retired members of the Illinois Congressional delegation who have a disability to request one set of specialized plates which display the International Symbol of Access. The set of specialized plates shall only be issued along with the assignment of a corresponding disability placard that must be displayed in the vehicle. However, the surviving spouse of the retired member shall not be entitled to retain this plate.

Tow Complaints (HB 3707): Adds a new section requiring the Illinois Commerce Commission to post a notice of the administrative citations issued to a safety relocater and the disposition of the citation on its website.

Vehicle Titling Update (HB 3747): Updates the guidelines and procedures concerning titling of vehicles and adds language requiring applications for a certificate of title can also contain a business address.



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Additionally, if the owner or any lienholder of the vehicle does not pick up the vehicle within 30 days after notice was sent to the owner and any lienholder, the vehicle shall be considered abandoned.

Out-of-State Vehicle Purchase (HB 3876): Provides that in provisions concerning vehicles purchased out-of-state, the prospective buyer should apply for registration and certificate of title no more than 45 days after the purchase of the vehicle. Provides that if an Illinois motorist who purchased a vehicle from an out-of-state licensed dealer is unable to meet the 45-day deadline due to a delay in paperwork from the seller, that motorist may obtain an Illinois temporary registration plate.

Immigration IDs (HB 3882): Removes references to temporary visitors' driver's licenses and removes the authorization of those licenses after the passage of this legislation and instead grants the applicant a standard driver's license with federal restrictions. Removes the requirement to have a Social Security Number (SSN) to obtain a standard driver's license or identification card that is not in compliance with the REAL ID Act. Allows the Secretary of State to accept, as proof of date of birth and written signature of an applicant for a standard identification card, any passport from the applicant's country of citizenship or a consular identification document validly issued to an applicant. Provides for additional documentation to receive a "Limited Term REAL ID compliant driver's license."

Veterans Affairs

Atomic Veterans Day (SJR 66): Declares July 16, 2023, as Atomic Veterans Day in Illinois to celebrate and commemorate Illinois's key role in the Manhattan Project

Honor and Remember Flag (SB 1072): Designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the symbol of the State's concern for and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the United States armed forces who have lost their lives while serving. Adds the Honor and Remember Flag to authorize it to be lowered to half-staff in the event of the death of resident military member, law enforcement officer, firefighter, or members of EMS crews. Requires the flag to be flown at the State Capitol and Veteran Cemeteries.

Homeless Family Placement (SB 1376): Amends the Homeless Family Placement Act. Requires a referring agency to also consider the military status of any member of the homeless family when determining eligibility for State or federal benefits such as housing or rental assistance, job training, and employment opportunities.

Death Certificates for Vets (SB 1595): Amends the Vital Records Act. Allows for any active duty or honorably discharged veteran's family to receive a free certified death certificate. Previously was only for active duty or retired (20 years of service) service members.

Sales Tax Exemption (SB 1705): Creates a sales tax exemption for military purchases with the proper military identification and form prescribed by the Department of Revenue.



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Housing Veterans Preference (SB 2005): Requires housing authorities to develop and implement policies granting housing preferences to veterans who are homeless. Preferences are to be cumulative with other preferences for which the veteran qualifies.

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Military Service (HB 925): Creates the Veteran Service Organizations State Charter Act. Provides that a veteran service organization shall be considered state chartered when the organization meets all the requirements listed in this Act and the organization's application for state charter status has been approved by the Attorney General. Sets forth the requirements a veteran service organization must meet to obtain state charter status, and application requirements.

Animal Adoption/Fee Waiver (HB 2500): Requires animal shelters to waive adoption fees for a dog or cat if the person adopting has "veteran" on their ID a veteran ID or an ID card issued under the federal Veterans ID Card Act and a valid State ID card. Allows for shelter to limit the number of adoptions to one dog or cat in a 2-year period.

Vital Records/Veterans Death (HB 2856): Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that the death certificate for an individual with a history of military service may include or may be amended to include the branch of the military that the deceased individual served in, the period that he or she served in the military, and whether a military service-related injury contributed to the cause of death.

Order of Protection for Military Members (HB 3103): Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Stalking No Contact Order Act, and the Civil No Contact Order Act. The bill allows Illinois National Guard and reserve military service members who are survivors of non-consensual sexual conduct and have received a military protective order to receive protection under the state's civil no-contact and stalking no-contact orders.

DFPR/Military Fee Waiver (HB 3295): Provides that the military liaison for the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation responsibilities include notification of federal assistance programs available to reimburse costs associated with applicable licensing fees and professional credentials of a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces arising from relocation to another State.