

2017 New Laws

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Public Official Threatening (SB 2034/PA 100-0001): Expands existing law regarding threats to public officials by making it a Class 3 felony to also threaten an attorney employed by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Children and Family Services, or the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; or an assistant public guardian, attorney, social worker, case manager, or investigator employed by a duly appointed public guardian. Also advances bail reform and an extension of Illinois' RICO law.

Prevailing Wage Schedule (HB 3044/PA 100-0002): States that the Department of Labor will publish on its official website a prevailing wage schedule for each county in the State by Aug. 15 every year. The wages will be set by the wages ascertained by the Department during the month of June.

Mandatory Minimum Firearms/Drug Penalty Reductions (SB 1722/PA 100-0003): For five years subjects repeat firearm offenders to presumptive sentencing at the higher range of existing sentencing laws unless the judge finds that a departure from the presumptive sentencing is warranted. Reduces the protected area for drug crimes from 1,000 to 500 feet, requires protected persons be present at the time, and requires prosecutors prove a connection between the crime and the protected area before a felony can be enhanced. Expands the eligibility for the Offender Initiative Program, Second Chance Probation and other drug probation programs as well as creates a 5 year First Time Weapon Offender Diversion Pilot Program for offenders under 21. Expands eligibility of sentencing credits for inmates in the Department of Corrections. Increases access to educational, vocational and re-entry programming for individuals incarcerated for truth-in-sentencing offenses, allowing eligible individuals to reduce

their sentence. Allows the Prisoner Review Board to terminate a person's mandatory supervised release if that person is determined to be low-risk. Creates the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force within the Department of State Police.

Used Vehicle Sales and Implied Warranty (HB 1560/PA 100-0004): Makes changes with regard to coverage of used motor vehicles and disclaimer of implied warranty. Current law says an agreement for the sale of a used motor vehicle subject to the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act must contain a statement explaining to the purchaser what the implied warranty covers (e.g. power train components for 15 days or 500 miles, whichever is earlier). This bill will add to that by allowing the statement to be on a separate document and by clarifying exceptions to the general rule -- such as antique vehicles, vehicles labeled "as is," and not heavy-duty trucks. The intent of the law is to provide a balance of consumer protection in covering certain power train components without being too burdensome on the seller.

ATM Postings (HB 1783/PA 100-0005): Amends the Electronic Fund Transfer Act by requiring a person who owns a non-bank ATM to post a phone number for consumers to call to report problems and to post the Illinois Department of Financial Professional Regulation (IDFPR) phone number. Repeals the Check Printer and Check Number Act.

Secure Choice Program Modifications (HB 2360/PA 100-0006): Amends the Secure Choice Savings Program Act to incorporate recommendations of the Secure Choice Savings Board regarding a revised implementation timeline, default contribution rate (allows the Board to set between 3-6%) and clarifies that the fund need not register as a security under state law.

College Entrance Exam (HB 2442/PA 100-0007): Requires that the college entrance exam be given during the school day during regular school hours.

Technical Educator Test (HB 2470/PA 100-0008): Makes minor changes to current requirements for a career and technical educator endorsement and for a provisional career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations.

Natural Gas Motor Fuel Taxes (HB 2801/PA 100-0009): Levels the tax paid on compressed natural gas (19 cents/gallon) and liquefied natural gas or propane (21 cents/gallon) to match tax paid on gasoline and diesel fuel, respectively, when used as a motor fuel.

Veterans' Service Task Force Repeal (HB 2973/PA 100-0010): Transfers duties, information, and report responsibilities from the Illinois Discharged Service-members Task Force to the Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council. Dissolves the Task Force as of July 1, 2018.

ISP Education Waiver for Veterans (HB 3095/PA 100-0011): Provides that a person may have three years of full active and continuous military duty and received an honorable discharge before hiring in order to meet the collegiate educational of the Department of State Police.

Mental Health Pilot Program (HB 3703/PA 100-0012): Creates a two-year mental health pilot program beginning Jan. 1, 2018, for which a mental health facility located in Rock Island County, Illinois, may accept the admission of an Iowa resident from the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region. The pilot program must also provide that a resident of Rock Island County, Illinois, who is a person subject to involuntary admission may receive inpatient treatment in an Iowa mental health facility.

Educator Licensure (HB 3820/PA 100-0013): Makes the following changes to Article 21B of the School Code dealing with educator licensure: 1.) Changes the minimum age to 19

(currently 20) for a person to be eligible to receive an educator license. 2.) Provides that an individual who holds a career and technical educator (CTE) endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career and technical education classrooms. Also provides the same allowance for individuals who hold a provisional or part-time provisional CTE endorsement. 3.) Removes the requirement that holder of a provisional CTE endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations must complete a minimum of 20 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution. 4.) Adds an endorsement as a Director of Special Education to the list of current special education endorsement areas already allowed to be affixed to a Professional Educator License for any individual that meets State Board of Education requirements (established in rules). This provides statutory authority for the existing Director of Special Education endorsement. 5.) Changes requirements for out-of-state and out-of-country applicants regarding the types of degrees/coursework that can qualify for licensure. 6.) Provides that any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not working in a position requiring such endorsement is not required to complete Illinois Administrator Academy courses. 7.) Provides that the State Board must audit a subset of approved professional development providers. 8.) Provides that school psychologists may renew their professional educator license by providing proof of a valid national license.

Implicit Bias Training (HB 3869/PA 100-0014): Creates a new section on in-service implicit bias training for educators. Requires the in-service training to include training to develop cultural competency (rather than training on civil rights and in cultural diversity), including understanding and reducing implicit racial bias (rather than including racial and ethnic sensitivity and implicit racial bias). Defines "implicit racial bias."

Child Support Income Shares (SB 69/PA 100-0015): Makes adjustments and corrections to

legislation relating to income shares and child support obligations.

Wind Power Installers (SB 71/PA 100-0016):

Deletes wind power installers from ICC rules/certification requirements.

Alcohol at Special Events (SB 941/PA 100-0017):

Amends the Liquor Control Act and updates definition of “special event retailer” to include the sale or offering of spirits. Establishes additional reporting and record-keeping requirements for third-party providers.

Extends Repeal of Human Trafficking Task Force (SB 986/PA 100-0018):

Amends the Human Trafficking Task Force Act, and Extends repeal of Human Trafficking Task Force from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018.

Juvenile Justice Training (SB 1519/PA 100-0019):

Removes specialized degree and experience requirements for Department of Juvenile Justice personnel who participate or assist in the rehabilitative and vocational training of delinquent youths.

ATT/Telecom Modernization Act (HB 1811/PA 100-0020):

Facilitates the transition from traditional landline telephone services to modern 21st Century IP telephone landline services. Extends the sunset of the 9-1-1 rewrite provisions which was set to be repealed on July 1, 2017 and extends the sunset date to December 31, 2020. Advances a surcharge rate increase from \$.87 to \$1.50 per line across the state and enables Chicago to raise its 9-1-1 rate to \$5 per line (currently \$3.90).

FY17 Supplemental Budget and FY 18 Budget (SB 6/PA 100-0021):

Includes a FY 17 supplemental and FY 18 budget. The Democrat majorities’ fiscal year 2018 budget includes spending of approximately \$37.6 billion (SB6) with estimated total revenues of only \$36.3 billion. This results in a \$1.3 billion structural deficit.

- It counts on \$500 million in savings from Tier 3 for new hires’ pension reforms that most likely will not

materialize in FY18 because each retirement systems is allowed to set its own implementation date.

- In this budget, no surplus cash available to pay debt service on the \$6 billion bill backlog borrowing authorized by the General Assembly. A \$6 billion borrowing would need approximately \$650 million in cash to cover FY18 debt service.
- A drafting error strands \$215 million in State Pensions Fund that is intended to provide GRF relief for SURS pension payment.

The budget hole grows to \$2.6 billion when you include \$1.3 billion in unpaid bills from FY17 with no appropriations. New FY18 appropriations will first be used to pay these old bills. It should be noted that the majority’s budget process resulted in numerous mistakes and/or drafting errors that could make it difficult, if not impossible for the Administration to enact some parts of the budget. There is also no guarantee K-12 schools will open on time, as the budget specifically requires passage of an “evidence-based model” school funding formula.

Income Tax Increase (SB 9/PA 100-0022):

Increases the individual income tax rate to 4.95% (currently 3.25%) and the corporate income tax rate to 7% (currently 5.25%) beginning July 1, 2017. This is a 32 percent income tax increase, which is expected to bring in about \$5.5 billion in new tax revenue.

Additionally, Senate Bill 9:

- Reinstates the Research & Development Credit. Provides the credit will sunset on January 1, 2022.
- Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit to 14% of the federal tax credit beginning January 1, 2017 and then 18% of the federal tax credit beginning January 1, 2018.
- Increases the Education Expense Credit to \$750 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2017. Provides an income limit for taxpayers claiming this

credit: \$500,000 for joint filers and \$250,000 for all other taxpayers.

- Implements an income limit for taxpayers claiming the standard deduction and receiving a tax credit for property taxes: \$500,000 for joint filers and \$250,000 for all other taxpayers.
- Creates a credit for instructional materials and supplies beginning January 1, 2017.
- Closes corporate tax incentives.
- Expands taxation of off shore businesses who also have a taxable presence in Illinois.
- Extends the sales tax exemption for "majority blended ethanol fuel" and "100% biodiesel and biodiesel blends" through December 31, 2023 (currently expires December 31, 2018).
- Provides that graphic arts machinery and equipment will be included in the MM&E exemption beginning July 1, 2017.
- Rewrites the Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act to follow newly established unclaimed property procedures established by the Uniform Law Commission in 2016. This is the product discussions with all of the various stakeholders within unclaimed property. However, financial groups remain opposed.

Budget Implementation Act (SB 42/PA 100-0023): Creates the FY 19 Budget

Implementation Act (BIMP) to make changes to state programs that are necessary to implement the FY 18 budget. Of note:

- Within 30 days of the effective date of the Act, the following rate increases must be implemented subject to emergency rulemaking authority:
 - \$0.75/hour wage increase for DD front line workers. **(Fiscal: \$43.4 Million)**
 - \$0.72/hour wage increase to be paid to CCP homemaker workers. Additionally, an enhanced rate of \$1.77/hour to

be paid to CCP In-home service provider agencies that offer health insurance coverage to their employees and adjusted annually based on the cost of care actuarial analysis. **(Fiscal: \$49.9 Million)**

- 3% increase to drug and substance abuse providers. **(Fiscal: \$1 Million)**
- An increased rate methodology with annualized the increases for contracts to certified community mental health centers based on additional amounts appropriated for that purpose. **(Fiscal \$3.5 Million)**
- \$0.48/hour for Home Service Program workers. **(Fiscal \$12.6 Million)**
- 2.8% increase for supportive living facilities. **(Fiscal: \$4.3 Million)**
- 2.8% increase for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRF's) **(Fiscal Impact: \$4.3 Million)**
- **Total Fiscal Impact - \$119 Million**
- Speeds up payments to units of local government by having IDOR deposit amounts directly into LGDF, instead of depositing into GRF and then the Treasurer making the transfer into LGDF. Also provides to reduce the deposits by 10% for FY 18 only.
- Provides, for FY 2018, to set the share of individual income taxes deposited into the Income Tax Refund Fund at 9.8% and the share of business income taxes deposited at 17.5%.
- For TRS, SURS, and non-covered SERS – Beginning FY 2018, creates a voluntary Tier 3 Hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan for Tier 2 members.
- Increases the personal needs allowance (PNA) for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICFDD's), Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs), medically

complex for developmentally disabled facilities (MC/DD's) and Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRF's) so that total monthly allowance is \$60.

- *The \$60 PNA was repealed on 1/1/16 and reverted back to the following:*
 - *\$50/month for CILA's*
 - *\$30/month for ICFDD's and MC/DD's*
 - ***The repeal resulted in \$3.2 Million saving to the State. According to DHS, based on the current budget outlook for Illinois, the proposed increase would need to be offset by alternative existing program cuts or an increase in state revenues.***
- Permits State entities to enter in energy savings contracts or leases. These include contracts for improvement, repair, alteration, betterment, equipment, fixture, or furnishing that is designed to reduce energy consumption or operating costs. Agreements shall not be over 15 years. Contracts may include alternative financing, or lease to purchase options.
 - Requires the Director on Aging to establish a 19 member Community Care Program Services Task Force to review community care program services for seniors and strategies to reduce costs without diminishing the level of care.
 - Amends the General Obligation Bond Act to authorize an additional \$6 billion in Income Tax Proceed Bonds for the purposes of paying down the backlog of bills. Provides the bonds are payable 12 years from the date of sale.
 - Identifies nearly \$300 million in special fund transfers to GRF.

PANDAS-PANS Insurance Coverage (HB 2721/PA 100-0024): Mandates that a group of individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care must provide coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).

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Agriculture, Animals and Hunting

Agriculture Task Force (SB 1991): Establishes the Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force.

Animal Welfare (SB 1882): Provides for a statewide pet sourcing standard for IL pet stores, while maintaining local control. Prohibits pet stores from acquiring dogs and cats from sources that are not licensed by the USDA. Requires pet stores to obtain copies of breed inspection reports prior to purchasing a cat or dog. Requires pet stores to microchip all dogs sold.

Commercial Fishing Device Restrictions (HB 3272): States that lake trout, salmon, and Lake Whitefish may not be taken using commercial fishing devices like gill or pound nets in order to clean-up the statute.

Commercial Fishing Licenses (HB 3273): Cleans up language in the Fish and Aquatic Life Code regarding commercial fishing licenses. Five licenses will still be available, but DNR must now advertise a public drawing for qualified applicants which will determine ranking for waiting list for unfilled licenses.

Control Funds for Feral Cats (SB 641): Changes the Animal Control Act by allowing a county animal population control fund to be used to support feral cat spay, neuter, and vaccinate programs which are recognized by the county or municipality, but exempts Cook County.

Department of Agriculture Inspection Requests (HB 3058): Provides that upon receipt of an inspection request from any municipality, park board, or other board or person in control of public grounds the Department of Agriculture shall review the application and may comply with it as deemed appropriate. Repeals section regarding consignees' notifying the Department

of receiving shipments of nursery stock from foreign countries.

Department of Ag Rental Facilities (SB 1902): Allows the Department of Agriculture to establish locally held funds to receive and disburse security deposits for the rental of facilities.

Diseased Animals Records (HB 2998): Allows the Department of Agriculture to keep the agency's rules on their website. Currently, these records are required to be printed.

Farm Nuisance Suits and Horses (SB 1529): Adds the action of "keeping" livestock to the definition of the term "farm" in the Farm Nuisance Suit Act. Adds "horse keeping" and "horse breeding" to the activities included under the definition of the term "farm" in the nuisance suits brought by new neighbors to the farm.

Illinois Brand Documentation (HB 3090): Provides that the Illinois Department of Agriculture must make available, in electronic format, all recorded livestock brands. This is a way for the Department to reduce paper waste and address negative audit findings.

Repeal Agricultural Export Advisory Committee (HB 2995): Repeals the Agricultural Export Advisory Committee and makes conforming changes in other parts of law.

Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act (SB 1884): Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act, providing that after the completion of any research involving a dog or cat a research facility shall access the health of the dog or cat to determine whether it is ready for adoption and make reasonable efforts to adopt out suitable animals.

Snow Inconvenience Fees for Farmers (HB 1800): Allows county boards to pay increased inconvenience fees to farmers that allow farmable land to be used as snow breaks on highways.

Trapping Regulations (HB 2685): Cleans up language in the trapping regulations worked upon by the Illinois Trappers Association and the Department of Natural Resources.

Traveling Elephant Show Ban (SB 1342): Makes participation in traveling elephant shows a Class A misdemeanor. Specifies that violations are subject to a civil penalty of no less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 for each violation. The legislation does not apply to non-mobile exhibits, including zoos.

Weights and Measures (HB 3121): Provides that the Department of Agriculture may prohibit any person from using a commercial weighing or measuring device for failure to pay an administrative monetary penalty within 60 days of issuance of notice from the Department.

Wildlife Hunting Licenses (HB 3093): Adds a new definition to the Wildlife Code of “hunting license” meaning an electronic or physical license authorizing a person to take a certain type of animal during a specified period of time.

Business, Commerce, Regulation and Licensure

Act, Provision and Licensure Repeal (SB 1821): Illinois Athlete Agents Act, Land Sales Registration Act of 1999, and Real Estate Timeshare Act of 1999. Deletes provisions requiring Internet auction listing services to be registered with the IDFPR. Deletes the Auctioneer Real Estate License allowing auctioneers to sell real property.

Acupuncture Practice Act Changes (HB 2630): Changes the name of the Acupuncture Practice Act to the Acupuncture and East Asian Medicine Practice Act and extends its sunset to Jan. 1, 2028. Expands scope of practice to include the

use of needles and the practice of “dry needling,” electro or magnetic stimulation, cold lasering, and cupping, and adds “East Asian Medicine” to their scope of practice.

Acupuncture Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 898): Extends the repeal date of the Acupuncture Practice Act to January 1, 2028, and makes language updates.

Alcohol at Special Events (SB 941/PA 100- 0017): Amends the Liquor Control Act and updates definition of “special event retailer” to include the sale or offering of spirits. Establishes additional reporting and record-keeping requirements for third-party providers.

Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act Changes (HB 3897): Provides that, under the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act, “amusement ride” includes any trampoline court, which is defined as a commercial facility composed of one or more trampolines, a series of trampolines, a trampoline court foam pit, or a series of trampoline foam pits, but does not include a gymnastic training facility.

Animal Welfare (SB 1882): Provides for a statewide pet sourcing standard for IL pet stores, while maintaining local control. Prohibits pet stores from acquiring dogs and cats from sources that are not licensed by the USDA. Requires pet stores to obtain copies of breed inspection reports prior to purchasing a cat or dog. Requires pet stores to microchip all dogs sold.

Aquatic Dealer License Expiration (HB 2028): States that non-resident and resident aquatic life dealer licenses, wholesale aquatic life dealer licenses, mussel dealer permits, minnow dealer licenses, taxidermist licenses, aquaculture permits, commercial roe dealer permits, and daily fee fishing area licenses shall all expire on March 31 of each year.

Asphalt Roofing Materials Disposal (HB 2876): Provides that no sanitary landfills within a 25-mile radius of an eligible shingle recycling facility shall accept for disposal loads of whole

or processed asphalt shingles. Makes conforming changes and deletes language that sunset that section of the law.

AT&T Modernization (SB 1839): Moves from traditional landline telephone services to the modern 21st Century IP telephone services. This legislation includes 9-1-1 rewrite provisions. The surcharge rate is increased from \$.87 to \$1.50 per line across the state, and enables Chicago to raise their 9-1-1 rate to \$5 per line.

Automobile Dealers' License Task Force (HB 2567): Creates the Automobile Dealers' License Task Force to study the licensing and oversight of the nontraditional dealers, such as online auto dealers doing business in the State. The Task Force shall report the findings of the study to the General Assembly on or before Dec. 31, 2018, at which time the Task Force shall be dissolved. The task force is repealed Jan. 1, 2019.

Catfish on the Menu (SB 312): Requires that if a menu lists "catfish" as an item it must belong to a specific family of fish native to North America, and introduces fines for non-compliance.

Certificates of Registration (HB 819): Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to provide that certificates of registration be required to be renewed on an annual basis (currently every five years).

Clinical Social Work Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 768): Extends the sunset date for the Clinical Social Work Practice Act to Jan. 1, 2028, and provides for language updates to match current practice, and to create conformity with other practice acts administered by IDFPR.

Common Interest Community Associations and Condos (HB 189): Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act & the Condo Act to state that if a lienholder or mortgagee is required to provide approval for an amendment to a community instrument, they will be recorded as consenting if they do not respond within 60 days. Requires notice of the

amendment must be sent by certified mail. States that an association with 100 or more units must use Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in fulfilling any accounting obligations. Provides that a condo board that experiences a surplus at the end of the fiscal year may use the surplus in certain way. If a condo board experiences a deficit at the end of the fiscal year, the board may roll the deficit over into the next year's budget. Provides that unit owners may object and offer other options. Association by-laws must allow 21 (rather than 14) days for unit owners to submit a written petition objecting to a board decision. Makes conforming changes to similar sections of the Act. Association boards must maintain unit owner information that includes email addresses and telephone numbers (in addition to, names, addresses, and weighted votes). Owner information and ballot information may not be used for "commercial purposes." Deletes language referring to "proper purpose" for such records. Associations must provide requested documents to members within 10 days (rather than 30 days) of request. Removes the burden of proof from the member to prove why they are entitled to requested records. Removes the requirement that boards charge for copies of records and makes it permissive. Combining of units and amended plats to allow for additional exclusive use of common areas adjacent to the combined unit. Provides that such exclusive right is not a diminution of the ownership interests of other unit owners.

Compact Background Checks (SB 1085): Allows IDFPR to run background checks for current and future multistate medical compacts.

Construction/Demolition Debris (SB 1807): Allows construction/demolition debris haulers to operate without fear of violating contracts cities currently have with their waste haulers by prohibiting any municipality from entering into a contract or franchise with a private entity that includes general construction or demolition debris. This prohibition does not apply to the renewal or extension of any currently existing

contracts regardless of whether the contract automatically renews, is amended, or is subject to a new request for proposal.

CPA Restrictions (SB 899): Eases restrictions on CPA firms that practice within Illinois but whose principal is not located within Illinois. Provides for the appointment of a CPA Coordinator and provides the duties and responsibilities for the role. It also provides that a CPA firm or sole practitioner shall comply with Department rules and notify the Peer Review Administrator within 30 days after accepting an engagement for services requiring a license and to undergo a peer review within 18 months after the end of the period covered by the engagement (rather than undergo its first peer review during the first full renewal cycle after it is granted its initial license).

DCFS Daycare Database (HB 2388): Requires DCFS to establish and maintain a searchable database, freely accessible to the public, that provides information on whether, within the past five years, a day care home, group day care home, or day care center has had its license revoked or has surrendered its license during a child abuse investigation, or whether an application for renewal of a license was denied by the Department.

Deaf Interpreter Licensure (SB 325): Extends the sunset date for the Interpreter of the Deaf Licensure Act for 10 years, from Jan. 1, 2018, to Jan. 1, 2028.

Entrepreneur Learner's Permit (SB 1462): Establishes an "Entrepreneur Learner's Permit Pilot Program," which will allow DCEO to establish a program that will reimburse first time business owners in the information services, biotechnology, and green technology industry for their State filing, permitting, or licensing fees with the State.

Food Handling Safety (SB 2057): Provides that a county health department or unit of local government may not regulate the preparing/serving of food private in residential leaseholds. Exempts Chicago.

Disabled Vendor Qualifications (HB 3899): Provides a not-for-profit agency for persons with significant disabilities is a qualified agency if it is accredited by a nationally-recognized accrediting organization or certified as a developmental training provider by DHS. Provides subcontracts will be permitted for agreements authorized for not-for-profit agencies for persons with significant disabilities. Provides the State Use Committee must develop a strategic plan for increasing the number of services purchased from qualifying not-for-profit agencies.

Early Childhood Program-Expel (HB 2663): Prohibits daycare providers who receive state money or who are state-licensed from expelling children. Provides steps for planned transitions for children who exhibit persistent and serious challenging behavior. Provides that planned transitions are not considered expulsions.

Edge Tax Credit Reports (SB 1567): Adds a reporting requirement to EDGE tax credit recipients. Every April 15, the tax credit recipient must send a report to DCEO detailing supplier diversity goals for female-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small business enterprises.

Educator Licensure (HB 3820/PA 100-0013): Makes the following changes to Article 21B of the School Code dealing with educator licensure: 1.) Changes the minimum age to 19 (currently 20) for a person to be eligible to receive an educator license. 2.) Provides that an individual who holds a career and technical educator (CTE) endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career and technical education classrooms. Also provides the same allowance for individuals who hold a provisional or part-time provisional CTE endorsement. 3.) Removes the requirement that holder of a provisional CTE endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations must complete a minimum of 20 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution. 4.) Adds an endorsement as a Director of Special Education to the list of

current special education endorsement areas already allowed to be affixed to a Professional Educator License for any individual that meets State Board of Education requirements (established in rules). This provides statutory authority for the existing Director of Special Education endorsement. 5.) Changes requirements for out-of-state and out-of-country applicants regarding the types of degrees/coursework that can qualify for licensure. 6.) Provides that any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not working in a position requiring such endorsement is not required to complete Illinois Administrator Academy courses. 7.) Provides that the State Board must audit a subset of approved professional development providers. 8.) Provides that school psychologists may renew their professional educator license by providing proof of a valid national license.

Electronic Filings with SOS (HB 3514): Declares that electric filings from LLCs and Corporations made with the Secretary of State will not be deemed expedited services subject to certain fees solely because the filings are made electronically. As well as, provides continuity of funding within the Business Services Special Operations Fund while increasing electronic filings that are not expedited services.

Employee Religion (SB 1697): Provides that it is a violation for an employer to impose as a condition of obtaining or retaining employment any term or condition that requires a person to violate or forgo a sincerely held practice of his or her religion. This includes any attire, clothing, or facial hair in accordance with the requirements of his or her religion.

Exemptions to Collateral Recovery Act (SB 1834): Clarifies existing law and expressly provides two exemptions from the Illinois Collateral Recovery Act for “vehicle auctioneers licensed under the Illinois Vehicle Code” and “forwarding companies.” Neither of these entities undertakes repossession of vehicles, so they are unable to comply with requirements under the law.

Expatriate Foreign Tax Haven (HB 3419): Prohibits the State from doing business with, or investing the retirement system, in companies that incorporate in foreign tax havens to avoid paying income taxes in Illinois. The retirement system has the authority to engage in activism. The Retirement System may bring shareholder resolutions and proxy voting on shareholder resolutions. If the retirement system determines the shareholder activism is unsuccessful, then they will divest from the company.

Food Allergen Awareness Training (HB 2510): Provides all certified food service managers employed by a restaurant must receive allergen awareness training. Sets forth training program requirements, including accreditation and topics covered. Includes exemptions for multi-state businesses and franchisees, and certain facilities (convenience stores, grocery stores, etc.) with a medium or low relative risk of causing food borne illness.

Genetic Information Privacy (SB 318): Provides an employer shall not penalize an employee who does not disclose his or her genetic information or does not choose to participate in a program requiring disclosure of the employee’s genetic information.

Home Kitchen Regulations (HB 3063): Seeks to address challenges facing farmers’ market vendors, and seeks to implement safe, fair, and consistent regulations throughout the state. With relation to farmers’ markets, in the Home Kitchen Operation section, provides baked goods and only high-acid fruit pies are allowed. Under the Cottage Food Operation section, removes a list of non-potentially hazardous foods allowed, and includes a list of prohibited foods. Adds a statement regarding safety to the cottage food operation application.

Illinois Freedom to Work Tech Fix (SB 858): Amends the Illinois Freedom to Work Act to fix a drafting error and clarify that a low-wage employee is one whose earnings do not exceed the greater of minimum wage or \$13 per hour,

in order to ensure these employees enjoy the protections of the law as intended.

Interior Designers (SB 326): Establishes expanded requirements for continuing education (24 hours) and changes the title of the Design Title Act to Registered Interior Designer. Provides for lien rights which a registered interior designer does not currently have.

Land Surveyor Act Changes (HB 3322): Changes references to “Land Surveyor-in-Training” to “Surveyor Intern” and makes conforming changes throughout the Act and makes changes concerning the practices that constitute the practice of land surveying. Also, provides that IDFPR shall issue a license to a person who is a graduate of an approved land surveying curriculum of at least four years who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule, or is a graduate of a baccalaureate curriculum but has met certain requirements and passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule. As well as, makes changes to the minimum standards for enrollment as a Surveyor Intern.

Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act Changes (HB 2577): Extends the sunset of the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act to Jan. 1, 2027. Also, makes the following changes: 1.) Changes references of “associate marriage and family therapist” to “associate licensed marriage and family therapist” throughout the Act and other Acts. 2.) Allows an individual to take the licensure examination immediately after graduation, by permitting a person granted licensure as an associate licensed marriage and family therapist. After the associate licensee completes the required clinical experience under supervision, they shall be granted full licensure. 3.) Adds definition of “email address of record” and allows IDFPR to send licensure information through email or traditional mail. Allows applicants to apply for licensure electronically; currently only in writing. 4.) Clarifies language on the findings and recommendations by the Secretary of IDFPR after a hearing on the disciplining of a

licensee. Makes other changes regarding disciplinary actions by IDFPR. 5.) Adds new provisions regarding IDFPR’s role in certifying records in court and the confidentiality of applicant information. 6.) Clarifies language on the findings and recommendations by the Secretary of IDFPR after a hearing on the disciplining of a licensee. Makes other changes regarding disciplinary actions by IDFPR. 7.) Makes no changes to a licensed marriage and family therapist’s overall scope.

Meat Inspection Licenses (HB 3081): Provides that beginning July 1, 2018, licenses issued to Type I and Type II establishments (meat/poultry processing and slaughtering) shall not expire if the licensee remains in compliance with the Act. Makes an administrative change regarding requests for inspectors to conform to current practices.

Medical Practice Act (SB 1348): Extends the repeal date of the Medical Practice Act for 10 years, to Dec. 31, 2027.

Metal Beverage Containers (HB 2386): Authorizes any person to sell or offer to sell at retail any metal beverage container designed and constructed in such a manner that a part of the container is detachable in opening the container without the aid of a can opener if the part comprises substantially all of one of the ends of the metal beverage container.

Minimum Wage Exemption (HB 3631): Provides for an exemption to the Illinois Minimum Wage Law regarding employees of a minor league professional baseball team so long as they don't operate more than 7 months per year.

Minimum Wage Increase (SB 81): Increases the minimum wage incrementally to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2021. Additionally, increases the minimum wage for 15, 16, and 17 year olds incrementally to \$12 per hour by January 1, 2021. Provides for an income tax credit for some employers who would be affected by this change.

Minority Business Act (SB 262): Adds new language to The Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Adds new reports needed to be submitted by vendors, including diversity reports. Requires the report for all vendors under penalty of losing State contracts for one year. Allows for an appeal process. Requires State agencies and higher education institutions to review all current contracts looking at diversity. Creates a utilization plan to be submitted by vendors certified under BEP to demonstrate how they have met their diversity goals.

Motor Vehicle Franchise Act (SB 1687): Updates the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act in multiple areas including export chargebacks, facility upgrades, signage, vendor choice of building improvement, right of first refusal, dealership owner requirements, and sales performance.

Networking for Success Program (HB 1813): Provides that DCEO must establish a program for Illinois small businesses to assist them with SEO, GIS, web design and social media marketing. Subject to appropriation.

Non-Medical Licensee Restrictions (SB 1688): Eases restrictions on non-medical licensees or applicants after felony convictions. Also, deletes Section 13 of the Criminal Identification Act, reworked tracking requirements to exclude renewal licensing data and restore the disciplinary record expungement application fee but reduced it from \$200 to \$175.

Notary Act (SB 265): Amends the Notary Act including the following: removes language regarding a notary's signature from statute; provides references to "electronic communication" in sections concerning advertisements and notices; removes the sunset provision regarding the procedure for the rubber stamp seal and black ink from the "Official Seal and Signature" section of the statute and moves the language to the Certificate of Notarial Acts section of the statute; provides that notaries public shall not

deliver a signed, blank form to another person with the intent that it be used as an affidavit or acknowledgement.

Nurse Anesthetists Grandfather Exemption (SB 1094): Extends to July 1, 2023, a grandfather exemption for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists for those licensed before Masters Degrees were required.

Physician Assistant Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 1585): Extends the regulatory sunset date for the Physician Assistant Practice Act to January 1, 2028. As well as, updates scope and expansion of duties in the act.

Principal Endorsement Professional Educator Licensure (HB 2898): Removes the June 30, 2021, sunset date for the principal endorsement on Professional Educator License.

Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act Changes (HB 3464): Amends the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 to include the Department of Corrections to the list of approved employers in which an applicant may gain the required experience for licensure.

Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act Changes (HB 1772): Moves a requirement that an applicant must submit certification issued by the Illinois State Police that the applicant's fingerprinting software and equipment meets State Police specifications from the "fingerprint vendors" section to the "fingerprint vendor agencies" section of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act.

Public Aid Client Small Business Loans (HB 736): Allows the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a small business grant program for public aid recipients who are interested in developing a new start-up business.

Real Estate Licensure (HB 3528): Consolidates the Real Estate Education Advisory Council with the Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board and transfers its functions to the Board. As well as, merges all pre-license schools and continuing education license schools into one “education provider” license in their place. Also, provides that aspiring leasing agents who receive a 120-day permit to practice without a license to enroll in the required educational program within 60 days of obtaining the 120-day permit, and removes language that stated no individual will be allowed to work as a leasing agent more than a single time in that individual’s lifetime. Additionally, reinstates language that would allow IDFPR to establish continuing educational requirements for licensed leasing agents with advice and recommendations from the Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board as well as stating that of the 15-member board, 12 are required to have been actively engaged as managing brokers or brokers or both for at least the 10 years prior to the appointment.

Renew Educator License (HB 655): Provides that if a holder of a Professional Educator License has an available email address, renewal notices may be sent electronically. Notification is to be sent no more than 6 months prior to lapsing.

Rent-to-Own Contract (SB 885): Attempts to regulate rent-to-own contracts for real property by requiring a written contract that must allocate the amount of monthly payment to be used for rent, principal, interest, taxes, insurance and other costs; requiring a buyer be provided with amortization schedule prior to closing and every year; requiring the contract be recorded; establishing a structure for defining which party is responsible for repairs, real estate taxes and insurance. This only applies to sellers who enter into more than three installment contracts in any 12-month period.

Rental Car Damage Fees (SB 1730): Repeals the statutory limit on the amount a rental car

company can charge per day for a damage waiver.

Roofing Industry Licensing Act Changes (HB 732): Allows an employee to perform roofing or waterproofing work to his or her employer’s residential property without a roofing contractor license, if an employer-employee relationship exists. Limits an employee to only being able to perform roof repair (rather than roofing) or waterproofing work to his or her employer’s commercial or industrial property without a roofing contractor license, if an employer-employee relationship exists.

Service Pricing Fraud Protections (SB 298): Provides that it is not an unfair business practice to charge different prices based entirely on time, difficulty, and market conditions as it relates to hair stylists, barbers, alterations, dry cleaners. Also, clarifies that the seller is liable under Section 7 of the Act, which is the only section that governs injunctive relief, restitution, and civil penalties.

Small Business Development Grants (HB 2698): Creates the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Fund allow DCEO to finance intermediary agreements, loans, grants, or investments in Illinois. Also, increases loan caps under the program.

Special Trust Funds (HB 656): Provides that, beginning July1, 2017, employer contributions from special trust and federal funds the rate, expressed as a percentage of salary, shall be equal to the total employer’s normal cost, expressed as a percentage of payroll.

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act Extension (SB 771): Extends the repeal of the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act to January 1, 2028.

State Business Prohibition (SB 1720): Prohibits employers from doing business with the State and State Agencies if they willfully or repeatedly violate various wage and hour labor laws. Amends the Wage Payment and

Collection Act. Increases penalties to employers or their agents for willfully refusing to pay owed wages, final compensation or wage supplements under the Act, as well as subsequent violations.

Subcontractor Pay (HB 2664): Requires contractors to pay each subcontractor whenever the contractor receives a payment. Provides if a contractor is assessed liquidated damages by the State, the contractor is still responsible to each subcontractor under the subcontracts. For contracts with the Department of Transportation, provides that if a contractor is assessed a liquidated damages penalty equal to or exceeding the total amount of the contract and the contractor is unable to pay its subcontractors, the DoT shall verify completion of the work performed by the subcontractor and, upon successful verification, pay the subcontractor the amount owed on the subcontract with the contractor.

Switchblade Knife-FOID card (SB 607): Allows for the selling, manufacturing, purchasing, possession, or carrying of a switchblade knife by a person with a valid FOID card or by a person or entity engaged in the business of selling or manufacturing switchblade knives.

Test-Drive with Vehicle Sign (HB 733): Prohibits a new or used auto dealer from allowing a person to leave their lot with a vehicle with sign, decals, paperwork, or other material that could block a driver's vision. A person found guilty of this will be fined between \$50 and \$500 for a first-time offense and guilty of a Class C misdemeanor for a second or subsequent violation.

Used Vehicle Sales and Implied Warranty (HB 1560/PA 100-0004): Makes changes with regard to coverage of used motor vehicles and disclaimer of implied warranty. Current law says an agreement for the sale of a used motor vehicle subject to the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act must contain a statement explaining to the purchaser what the implied warranty covers (e.g. power train components for 15 days or 500 miles,

whichever is earlier). This bill will add to that by allowing the statement to be on a separate document and by clarifying exceptions to the general rule -- such as antique vehicles, vehicles labeled "as is," and not heavy-duty trucks. The intent of the law is to provide a balance of consumer protection in covering certain power train components without being too burdensome on the seller.

Wage History (HB 2462): Prohibits employers from requiring information about a job applicant's previous salary history, and diminishes employer defenses under the Act. Substantially increases penalties, including an up to \$10,000 civil fine, injunctive relief, and attorney's fees as determined by the Court.

Workers' Compensation – Insurance Carrier Rate (HB 2525): Requires DOI preauthorization of insurance rates, codifies new process for which DOI will approve or disapprove an insurance carrier's rate. Contains self-insurance oversight that's not exempt from public disclosure under FOIA. Establishes a rate and premium review task force to explore insurance company profits and understand deviations from NCCI recommended rates. Small changes to workers' compensation, however includes new employer penalties. The legislation contains no real changes to the medical fee schedule, and very little changes to indemnity.

Children and Families

Alternative Dispute Resolution (SB 67): Provides a new avenue for alternative dispute resolution for conflicts arising from family and domestic relations. Aggrieved parties may choose to resolve their dispute through this collaborative process. If they chose to do so, they will retain their respective attorney and these attorneys will communicate directly with each other in an attempt to reach a resolution.

Birth Certificate Changes (HB 1785): Provide changes concerning the issuance of new birth certificates for those who have undergone gender transition treatment. In order for a person to change their sex designation on their

birth certificate, a licensed health care professional or licensed mental health professional must make a declaration concerning the treatment. Requires that the licensed health care professional or licensed mental health professional sign and date a specified document. Provides that following the issuance of a new birth certificate, the individual may request the original certificate and evidence of adoption, paternity, legitimation, or change of sex designation for inspection or certification purposes.

Child Abuse Hotline (SB 764): States that DCFS may, in cooperation with school officials, distribute appropriate materials in school buildings listing the child abuse hotline number to be displayed in a clearly visible location in each school building. Applies to all regular public schools, all public charter schools and Chicago Public Schools.

Child Classification Reports (HB 3168): Ensures a child's attorney or guardian ad Litem receives all documents and reports from DCFS necessary to adequately represent the child by requiring that prior to classifying a report in the central register, the person making the classification must determine whether a child is the subject of a juvenile delinquency action with an open placement or intact family services case with DCFS, or the subject of an abuse, neglect, or dependent minor action. Establishes standards and requirements for transmitting the report to the attorney or guardian.

Child Placement (SB 931): Clarifies that a shelter placement is meant to be an emergency temporary placement for a minor. Requires the public agency that is the guardian of the child to file a written report to the court when: a shelter placement lasts beyond 30 days; a psychiatric hospital admission lasts beyond medical necessity; or a child remains in a detention center because placement cannot be found.

Child Support Income Shares (SB 69/PA 100-0015): Makes adjustments and corrections to legislation relating to income shares and child support obligations.

Companion Animals and Divorce (SB 1261): States that in cases of divorce, the court shall allocate the sole or joint ownership or responsibility for a companion animal of the parties. In making this custody determination the court shall take into consideration the well-being of the companion animal. Establishes other guidelines with regard to consideration of pets in divorce proceedings. Also, establishes that "companion animal" does not include a service animal, which is an animal trained in obedience and task skills to meet the needs of a person with a disability. A companion animal is one commonly considered by the owner to be a pet.

Counseling Minors (HB 3709): Authorizes providers who are counseling minors without parental consent to use their judgment and experience to continue or discontinue counseling the minor without parental consent. Increases the number of sessions a provider who is counseling a minor, between the ages of 12 and 17, may provide without parental consent to eight 90-minute sessions (rather than five 45-minute sessions).

DCFS Daycare Database (HB 2388): Requires DCFS to establish and maintain a searchable database, freely accessible to the public, that provides information on whether, within the past five years, a day care home, group day care home, or day care center has had its license revoked or has surrendered its license during a child abuse investigation, or whether an application for renewal of a license was denied by the Department.

Domestic Violence Program for Abuse and Neglect (SB 646): Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to implement a five-year domestic violence co-location pilot program in which certified domestic violence advocates who are trained in domestic violence services, and employed through a certified domestic violence provider are assigned to work in a DCFS field office with child welfare investigators of domestic violence.

Early Childhood Program-Expel (HB 2663):

Prohibits daycare providers who receive state money or who are state-licensed from expelling children. Provides steps for planned transitions for children who exhibit persistent and serious challenging behavior. Provides that planned transitions are not considered expulsions.

Fictive Kin (SB 1746): Revises the definition of “fictive kin” to ensure that the unrelated individual has significant close personal ties with the child.

Foster Children’s Rights (HB 3542): Adds to a list of rights provided to every child in foster care that children shall have the right to be placed in the least restrictive and most family-like setting available and in close proximity to his or her parent’s home, consistent with his or her health, safety, best interests, and special needs.

Missing Child Reporting (SB 1439): Provides that at the time of first contact with an individual making a report of a missing child who is younger than 18, the local law enforcement agency shall provide the individual with information, prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and posted on its website.

Out-Of-State Minor Residential Treatment (HB 2910): Allows the court to approve the placement of a minor in an out-of-state residential treatment center upon application by DCFS when the court determines that the placement is in the best interest and is the least restrictive, most family-like setting for the minor.

Parental Rights for the Blind Act (HB 2626): Creates the Parental Rights for the Blind Act. Establishes that a person’s blindness shall not be the basis of 1.) A denial or restriction of parenting time or responsibilities; 2.) Denial of participation in adoption; 3.) Denial of foster care or guardianship. DCFS will develop and implement procedures that ensure and provide equal access to child welfare services and programs. The protections may extend to proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act.

Placement Plans for Minors (HB 1791):

Authorizes courts to enter orders for DCFS to expedite the implementation of placement plans for minors.

Prescription Monitoring Program (HB 2708):

Authorizes certain Department of Children and Family Services employees to have access to the Prescription Monitoring Program database to assist in the investigations of child abuse and neglect.

Probate Act-Children Born With Gametes as Heirs (SB 883):

States that an inheritance of a child born by use of gametes is limited to children who fulfill the following requirements: the dead parent’s gametes exist even if not an embryo at death; the child is born within 36 months of the parent’s death; the parent gives written consent; the dead parent has provided written consent for a child born with gametes; the administrator of the estate receives a written notice within six months of the parent’s death that state that the gametes exist, the person has intent to use the gametes, and the person has the intent to raise the child as their own.

State Group Health Adoption Definition (HB 817):

Defines the term “placement for adoption” under the State Employees Group Insurance Act, and for the purpose of “dependent” when that term is used in the context of the health and life plan. Makes conforming changes. Provides employer MAY make a Health Saving Account available to their employee. Removes language mandating amount employer must match.

Youth In Care References (HB 3169):

Changes references of children, now known as “wards of the state,” to “youth in care” throughout various statutes in response to an Executive Order that ordered DCFS to refrain from use of the term “ward.”

Youth in Care Reports (SB 973):

Requires DCFS to submit annual reports to the General Assembly regarding youth in care waiting for placement. Beginning in 2018, on every Dec. 31

through 2023, reports are to provide specific details regarding the youth waiting for care during the previous year.

Youth Transitional Housing (HB 3212): Amends the emancipation process allowing a youth to be placed in youth transitional housing without a court order. Removes language pertaining to homeless minors from provisions governing: purpose and policy; jurisdiction; rights and responsibilities of an emancipated minor; petitions; and hearings. Repeals the definition of “homeless minor” and “youth transitional housing program.”

Consumers

Animal Welfare (SB 1882): Provides for a statewide pet sourcing standard for IL pet stores, while maintaining local control. Prohibits pet stores from acquiring dogs and cats from sources that are not licensed by the USDA. Requires pet stores to obtain copies of breed inspection reports prior to purchasing a cat or dog. Requires pet stores to microchip all dogs sold.

Battery-Operated Smoke Detectors (HB 3773): Requires landlords to install smoke detectors with long-term batteries (10-year life span). These would be double the cost of the smoke detectors currently required by state law.

Consumer Statements Protection (SB 1898): Provides that it is an unlawful business practice to include in a contract, proposed contract for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services (retail level transactions), any provision requiring the consumer to waive his or her right to make any statement regarding the consumer’s experience with the business. Seeks to protect consumers from unknowingly giving up their freedom to speak freely about their online retail experiences, and prevent them from being intimidated or penalized for doing so.

Predatory Lending Database (SB 776): Adds an option for borrowers and counselors to conduct counseling via electronic face-to-face

technology, with regard to the Predatory Lending Database. Makes other changes to required information and definitions as related to the database.

Sale of Vehicle Protection Product Exemption (HB 3072): Amends the definition of “vehicle protection product” to include protective chemicals and substances and exclude fuel additives, oil additives, or other chemical products applied to the engine, transmission, or fuel system of a motor vehicle. Provides that no vehicle protection products sold or offered for sale in the State shall be subject to the provisions of the Code or the Service Contract Act unless offered as a service contract under the terms of the Service Contract Act.

Security Deposit Return (HB 3001): Provides for specific notice requirements from lessor to lessee regarding disposition of security deposits. The lessor must deliver in person or by postmarked mail deliver receipts or costs of repairs. If the lessor cannot produce necessary receipts then an itemized list along with any other evidence and a verified statement can be produced evidencing repair costs. Further, if a written lease provides specific costs for repair, replacement, or cleaning, the lessor may withhold the specific amount with provision of itemized statement.

Used Vehicle Sales and Implied Warranty (HB 1560/PA 100-0004): Makes changes with regard to coverage of used motor vehicles and disclaimer of implied warranty. Current law says an agreement for the sale of a used motor vehicle subject to the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act must contain a statement explaining to the purchaser what the implied warranty covers (e.g. power train components for 15 days or 500 miles, whichever is earlier). This bill will add to that by allowing the statement to be on a separate document and by clarifying exceptions to the general rule -- such as antique vehicles, vehicles labeled "as is," and not heavy-duty trucks. The intent of the law is to provide a balance of consumer protection in covering certain power

train components without being too burdensome on the seller.

Crime, Courts, Corrections and Law Enforcement

Adult Guardianship Video Conferencing (SB 1319): Provides that if a person is unable to attend in person for adult guardianship proceedings, the judge can decide to hold the hearing at a place that is convenient. The judge can also follow the Illinois Supreme Court rule, or the local rules, and decide if a video conference is appropriate. Any circuit court may adopt rules that are consistent with the rules of the Illinois Supreme Court for video conferencing in a hearing under state law. No rule will preclude a party from seeking the presentation of testimony under state law.

Aggravated DUI Causing Death (HB 3084): Establishes that driving suspended or revoked based on an aggravated DUI that causes death is treated the same way for sentencing purposes as driving suspended or revoked based upon a reckless homicide.

Birth Record Fee (SB 1413): Waives the search fee for a birth record search, or an additional fee for a certified copy of the record, for people released on parole, mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or pardon.

Burden of Proof (SB 1422): Provides that the prosecution will not be required to prove at trial facts which extend the general limitations or establish periods excluded from the general limitations, when the facts supporting extension of or the exclusion from the period of general limitations are properly pled in the charging document.

Concealing Identity (SB 1842): States that when the victim is under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, allows for a prosecution for involuntary servitude, involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, or trafficking in persons and related offenses to be commenced within 25 years (rather than one year) of the victim attaining the age of 18 years.

Child Classification Reports (HB 3168): Ensures a child's attorney or guardian ad Litem receives all documents and reports from DCFS necessary to adequately represent the child by requiring that prior to classifying a report in the central register, the person making the classification must determine whether a child is the subject of a juvenile delinquency action with an open placement or intact family services case with DCFS, or the subject of an abuse, neglect, or dependent minor action. Establishes standards and requirements for transmitting the report to the attorney or guardian.

Cook County Applications for Judgment (HB 155): Extends the application for judgment and order of sale deadline in Cook County.

Criminal Protective Orders (HB 3718): Revises and consolidates provisions regarding obtaining and issuing orders of protection, protective orders, and no contact orders.

Criminal Sexual Offense (SB 189): Provides that when the victim is under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, a prosecution for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, or criminal sexual abuse may be commenced at any time. This will be the case, regardless as to whether corroborating physical evidence is available or if it's a case where an individual who is required to report an alleged or suspected commission of any of these offenses under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act fails to do so.

Crisis Intervention Team Training (HB 375): Requires the Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to create an introductory course to provide all police with an awareness of mental illness issues. This would include history of mental health systems; types of the illness including systems; medications; and the potential interactions law enforcement officers may have with sufferers and their families. Adds mental health awareness and response to minimum in-service training requirements.

Department of Corrections Nurses (SB 19/Governor Vetoed): Provides that the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) may not let bids for contracts that would have the effect of reducing the number of DOC employees, whose employment is related to medical or mental health services, as their headcount stood on January 1, 2016.

DOC Tablet Visitations (HB 3712): Allows the Department of Corrections to provide educational and visitation opportunities to committed persons through temporary access to content-controlled tablets.

DOC Video Visitation (HB 2738): States all Department of Corrections' institutions and facilities must permit every committed person to receive in-person visitors and video contact, if available, except in cases of abuse of the visiting privilege or when the chief administrative officer determines that such visiting would be harmful or dangerous.

DOC Video Visitation (HB 2989): States the Department of Corrections may not restrict or limit in-person visits due to the availability of interactive video conferences.

Domestic Violence Cell Phones (SB 57): Allows victims of domestic violence to petition a court to keep their current wireless phone and phone number by petitioning a court to separate a shared wireless service plan without approval from the primary account holder. Under the terms of the bill, the petitioner assumes all financial responsibility for their cell phone after that.

Drug-Induced Homicide Charge (SB 639): Allows Illinois prosecutors to charge someone with drug-induced homicide even when the delivery of the drugs to the victim, which resulted in the victim's death, occurred outside the state.

Electronic Cyberstalking (HB 3251): Expands the cyberstalking statute by prohibiting the electronic harassment of a person using spyware or electronic tracking software to

transmit a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint towards that person or a family member of that person.

Eviction Terminology Update (HB 3359): Changes references to "forcible entry and detainer actions" and "actions for possession" to references to "eviction actions" and "eviction orders." Establishes that the Illinois Supreme Court must provide a standardized residential eviction order form to be used statewide.

Expungement Fee Waiver (SB 1781): Extends the pilot program in Cook County waiving the fee to be paid for a petition to expunge or seal records of arrests resulting in release with charging or arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated. Extends the inoperative date for the program to on and after Jan. 1, 2019.

FOID Card to Possess Tannerite (SB 315): Requires a FOID Card to possess "pre-packaged explosive components" such as tannerite (a binary exploding compound that is placed on targets and explodes when hit by a bullet). Makes it a Class 4 felony to sell "pre-packaged explosive components" such as tannerite to someone without a FOID card.

Hate Crimes (HB 3711) Adds cyberstalking, transmission of obscene messages and certain acts of intimidation to the list of crimes that can be prosecuted as hate crimes to address the increasing use of technology to attack victims. In addition to existing civil causes of action allows for the imposition of a new civil penalty up to \$25,000 for each violation. In addition, the Attorney General's office is given civil enforcement authority. Concerns were raised that the legislation extends this to "harassment" type offenses; most hate crime offenses have been contained to property damage and bodily harm offenses. **(HB 2390):** Removes the cap on restitution for a hate crime committed in or causing damage to a place of worship. Requires offenders to perform at least 200 hours of public or community service plus

enroll in an educational program discouraging hate crimes as a condition of probation or conditional discharge for a hate crime.

Illinois Administrative Procedure Act Cleanup

(SB 584): States that circuit courts will be given power to correct misnamed parties if there was proper service of the misnamed agency or there was good faith effort to properly name the agency, but an incorrect name was on the filing.

Illinois Trust Act (SB 31): Prohibits law enforcement agencies and officials from detaining or continuing to detain an individual solely on the basis of an immigration detainer or non-judicial immigration warrant or from otherwise complying with an immigration detainer or non-judicial immigration warrant unless presented with a valid, enforceable "federal warrant." Prohibits a law enforcement from stopping, arresting, searching, detaining, or continuing to detain a person solely based on an individual's citizenship or immigration status unless presented with a valid, enforceable "federal warrant." Gives immunity to law enforcement from any civil or criminal liability for release of a person if acting in good faith. Creates new training mandates for law enforcement compliance with the Illinois TRUST Act.

Immediate Sealing of Records (HB 514): States that records of charges that result in an acquittal or dismissal with prejudice, except for minor traffic offenses, may be immediately sealed after the final disposition of the case. Upon entry of judgment, the defendant shall be informed of this right and the proper procedures to follow to have records that are eligible be immediately sealed.

Inmate Training Dogs for PTSD Veterans (HB 2897): Allows the Helping Paws Service Dog Program to train dogs for veterans with PTSD and depressions. A non-profit service dog training program is to train committed persons at IDOC to train service dogs for the purpose of helping veterans with PTSD and depression.

"Judicial Officer" Description (SB 1647):

Amends the Judicial Privacy Act to provide that "*judicial officer*" includes retired justices and judges.

Jury Exclusions Prohibited (SB 889): Provides that as unless otherwise specifically provided by statute, no person who is qualified and able to serve as a juror may be excluded from jury service on the basis of: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, economic status.

Juvenile Electronic Monitoring (SB 1399):

Provides that the drug court treatment program may also, subject to the approval of the Chief Judge of the Circuit, establish a program for electronic monitoring of juveniles with regard to drug-related and alcohol-related offenses.

Juvenile Expungement Expansion (HB 3817):

Automatically expunges records related to juvenile delinquency findings two years after the case is closed. Excludes homicides, felony sex offenses, certain bodily harm offenses, forcible felonies other than burglary, and weapons offenses. Applies to burglary, misdemeanor sex offenses, felony and misdemeanor drug offenses, and misdemeanor domestic battery. States that juvenile adjudications (convictions) that are not eligible for the expanded automatic expungement can now be expunged sooner by petitioning the court two years (rather than 5 years) after the case is closed; first degree murder or sex offenses requiring registration are excluded.

Juvenile Justice Training (SB 1519/PA 100-0019):

Removes specialized degree and experience requirements for Department of Juvenile Justice personnel who participate or assist in the rehabilitative and vocational training of delinquent youths.

Law Enforcement Sexual Assault Investigation (HB 270):

Requires each law enforcement agency to have a written policy regarding the investigation of an officer involved in sexual assault. Investigators must have completed specialized training approved by either the

Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board or the State Police.

Mandatory Minimum Firearms/Drug Penalty Reductions (SB 1722/PA 100-0003): For five years subjects repeat firearm offenders to presumptive sentencing at the higher range of existing sentencing laws unless the judge finds that a departure from the presumptive sentencing is warranted. Reduces the protected area for drug crimes from 1,000 to 500 feet, requires protected persons be present at the time, and requires prosecutors prove a connection between the crime and the protected area before a felony can be enhanced. Expands the eligibility for the Offender Initiative Program, Second Chance Probation and other drug probation programs as well as creates a 5 year First Time Weapon Offender Diversion Pilot Program for offenders under 21. Expands eligibility of sentencing credits for inmates in the Department of Corrections. Increases access to educational, vocational and re-entry programming for individuals incarcerated for truth-in-sentencing offenses, allowing eligible individuals to reduce their sentence. Allows the Prisoner Review Board to terminate a person's mandatory supervised release if that person is determined to be low-risk. Creates the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force within the Department of State Police.

Marshalls of the Supreme Court Become Peace Officers (HB 3106): Provides that marshals of the Supreme Court are peace officers and have all the powers possessed by police officers in cities and by sheriffs. Provides that marshals may exercise these powers throughout the State. However, the legislation provides that no marshal has peace officer status or may exercise police powers unless: he or she successfully completes the basic police training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board; or the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board waives the training requirement by reason of the marshal's prior law enforcement experience or training or both.

Missing Child Reporting (SB 1439): Provides that at the time of first contact with an individual making a report of a missing child who is younger than 18, the local law enforcement agency shall provide the individual with information, prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and posted on its website.

Name Change Petition (HB 2559): States that if the Court grants a name change to person arrested, adjudicated, or convicted of an offense, a copy of the order, including each applicable access and review response, must be forwarded to the Illinois State Police, which must update any criminal history transcript or offender registration, as well as the former name.

Notice for Filing Complaint Against a Judge (HB 3054): States that court clerks must post in common areas of the courthouse a notice that a person may file a complaint against the judge, which will include contact information for the Judicial Inquiry Board. The Judicial Inquiry Board will develop a statewide notice and format for each clerk.

Participation in Gang Activity (HB 3803): Changes the offense of unlawful contact with street gang members to unlawful participation in street gang related activity. Requires that a parolee be engaged in a crime or other street gang related activity before they can be arrested and prosecuted for unlawful contact with street gang members.

Personal Jurisdiction Contest (HB 188): Amends the Code of Civil Procedure to clarify objections to personal jurisdiction before any other pleading or motion, and any motion objecting to the court's jurisdiction must be filed within 60 days. However, if a party files a Section 2-1301, Section 2-1401, or Section 2-1041.1 motion, the objection to the court's personal jurisdiction is not waived.

Police Shooting-Drug Test (SB 58): Requires each law enforcement agency adopt a written policy regarding drug and alcohol testing following an officer-involved shooting. The drug

and alcohol testing and be completed as soon as practicable but no later than the end of the involved officer's shift or tour of duty.

Police Trauma Training (HB 1895): Adds to the police training curriculum requirements training in effective recognition and responses to stress, trauma, and post-traumatic stress experienced by police officers.

Bail Reform Act of 2017 and state RICO extension (SB 2034/PA 100-0001): Grants a right to counsel at bail hearings, provides for mandatory bail re-hearings on nonviolent offenses, and provides that any bail set should be non-monetary and that the court should address the risk in the least restrictive way possible. Also extends state RICO Act ("Illinois Street Gang And Racketeer Influenced And Corrupt Organizations Law") for an additional five years. Expands existing law regarding threats to public officials.

Prisoner Entrepreneur Education Program Act (HB 698): Creates the Prisoner Entrepreneur Education Program Act. In addition to, the Prisoner Entrepreneur Education Program shall be established as a five-year pilot project to be instituted within the Department of Corrections. Inmates would be three years from release. Establishes qualifications to enter the program including a high school diploma or GED; no gang affiliation, no sex crime convictions, no discipline from the DOC within the last three years. Allows the program to also establish post-release assistance (subject to appropriation) to help inmates get employment when they leave DOC.

Probate Act-Children Born With Gametes as Heirs (SB 883): States that an inheritance of a child born by use of gametes is limited to children who fulfill the following requirements: the dead parent's gametes exist even if not an embryo at death; the child is born within 36 months of the parent's death; the parent gives written consent; the dead parent has provided written consent for a child born with gametes; the administrator of the estate receives a written notice within six months of the parent's

death that state that the gametes exist, the person has intent to use the gametes, and the person has the intent to raise the child as their own.

Probation Officer Training (SB 1343): Provides that the Division of Probation Services must establish training standards for continuing education of probation officers and supervisors and broaden access to available training programs.

Repeal of Mandatory Arbitration (SB 1444): Repeals provisions concerning the mandatory arbitration of physical damage subrogation claims arising from auto damages in certain cases.

Restorative Justice Training for DJJ Personnel (HB 3165): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to require "restorative justice" training of Department of Juvenile Justice personnel.

Sealing of Felony Records (HB 2373): Expands the type of felony convictions that are eligible for sealing, including homicides, arson, many forcible felonies, etc. Excludes sex offenses, domestic battery, violations of orders of protection, animal crimes, and DUIs/reckless driving. Allows some offenses to be sealed three years from the completion of their last sentence.

Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System (HB 528): Creates the Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking and Reporting Commission to research and develop a plan to create and implement a statewide mechanism to track and report sexual assault evidence information.

Sexual Orientation-Panic Defense (SB 1761): Prohibits the use of a panic defense in murder cases where a defendant is accused of a violent crime against another party but is justified on the grounds that the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity is to blame for the defendant's reaction.

Snowmobile/Boating DUI reporting (HB 2611):

Requires public officials to report to the Secretary of State when an individual has committed a violation of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act or the Boat Registration and Safety Act relating to operating a snowmobile or a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, intoxicating compounds, or combination thereof.

State’s Attorney Access Funds to Investigate Crime (HB 1685): Amends the Insurance Claims Fraud Prevention Act to provide that a State’s Attorney can access funds not awarded to a private party to investigate “crime” (currently “insurance fraud”).

Synthetic Drugs (HB 2534): Adds synthetic drugs and cannabinoids to the list of Schedule I controlled substances. Adds other substances to the Schedule II list of controlled substances and lists all hydrocodone derivatives as Schedule II controlled substances.

Traveling Elephant Show Ban (SB 1342): Makes participation in traveling elephant shows a Class A misdemeanor. Specifies that violations are subject to a civil penalty of no less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 for each violation. The legislation does not apply to non-mobile exhibits, including zoos.

Traveling to Meet a Child (SB 1321): Changes the name of the offense of traveling to meet a minor to traveling to meet a child, to conform to the definition of “child” in related sex offenses. Makes corresponding changes to the definition of “child” in the grooming offense for consistency.

Unattended Vehicles Exceptions (SB 1429): Provides exceptions to the unattended motor vehicle law for law enforcement officers or an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle performing their official duties and vehicles that are started by a remote starter system. Adds an exemption to the excessive idling for diesel vehicles law for vehicles that are started by a remote starter system.

Unfit to Stand Trial Placement (HB 649):

Expedites transfers of inmates unfit to stand trial from county jails to the Department of Human Services mental health facilities. Gives DHS 20 days to tell sheriffs where to take inmates who are unfit to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity. If DHS fails to identify a mental health facility within 20 days, sheriffs can then put DHS on notice that they will take defendants to the nearest facility. The department would then have two days to provide an estimated date for admission to a facility.

Education (K-12)

Abused Child Reporting (HB 3615): Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and removes a section that permits teachers under investigation to confront their accuser. The current statute is in conflict with current case law, rule, and best practices for protecting the interests of the child.

Accelerated Placement Policy (SB 1223): Requires school districts to have a policy that allows for accelerated placement. Sets forth both required and optional components of the policy. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to determine data to be collected regarding accelerated placement and a method of making the information available to the public.

Alternative Methods of Secondary School Credentials (HB 2740): States that high school equivalency certificates may be awarded through means other than the passage of a standardized assessment offered through a private vendor.

Anti-Bully Resources (HB 2950): Requires schools to provide information, periodically, to students about resources available to deal with bullying.

Asthma in School Health Examinations (SB 1846): Requires the Department of Public health to promulgate rules and procedures to include asthma in the standard school health

examination. Also, amends the state's Health Statistics Act adding asthma to this list of illnesses for which the Department of Public Health must collect and maintain.

Athlete Concussions (SB 1692): Provides that schools may appoint a physician assistant to serve on the concussion oversight team. Provides for advanced practice nurses or a physician assistant, working under the supervision of a physician, to evaluate a student who has been removed from practice or competition, to resume practicing or competing again.

Average Daily Attendance (HB 3059): Requires school districts to report Average Daily Attendance data for each grade level served. Current law does not require grade-level data to be reported.

Breastfeeding Students (HB 2369): Requires public schools (including charters and CPS) to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student on a school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child or address other needs related to breastfeeding. Defines reasonable accommodations. Also provides that a lactating pupil must be provided a reasonable amount of time to accommodate her need to express milk or breastfeed her infant child. Schools are only required to provide these accommodations if there is a lactating pupil on campus and they may use an existing facility to meet the requirements of the legislation.

Refund Substitute Teacher Application/Renewal Fee (HB 3298): Provides for a refund of the application fee and the renewal fee for a substitute teaching license under certain conditions. The fee is \$50 for both application and renewal.

Charter School Closing Notice (HB 3437): Requires any charter school that is located within the boundaries of CPS that is going to close for at least one school year to give parents and all affected students 60 days' advance notice of the closure.

Chester CUSD 139 GSA for Memorial Service (HB 1254): Addresses a specific situation involving Chester CUSD 139 in Randolph County. The gymnasium at the Chester HS was used for a fallen police officer's funeral and memorial. The day of the funeral was a full day that no child was present at school. The day before the memorial, the students were released at noon. This resulted in the school district not receiving the adequate number of full school days for their General State Aid claim, which resulted in a \$19,000 reduction. This legislation is intended to ensure that a district will still receive their full General State Aid allotment even if they do not meet the adequate number of days if it is due to offering their building(s) for the use of a memorial or funeral service in remembrance of a community member.

Chicago Ag Science School (SB 447): Allows the Chicago Board of Education to enroll an additional 80 students into the agriculture science school for diverse learners.

College Entrance Exam (HB 2442/PA 100-0007): Requires that the college entrance exam be given during the school day during regular school hours.

Dual Enrollment Notice for Qualified Students (HB 2794): Provides that a school board shall require the school district's high schools, if any, to inform all 11th and 12th grade students of dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities at public community colleges for qualified students.

Educator Licensure (HB 3820/PA 100-0013): Makes the following changes to Article 21B of the School Code dealing with educator licensure: 1.) Changes the minimum age to 19 (currently 20) for a person to be eligible to receive an educator license. 2.) Provides that an individual who holds a career and technical educator (CTE) endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career and technical education classrooms. Also provides the same allowance

for individuals who hold a provisional or part-time provisional CTE endorsement. 3.) Removes the requirement that holder of a provisional CTE endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations must complete a minimum of 20 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution. 4.) Adds an endorsement as a Director of Special Education to the list of current special education endorsement areas already allowed to be affixed to a Professional Educator License for any individual that meets State Board of Education requirements (established in rules). This provides statutory authority for the existing Director of Special Education endorsement. 5.) Changes requirements for out-of-state and out-of-country applicants regarding the types of degrees/coursework that can qualify for licensure. 6.) Provides that any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not working in a position requiring such endorsement is not required to complete Illinois Administrator Academy courses. 7.) Provides that the State Board must audit a subset of approved professional development providers. 8.) Provides that school psychologists may renew their professional educator license by providing proof of a valid national license.

Entrepreneurial Skills (HB 3368): Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education must post resources regarding teaching entrepreneurial skills in secondary schools. States that the ISBE shall gather input from universities and business groups when developing the list resources.

Excused Absence Military Child (HB 3507): Allows a child of an active duty armed services member to miss school days in the event the parent is about to leave for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from a deployment to either a combat zone or in a combat support role.

Feminine Hygiene Product Availability (HB 3215): Requires a school district to make feminine hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in the bathrooms of school

buildings. This requirement also applies to charter schools and Chicago Public Schools.

Fund Transfers (HB 3012): Allows Waukegan CUSD 60 to make a one-time transfer of \$3.9 million in funds, remaining from excess bond funds accumulated prior to July 1, 2000, into the district's Operations and Maintenance Fund. Under current law, the district is unable to make this transfer. Waukegan CUSD 60 plans to use the funds to provide air conditioning in their schools.

Gifted Education School Report Cards (HB 2461): Changes the data that must be added to school report cards to include the most current data being collected and maintained, so they can include it without having to wait until the data is possessed. Requires the addition of information about gifted education and advanced programs, as well as information on the number of teachers who hold a gifted educator endorsement.

High-Skilled Manufacturer (HB 3369): Requires ISBE to post resources on the teaching of high-skilled manufacturing to be used in high schools and vocational education programs.

Homeless Student Housing Assistance (HB 261): Provides that if a child is at risk for becoming homeless the school district may then provide rental or mortgage assistance in such amount as will allow the child and his or her parent, his or her guardian, or the person who enrolled the child to remain permanently in their current living situation or allow them to obtain a new living situation. The district may also provide financial assistance with respect to unpaid bills, loans, or other financial debts that results in house being considered inadequate.

Illinois School for the Deaf and Visually Impaired Hiring (HB 2377): Extends the sunset date to allow the direct hire policy to continue at the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (IVSI) for teaching positions to Aug. 30, 2019, (2.5 additional years). Also allows Rehabilitation/Mobility Instructor and Trainee

positions at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (IVSI) to be directly hired (as opposed to going through the CMS grading process) until Aug. 30, 2019.

Implicit Bias Training (HB 3869/PA 100-0014):

Creates a new section on in-service implicit bias training for educators. Requires the in-service training to include training to develop cultural competency (rather than training on civil rights and in cultural diversity), including understanding and reducing implicit racial bias (rather than including racial and ethnic sensitivity and implicit racial bias). Defines “implicit racial bias.”

Mental Fitness Report to the Courts (SB 1276):

Changes the reporting period for individuals adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) from every 60 days to every 90 days to greatly reduce administrative burden and allow resources to be focused elsewhere.

Minority Teacher Scholarships (SB 1739):

Allows licensed teachers to qualify for the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MIT) grant program while seeking additional teaching endorsements, or if seeking a Master’s in an academic field in which he/she is current teaching or plans to teach. Currently this program is for undergraduates who are enrolled in a course of study leading to teacher licensure.

Non-School Related School Bus Use (SB 2028):

Requires each school bus used by a public or private school transporting students enrolled in grade 12 or below for a school related athletic event or other school approved extracurricular activity, to have the required registration plates, permits, and liability insurance. School buses that operate under these requirements may be used for the transportation of passengers for reasons that do not involve the educational institution, if the school bus driver or owner complies with stop arm requirements for non-school related transporting and the “school bus” sign is either removed or obscured.

Notice Requirements (HB 2585): Gives local governments and school districts the ability to use a secular newspaper having general circulation within that government and school district in complying with notice requirements.

Preschool Grants (HB 2426): Does three things in regard to the Early Childhood Block Grant:

Requires that at least 25 percent of any new Early Childhood block grant funding must be used to fund birth-to-three programs; Requires that any new Early Childhood block grant funds must be used to supplement, and not supplant, other funds already being used for early childhood programs, and Updates outdated terminology.

Regional Superintendents (HB 425): Makes changes to ensure that the salaries of the executive directors (and assistant executive directors) of the three Cook County Intermediate Service Centers (ISCs) are in line with those of regional superintendents and assistant regional superintendents.

Remove Test Scores From Transcript (SB 757):

Removes the requirement that college readiness test scores be placed on a student’s high school transcript.

School Absences (HB 3139): Mandates that beginning July 1, 2018, all schools receiving public funds must collect and review chronic absence data and determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage the students and their families. Defines “chronic absence” as “absences that total 10 percent or more of school days of the most recent academic year.” Includes with or without valid cause and out-of-school suspensions.

School Booking Stations Restriction (HB 3903):

Restricts student booking station from school grounds.

School Bus Sale (HB 3293): States that whenever a school district, religious organization, vendor of school busses, or a school bus company whose main source of income is contracting with a school district or

religious organization for the provision of transportation services in connection with the activities of a school district or religious organization, discards through either sale or donation, a school bus to an individual or entity, the recipient of the school bus shall be responsible for immediately removing, covering, or concealing the "SCHOOL BUS" signs and any other insignia or words indicating the vehicle is a school bus, rendering inoperable or removing entirely the stop signal arm and flashing signal system, and painting the bus a color different from those required under the Vehicle Code.

School Business Official (HB 106): Amends the School Code in the section pertaining to receiving a "Chief School Business Official" endorsement on: an educator's license with stipulations; professional educator's license; Adds the Master's Degree in Public Administration as another partial qualifier.

School Employee Investigation (HB 3394): Authorizes DCFCS to recommend that a school district remove a school employee who is the subject of an investigation.

School District Boundary Changes (HB 2612): Rewrites Article 7 (Detachment and Annexation) of the School Code. Makes several language clean-up changes and replaces outdated language to streamline the school district detachment, dissolution, and annexation process intended not to make fundamental changes to the process, but rather to improve and clarify certain aspects of the process.

School Mediation Option (HB 2618): Clarifies that parents have a full 10 days to file a request for a due process hearing after mediation fails or after a school district declines mediation, in order to continue to invoke the stay-put provision. Also requires ISBE to revise the uniform notices required to be given to parents of special education students to reflect current law and procedures once every two years.

School Police Job Training Program (HB 243): Creates Police Training Academy Job Training program with high schools in counties with 175,000 or more inhabitants in partnership with a local law enforcement.

School Record Request (SB 1483): Provides that a parent's or student's request to inspect and copy records must be granted within a reasonable time, and in no case later than 10 business days after the date of the receipt of the request. Provides six specific exceptions as to when the time period can be extended by 5 businesses days.

School Report Card and Pension Costs (SB 865): Requires the school report card to include the total and per student normal cost amount the State contributed to the Teachers' Retirement System in the prior fiscal year for the district's employees.

School Report Card Attendance (SB 1532): Provides that the State Report Card for schools must contain data on average daily attendance. Defines average daily attendance. Effective July 1, 2019.

Social Workers (HB 826): Adds the nationally recommended evidence-based student-to-school social worker standard ratio of 250:1. Adds language to Articles 10 (School Boards) and 34 (Chicago Public Schools) regarding school social work services to clarify that school social workers are qualified to provide services to the general student population and school support staff in addition to students with disabilities. Currently the term school social worker only appears in Article 14 (Students with Disabilities) of the School Code. Also provides that only individuals with a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for school social work may use the title of "school social worker."

Special Education Coop Withdrawal (HB 2540): Establishes a process for a situation where a school district who is part of a special education cooperative seeks to withdraw, but the petition

for withdrawal is not approved by the other member districts.

STL District 189/Southwestern Illinois College Dual Credit (HB 3601): Allows East St. Louis School District 189 to encourage 11th and 12th grade students to take dual credit classes at Southwestern Illinois College at no cost to the student.

Student-level Data Request Fee (SB 887): Creates a student-level data request fee which the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board would collect and deposit respectively into the BHE Data and Research Cost Recovery Fund and the ICCB Research and Technology Fund.

Student Online Personal Protection Act (SB 1796): Creates a new Act known as the Student Online Personal Protection Act, which is an attempt at protecting student data and personal information. The legislation provides certain restrictions on operators of websites used primarily for school purposes.

Teacher Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (SB 449): Directs the State Superintendent to convene the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council. This Council is to advise ISBE on public feedback, best practices, rule changes, and subjects deemed appropriate by the chairperson of the council, towards the ongoing implementation of evaluation in the state.

Technical Educator Test (HB 2470/PA 100-0008): Makes minor changes to current requirements for a career and technical educator endorsement and for a provisional career and technical educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations.

Updates Certificate of Title, Reclassification, Bond (SB 1556): Makes changes and updates statutes in following areas: junk vehicle, remittance agent, certificate of title, out of state title, reclassification, bond, failure to obtain dealer's license, renting motor vehicle. Also, lengthens the required number of months

a new or used auto dealer must be in compliance with the bond or certificate of deposit requirement from 36 to 60 months before they can become exempt from the requirement. As well as, the 60 months must occur after the effective date of this legislation, and removes the requirement that each certificate of title issued by the Secretary of State shall contain an expiration date of two calendar years after the end of the term of the lien.

Energy and Utilities

Energy Efficient Building Act Amendment (HB 2439): Prohibits members of the Energy Code Advisory Council from receiving grants for continuing education concerning any recommendation or rule proposed by the Council.

Municipal Electric Power Act (HB 3396): Allows electric co-op type cities to sell their power in the wholesale markets such as PJM and MISO. This bill applies to cities that are NOT in ComEd, Ameren, or MidAmerican.

MWRD Nutrient Trading Programs (HB 659): Authorizes the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to participate in any nutrient trading programs in Illinois, which are market-based programs that involve the exchange of pollution allocations between sources.

Procurement Code Energy Contracts (SB 41): Amends the Procurement Code to expand energy savings contracts or leases to provide for utility cost savings; establishes that agreements should not exceed 15 years. Creates the authority for home rule units to enter assignment agreements with special purposes entities which have issued instruments of debt to the local government. Such assignment agreements will require the State of Illinois to pay revenues or tax receipts otherwise payable to the home rule unit, directly to special purpose entities to satisfy the local government's outstanding debt obligations.

Public Utilities Back-Billing (HB 3400): Limits public utilities to back-billing of water and sewage utilities to 12 months for residential customers and 24 months for non-residential customers.

Public Water District (HB 3325): Provides that a general manager of a public water district may be discharged at a meeting of the board of trustees upon a majority vote of the members present. Current law requires a unanimous vote.

Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund (SB 518): Establishes that \$2 million from the Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund will be used by DCEO to provide grants to the Illinois Green Economy Network for education and training for renewable energy and energy efficiency. The Illinois Green Economy Network will also be allowed to use the money for operation and services.

Water Reclamation District (HB 3010): Amends the North Shore Water Reclamation District act to make several changes: clarifies that a trustee vacancy must be filled with an individual of the same political party; adds barium, cadmium, mercury, selenium, and silver to the list of substances noted as toxic to the wastewater treatment processes; states that it is unlawful to discharge effluent, gaseous wastes, sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes into the sewage system; authorizes disconnection for violations of district final orders; and allows owners of non-contiguous territory to enter into annexation agreements.

Wind Power Installers (SB 71/PA 100-0016): Deletes wind power installers from ICC rules/certification requirements.

Environment and Conservation

Adopt-a-Trail Program (HB 3455): Creates the Adopt-A-Trail Program, requiring the establishment and maintenance of Adopt-A-Trail programs with individual or group volunteers in an effort to reduce and remove litter from trails and to provide other services.

Programs available: spring cleanups, accessibility projects, special events, trail maintenance, enhancement, or realignment, public information and assistance, training.

Bio-solids Clarification (HB 2732): Amends the Environmental Protection Act to state that nothing in the section concerning exceptional quality bio-solids shall limit or supersede the authority of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency under the Nuclear Safety Law of 2004.

DNR Land Transfer (HB 770): Authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to transfer certain land to Fox Waterway Agency for \$1.

Electronics Recycling Act (SB 1417): Creates the Consumer Electronic Recycling Act. This will be Illinois' new electronic waste recycling program, allowing residents to access drop-off sites to responsibly dispose of their old/unused electronic devices.

- **waste (HB 1955):** Addresses concerns raised by stakeholders relating to Senate Bill 1417, the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act by responding to specific issues relating to the delivery CEDs to manufacturers; the diversion of residential CEDs from loads of e-waste prior to recycling; rulemaking; punishment for reporting false information to the Illinois EPA; the calculation of population densities; municipal joint action agencies participation in manufacture e-waste programs; and other changes relating to definitions, retailer approval and reporting requirements.

Industrial Materials Exchange (SB 1943): Changes the Environmental Protection Act, and makes changes to the Illinois EPA Cleanup Bill, including funding for lead service line removal; streamlining agency reporting requirements; and deleting obsolete language.

PACE Financing Districts (HB 2831): Creates the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act to provide for communities to create PACE financing districts, so that commercial and industrial

property owners within those districts can voluntarily pay for clean energy improvements through an assessment on their property.

Pesticide Registration (HB 3130): Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act to clarify that the current biannual product registration fee is \$600 rather than it being listed as \$300 per year, and that the current biannual business registration fee is \$800 rather than having it being listed as \$400 per year.

Plant Material Sales (HB 2488): Allows the DNR to sell plants and plant materials from state-run nurseries to conservation groups for forest restoration and other conservation efforts.

Natural Areas Stewardship Act (SB 1029): Creates the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Act; creates program allowing for nonprofit land conservation organizations to apply for grants for land stewardship. Grant program draws out of the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund and can only be used for eligible lands.

Pollution Control Facilities (SB 1561): Provides that nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a county with a population of less than two million the power to regulate the operations of pollution control facilities or recycling centers.

Wastewater Line Construction (HB 1914): Allows water districts and every non-profit private waster company to construct, maintain, alter, and extend their wastewater lines under streets.

Recreational Trails Programs Funds (HB 2725): Provides that money received from the federal government under the Recreational Trails Program for grants or contracts obligated on or after Oct. 1, 2017, will not be considered for use as aid in construction of highways, and will be placed in the "Park and Conservation Fund." Provides that the Department of Natural Resources may enter into agreements as necessary with the Federal Highway Administration, or any successor agency, for the purpose of authorizing projects under the

federal Recreational Trails Program; provided that, IDOT enter into an inter-agency agreement to closely coordinate the obligation of projects authorized by the Illinois Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration to maximize federal funding opportunities.

Small Entity Compliance (SB 1433): Provides that a small entity that voluntarily self-discloses non-compliance to the IEPA, of which the IEPA is unaware, is entitled to a 100 percent reduction in the portion of the penalty that is not based on the economic benefit of non-compliance.

Universally Accessible Parks (HB 2828): Requires the Department of Natural Resources to prioritize projects under the Parks and Recreational Facility Construction Act that create parks universally designed to meet everyone's needs, ages, and mobility and where all equipment, and the park itself, is handicap-accessible over projects that would create parks where only some equipment, or only the park itself, is handicap-accessible.

Used Tires Management Fund (SB 1969): Changes the Environmental Protection Act. Provides an exception for residents who have no more than four tires in yard (rather than 12) if they are kept dry and covered. Also, changes maximum amount of money that can be allocated from the Used Tire Management Fund for specified purpose to \$4 million (rather than \$2 million); 10 percent of allocations from fund shall be allocated to U of I Prairie Research Institute (rather than DNR); money in the fund in excess of \$4 million (rather than \$2 million) per fiscal year shall be used for specified purposes, including grant funding for University research.

West Chicago Facility (SB 1456): Amends the Environmental Protection Act, and states the term "pollution control facility" does not include the portion of a site containing landscape waste for which a permit modification has been submitted to IEPA to allow the commingling of landscape waste and food scraps. As well as, adds specific

parameters to cover the Village of West Chicago which is where a proposed new facility would be located.

Financial Institutions

Abandoned Property and Foreclosure Fees

Funds Extension (SB 647): Extends the sunset date for the *filing* fees paid into the Foreclosure Prevention Program Fund, Foreclosure Prevention Program Graduated Fund, and the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund to Jan. 1, 2020. The *judicial sale* fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Fund will become inoperative on Jan. 1, 2020, and repealed on March 2, 2020. Actions taken before this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly are ratified, validated, and confirmed.

ATM Postings (HB 1783/PA 100-0005):

Amends the Electronic Fund Transfer Act by requiring a person who owns a non-bank ATM to post a phone number for consumers to call to report problems and to post the Illinois Department of Financial Professional Regulation (IDFPR) phone number. Repeals the Check Printer and Check Number Act.

Credit Insurance Policies (HB 759): Clarifies that financial institutions and their employees do not need to be licensed to enroll borrowers in credit insurance policies they market. As well as, provide that a financial institution performing enrollment and/or other administrative services for its group credit insurance policies or program shall be deemed in compliance with Section 500-20.

Credit Union League Cleanup (HB 1792): The various changes are to enable Illinois credit unions to operate most efficiently and match federal credit unions regulations. Provides for the following changes: Reduces the par value of the membership share of the credit union from at least \$5.00 to at least \$1.00. Changes the required meetings of the Board of Credit Union Advisors to once each calendar year. Authorizes member electronic voting on questions and in elections if approved by the board of directors

of the credit union. Authorizes credit union management to appoint a compliance review committee. Provides that a credit union may adopt a policy setting forth loan limits, provided that no loan shall be made to any member in an aggregate amount in excess of 10 percent of the credit union's unimpaired capital and subject to rules promulgated by the Secretary. Loans to credit unions section is amended to provide that a credit union board may establish a policy to set applicable limits for loans to other credit unions. Provides that a credit union may create and use descriptive and brand references to promote and market its identity, services and products to its members. Authorizes a credit union to invest in: Investment grade corporate bonds, provided that the credit union has established a written policy addressing procedures and risk management, that a credit analysis of the investment was done prior to purchase, and that the analysis is updated at least annually for as long as it holds the investment. A pool of loans from other depository institutions and financial type institutions including mortgage banks, finance companies, insurance companies, and other loan sellers that are the subject to IDFPR rules or guidance from time to time. Makes technical amendments to the existing provision authorizing network credit unions to clarify that those credit unions may use descriptive and brand references to promote the identity, services and products to its members; also provides for the option to select advisory boards and appoint network chief management officials.

Data Processing Ownership (HB 3282): Provides that if a financial institution transfers any data from its records to an independent data processing servicer, then such data will always remain the property of the financial institution. The independent data processor only has temporary control of the data for the purpose of performing contracted services with the financial institution.

Emergency Services Loan Funds (HB 3108): Changes the Illinois Finance Authority Act and makes technical changes in sections about the

fire truck revolving loan program, the fire station revolving loan program, and the ambulance revolving loan program. Also, provides that repayments of loans made under those programs (and interest made) may be retained by the Authority and used for the purposes for which they are authorized to be used. Raises loan limit for an ambulance to \$200,000 (instead of \$100,000) to more closely match current markets.

Federal Home Loan Bank Insurance Protections (SB 1297): Federal law allows the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Chicago to provide certain protections as secured creditors to depository institutions. Illinois law would now allow insurance company members the same protections. These protections include: 1) not being subject to a stay or prohibited from exercising its rights to collateral pledged to the FHLB by an insurance member who is subject to an insolvency proceeding 2) would be excluded from the voidable preference provision of the insolvency status. This is an initiative of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

Federal Home Loan Bank Information Sharing (HB 2514): Allows the IDFPR to share confidential supervisory information with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Chicago regarding Illinois chartered banks and credit unions if it is determined the FHLB has a legitimate interest in the confidential supervisory information. This makes Illinois law consistent with Federal law, and is a joint initiative between the Community Bankers Association of Illinois and the Illinois Credit Union League. Replaces “Commissioner” with “Secretary” to reflect who leads the IDFPR.

Fiduciary Act Clean-up (HB 1809): Removes the requirement for banks, savings and loan associations, or savings bank to give notice of an intent to establish a branch office. Also, replaces “Commissioner” with “Secretary” to reflect who leads the IDFPR.

Licensing Modernization (HB 2783): Amends the Collection Agency Act to allow for the use of a third party, multi-state licensing system to

modernize the process for collection agencies that are licensed through the state of Illinois.

Residential Mortgages (HB 2965): States that when a mortgagor is in arrears for more than one month, a mortgagee can’t refuse whole month payments by the mortgagor. These payments will be applied to the unpaid balance. This doesn’t prevent the mortgagee from exercising its rights under the mortgage or to change the obligations of the mortgagor.

Reviews of Community Reinvestment Act (HB 823): Provides that the IDFPR shall review the federal Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance evaluations of State chartered banks to ensure they are making efforts to meet the credit needs of the communities in which they serve, including low-income and moderate-income neighborhoods. The IDFPR may electronically publish an annual report to provide the CRA performance evaluations of State chartered banks.

Savings Bank Fees (SB 1254): Creates an identical regulatory fee structure for both commercial banks and savings banks using the commercial fee schedule. These are based on total assets. Removes the requirement for banks to pay \$520 to open a branch. Updates notice on when fees need to be paid.

Health and Human Services

Abolition of Health Maintenance Advisory Board (HB 2506): Abolishes the Health Maintenance Advisory Board under the Illinois Dept. of Public Health. The Advisory Board is no longer active and the Department does not find it necessary.

Asthma in School Health Examinations (SB 1846): Requires the Department of Public health to promulgate rules and procedures to include asthma in the standard school health examination. Also, amends the state’s Health Statistics Act adding asthma to this list of illnesses for which the Department of Public Health must collect and maintain.

Athlete Concussions (SB 1692): Provides that schools may appoint a physician assistant to serve on the concussion oversight team. Provides for advanced practice nurses or a physician assistant, working under the supervision of a physician, to evaluate a student who has been removed from practice or competition, to resume practicing or competing again.

Birth Certificate Changes (HB 1785): Provide changes concerning the issuance of new birth certificates for those who have undergone gender transition treatment. In order for a person to change their sex designation on their birth certificate, a licensed health care professional or licensed mental health professional must make a declaration concerning the treatment. Requires that the licensed health care professional or licensed mental health professional sign and date a specified document. Provides that following the issuance of a new birth certificate, the individual may request the original certificate and evidence of adoption, paternity, legitimation, or change of sex designation for inspection or certification purposes.

Child Care Assistance (HB 3213): Restores access to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) for families enrolled full time in non-TANF education and training programs by adding them to the program's priority population.

Child Death Review Team (SB 320): Removes references to the Child Death Review Team pilot programs. Includes a representative from the Illinois Department of Public Health to the CDRT.

CILA Biennial Inspection (HB 2452): Requires Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs) to be inspected once every two years. This was introduced in response to recent findings of abuse and neglect of disabled individuals living in CILAs. The Tribune found over 1,300 instances of documented harm since July 2011 and more than 40 deaths as the result of abuse or neglect.

CILA Resident Information (SB 1748): Requires copies of investigative reports containing unsubstantiated allegation findings to be provided to agency directors. Extends the provisional CILA license cap from 6 months to 24 months. Prohibits any entity that has had its CILA license revoked from reapplying for a license or under a different name. Provides that in the event of a CILA license revocation, DHS has immediate and full access to the recipients served by that agency, as well as their medications, records and personal possessions in order to ensure a timely, safe and smooth transition from the program. Requires CILA's to securely collect and store up-to-date basic identifying information of its residents as well as emergency contact information. Clarifies that local fire authority inspections are acceptable as long as the Code requirements are equal to the State Fire Marshal's.

Community First Choice Option Waiver (SB 84): Requires HFS to apply for a state plan amendment by July 1, 2017, to implement the Community First Choice Option under the Social Security Code. Creates a 16-member task force to be known as the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Home and Community Based Services Task Force appointed by the Secretary of Human Services. Requires the Task Force to explore other options to improve current services including options requiring federal approval and funding.

Consent To Medical Care | Chiropractors/Optometrists (HB 2700): Clarifies chiropractic physician's and licensed optometrist's rights and responsibilities and that the consent protections currently provided to minors under the Consent by Minors to Medical Procedures Act apply to the performance of health care services by chiropractic physicians and licensed optometrists.

DCFS Work Group Permit (HB 2556): Removes the permanent "differential response program" date of July 1, 2016, from statute so that DCFS is able to convene an internal work group led by DCFS Division of Operations to formulate the

most suitable implementation plan for the Differential Response Program.

Dental Assistants Expanded Functions (SB 589): Allows a dental assistant to remove a loose, broken, or irritating orthodontic appliance to eliminate pain or discomfort. However, a dentist must approve and inspect the assistant's work. Additionally, closes a loophole for dentists trained in foreign countries by requiring two years of graduate credit from an accredited institution.

DHS Program Participant Demographics (HB 3131): Requires DHS to collect and publically report statistical data on the racial and ethnic demographics of program participants for each program administered by the Department.

DHS Transfer Prohibition (HB 2474): Prohibits certain transfers from the DHS Recoveries Trust Fund that were required to be made prior to June 19, 2013. This is a response to audit findings relating to a fund transfer that is no longer required and, therefore, no longer performed.

Direct Care Staff Training (HB 2383): Provides for a training program for direct care staff of residential facilities and day programs to administer medications under supervision of a registered nurse in order to give providers more flexibility with regard to who is administering medication.

Disposal of Unused Medications at Scene of Death (HB 706): Codifies the authority of a nurse to dispose of any unused medications at the scene of a death. Nurses or physicians are only authorized to do so if a police officer, State police officer, coroner, or medical examiner is not present at the scene and only after consulting with any investigating law enforcement agency to ensure that the unused medications will not be needed as evidence in an investigation. Defines a "nurse." Includes a provision safeguarding individuals that are authorized to dispose of unused medications from any liability.

Domestic Violence Program for Abuse and Neglect (SB 646): Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to implement a five-year domestic violence co-location pilot program in which certified domestic violence advocates who are trained in domestic violence services, and employed through a certified domestic violence provider are assigned to work in a DCFS field office with child welfare investigators of domestic violence.

Early Childhood Study (HB 3167): Requires DHS to conduct a study on the Early Childhood Workforce.

EMS-Controlled Substances (HB 3910): Provides that emergency medical services personnel may administer Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances to a person in the scope of their employment without a written, electronic, or oral prescription of a prescriber.

Feminine Hygiene Product Availability (HB 3215): Requires a school district to make feminine hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in the bathrooms of school buildings. This requirement also applies to charter schools and Chicago Public Schools.

Firefighters Life Support Services (HB 1952): Gives authority to EMS Medical Directors to allow fire trucks, with the proper equipment, and trained firefighters to provide advanced life support services when needed.

Food Handling Regulations and Enforcement (HB 3684): Provides any individual who has completed a minimum of eight hours of Department of Public Health-approved training shall be considered a certified food sanitation manager or certified food sanitation manger instructor. Removes provisions allowing DPH to charge a \$35 fee for a certificate. Removes provisions regarding recertification, reciprocity, and revocation of a certification.

HIV Testing During Pregnancy (HB 2800): Requires HIV testing in the first and third trimester of a woman's pregnancy. Allows the woman to opt-out if she is already documented

to be HIV Positive or HIV Negative. The cost to Department of Public Health would be zero-to-negligible. HIV blood tests are covered by private insurance, and public/subsidized payer sources, including Medicaid.

Home Dialysis Equipment Sales (SB 636): Allows for home dialysis equipment and drugs to be sold directly to patients without the use of a pharmacy.

Homeless Student Housing Assistance (HB 261): Creates a new section regarding homelessness prevention for homeless children or those “at risk” of being homeless. The school district may then: Provide rental or mortgage assistance in such amount as will allow the child and his or her parent, his or her guardian, or the person who enrolled the child to remain permanently in their current living situation or allow them to obtain a new living situation; Provide financial assistance with respect to unpaid bills, loans, or other financial debts that results in house being considered inadequate.

Hospital “Do-Not-Admit” List Prohibition (HB 2762): Prohibits hospitals from maintaining a list of individuals that may not be admitted for treatment at the hospital. The prohibition does not prevent a hospital’s medical staff from recommending an alternate provider, coordinating an appropriate transfer, or arranging access to care services that best meets the needs of an individual patient.

Hypodermic Syringes Purchase (SB 1944): Allows people to have in his or her possession up to 100 syringes or needles, instead of 20. With that, it allows pharmacists to sell up to 100 sterile syringes or needles. Removes the requirement for DPH to develop and provide educational materials to pharmacists to make available to people who purchase syringes or needles. Allows pharmacists to prescribe syringes or needles upon oral or electronic order, instead of just upon an oral order.

IDPH Clean-Up Bill (SB 1400): Streamlines the statutory requirements for the establishment of the Health Care Worker Registry by placing all

the language in the HCWBC Act to eliminate redundancy in Illinois law.

Infectious Disease Testing (HB 3002): Provides an individual shall be required to submit, and informed consent shall not be required, to test and detect an infectious disease – upon the request of a health care provider, first responder, or law enforcement officer who accidentally comes into contact with the blood or bodily fluid of an individual who may transmit an infectious disease.

Injured Police Dogs (HB 2661): Makes changes to the EMS Systems Act to allow emergency medical professionals to transport police dogs injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, so long as there are no persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time.

Lead Reduction Program (SB 1774): Establishes a second phase of this program in the communities identified as a priority by the Department of Public Health because of the high risk for childhood lead poisoning.

Long-Term Care Reports (HB 2814): Changes the reporting requirements on the length of pending long-term care redeterminations, applications and appeals reported by DHS and HFS.

Maryville Children’s Healthcare Center (HB 763): Authorizes Maryville Children’s Healthcare Center in Chicago to increase their occupancy from 12 to 16. This facility serves medically fragile and/or technology dependent children. The bill also makes various changes to the Health Facilities Planning Act.

Medicaid Eyeglasses Exemption (HB 2909): Exempts Medicaid recipients who need different eyeglasses following a surgical procedure, such as cataract surgery, from the one-pair-per-two-years limitation.

Medicaid Fraud Penalties (SB 1577): Sets the civil penalties for false Medicaid claims to mirror the federal annual adjustment. As well as, allows the State to continue to recover

damages for Medicaid fraud at a higher amount without seeking a statutory change in the General Assembly every year. Also, without the change the State could lose 10 percent, or an average of \$1,095,961.32 per year, of its Medicaid fraud recoveries.

Meningococcal Disease Brochure (HB 679): Requires the Department of Public Health to develop an informational brochure relating to meningococcal disease. Requires the Department to notify specific entities of the existence of this brochure.

Mental Health Council (HB 3502): Establishes an Advisory Council on Early Identification and Treatment of Mental Health Conditions to report on evidence-based best practices, identify barriers to statewide implementation of early identification and treatment, and reduce the stigma of mental health conditions.

Mental Health Pilot Program (HB 3703/PA 100-0012): Creates a two-year mental health pilot program beginning Jan. 1, 2018, for which a mental health facility located in Rock Island County, Illinois, may accept the admission of an Iowa resident from the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region. The pilot program must also provide that a resident of Rock Island County, Illinois, who is a person subject to involuntary admission may receive inpatient treatment in an Iowa mental health facility.

Mental Health Rehabilitation Staff Training (HB 2465): Adds provisions concerning the training of existing staff of a mental health recovery and rehabilitation support center and other levels of care licensed under the Act. Provides that upon application by a mental health recovery and rehabilitation support facility, the Director of Human Services may grant or renew the waiver of the facility's compliance with a rule or standard for a period not to exceed the duration of the current license or, in the case of an application for license renewal, the duration of the renewal period.

Non-Licensed Home Health Agency Referral Prohibition (SB 1676): Prohibits hospitals,

nursing homes, and health care providers that receive State funds from referring a patient to any home health agency, home nursing agency or home services agency that is not licensed under the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act.

Nurse Staffing Requirements | Long-Term Care Facility (SB 626): Provides that at the discretion of the Director of DPH, he or she may or may not grant or renew a waiver of the nurse staffing requirements relating to long-term care facilities. Provides that the Director of DPH does not have the authority to grant or renew a waiver of RN staffing requirements to a facility that is Medicare-certified or that is Medicare and Medicaid-certified.

Nurses' Aide Registry/Training (HB 481): Allows an individual to satisfy the supervised clinical experience needed to be included on the Health Care Worker Registry through supervised clinical experience at an assisted living establishment. It also requires the Department of Public Health to include information on the Registry identifying about where the individual received his or her clinical training.

Nursing Home Residents ID Bracelets (HB 223): Gives authority to physicians to provide any resident with an identification wristlet. The resident's clinical record should physically document the need for the wristlet. The legislation also gives authority to facilities to require residents residing in an Alzheimer's disease unit with a history of wandering to wear an identification wristlet. It allows a resident's guardian or attorney to deny the facility from requiring the wristlet.

Nursing Home Voting Registration (SB 1479): Provides that grace period registration and changes of address shall be conducted for eligible residents in connect with voting at certain elder care facilities.

Outdated Requirement Elimination (HB 2531): Removes an outdated requirement for manufacturers to provide drug formulary (list of drug equivalents) information to IDPH that the

Department no longer collects or maintains. The Illinois Formulary has not been maintained or updated on IDPH's website since 2004; when the Department's pharmacist position was vacated.

Overtime Cap for Personal Care Assistants (HB 3376): Increases the Overtime Cap for Personal Care Assistants under the Home Services Program from 45 Hours to 55 Hours per week; authorizes an Overtime Exception of up to 66 hours per week. Under the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Home Services Program, prohibits DHS from limiting the number of hours a personal assistant may work that is less than 55 hours per week, and requires DHS to establish an appeals process that permits a home care consumer to request an exception to the 55 hour limit, up to a maximum of no less than 66 hours per week. Sets forth provisions regarding the exception and appeals process.

Personal Needs Allowance (SB 1353): Increases the personal needs allowance for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled, Community Integrated Living Arrangements, Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities, and medically complex for developmentally disabled facilities so that total monthly allowance is \$60.

Pharmacist Administer Prenatal Injections (SB 317): Adds Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate, a prenatal care drug, to the list of injections a pharmacist may administer to a patient with a valid prescription from their doctor.

Prescription Drug Disposal (HB 524): Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act and the Environmental Protection Act so that unused, expired, or unwanted pharmaceuticals collected by a county or municipality can be disposed of in a drug destruction device to the extent allowed under federal law.

Prescription Monitoring Program (HB 2708): Authorizes certain Department of Children and Family Services employees to have access to the Prescription Monitoring Program database to

assist in the investigations of child abuse and neglect.

Prescription Refills without Doctor Approval (SB 1790): Allows a pharmacist to refill a patient's prescription without prescriber authorization if the pharmacist is unable to contact the prescriber. Does not authorize dispensing controlled substances without prescribing authority. Ensures that these refills are for emergency purposes only for those people who have chronic or ongoing conditions. Establishes additional parameters and requirements for pharmacists in these situations.

SNAP Benefits for College Students (HB 3211): Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to identify SNAP-eligible college students. Expands eligibility to low-income adults pursuing career and technical education certificate or degree programs at community colleges.

Telehealth Act (SB 1811): Creates the Telehealth Act which authorizes licensed health care professionals in Illinois to practice telehealth services. Clarifies that telehealth services are limited to the professional's scope of practice under their license, and that telehealth services are to be provided under the same standard of care as in person services.

Additionally, amends the Medical Practice Act to clarify that telemedicine (telehealth) can be practiced in the state of Illinois and clarifies that physicians can provide services to existing patients while either the physician or patient are traveling.

Telehealth Services Healthcare Provider (HB 2907): Eliminates the Medicaid requirement that healthcare providers be present in the room with a patient while receiving tele-health psychiatry services.

Veterans' Cancer Screenings (SB 838): Requires the Department of Public Health to conduct a program to promote the awareness of cancer in veterans, and creates a Veterans' Cancer Screening Program within the Department.

Requires the department to make their information public beginning Jan. 1, 2018.

Volunteer EMS/Firefighters (SB 1895): Provides that volunteer emergency workers may respond to emergency phone calls or text messages so long as they're acting in their capacity as a volunteer emergency worker.

Youth Transitional Housing (HB 3212): Amends the emancipation process allowing a youth to be placed in youth transitional housing without a court order. Removes language pertaining to homeless minors from provisions governing: purpose and policy; jurisdiction; rights and responsibilities of an emancipated minor; petitions; and hearings. Repeals the definition of "homeless minor" and "youth transitional housing program."

Higher Education

Board of Higher Education Act (HB 3255): Removes obsolete language concerning members of the Board of Higher Education, a vocational education, and the Tuition and Fee Waiver Task Force. Also repeals a matching grant program to engineering colleges in Illinois, a State student cooperative work program, a feasibility study at Parks College, and a technology grant program.

College Savings Pool (HB 3179): Adds a section to the "qualified expenses" College Savings Pool for: expenses for special needs services, in the case of a special needs beneficiary, that are acquired because of enrollment or attendance; certain expenses for the purchase of computer or peripheral equipment, computer software, or internet access and related services.

Community College Name (SB 1671): Allows the use of a common community college name to stand alone without listing the counties in which it is located.

Credit for Prior Learning (HB 2404): Requires each public university and community college shall submit its policies and procedures for students to earn credit for prior learning to the

Board of Higher Education for review and approval.

Educational Credit for Military Act (HB 3701): Creates the Educational Credit for Military Experience Act which requires public universities and community colleges to establish a policy to award academic credits for corresponding military training.

EIU Tuition Program (SB 930): Extends the repeal of the tuition affordability discount program at Eastern Illinois University, from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2026.

Higher Education Supplier Diversity Report (HB 2976): Requires every private university for the purposes of the Monetary Award Program to submit a two-page report on its voluntary supplier diversity program to CMS. The report will include information on the funds spent by the institutions as it relates to the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

Nursing Education Scholarship Law Amendment (HB 3490): Amends the Nursing Education Scholarship Law by adding to the definition of "approved institution."

School of Dental Medicine (SB 448): Provides that the SIU Board of Trustees shall administer a plan established by the clinical faculty of the School of Dental Medicine for the billing, collection, and disbursement of charges for services performed in the course of the faculty's academic responsibilities.

SNAP Benefits for College Students (HB 3211): Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to identify SNAP-eligible college students. Expands eligibility to low-income adults pursuing career and technical education certificate or degree programs at community colleges.

Student Loan Bill of Rights (SB 1351): Creates the Student Loan Servicing Rights Act. Provides that student loan servicers: can't engage in unfair or deceptive practices, promptly apply

payments, include specific information on billing statements, hire repayment specialists for specialized assistance to borrowers, provide information on income-driven repayment plans, follow requirements related to the transfer of servicing, and set up reasonable policies and procedures for requests for assistance, account disputes, and appeals. Creates a Student Loan Ombudsman in the Attorney General's office. Requires the IDFPR to implement a new licensing regime for student loan servicers. Authorizes supervisory authority and enforcement actions.

Vacancy Procedures for Community College Boards (HB 3091): Clarifies that in the event of a vacancy on a community college board of trustees, the successor will be elected to serve out the remaining time of the term of the board member he was elected to replace. Also clarifies that the vice-chairman assumes the duties of an absent chairman regardless of the reason for the absence.

Insurance

Eating Disorder Treatment Coverage Mandate (HB 1332): Provides that any insurer providing coverage for hospital or medical expenses under an individual policy of accident and health insurance shall also provide coverage for treatment of serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Expands the definition of "serious mental illness" to include certain eating disorders.

Electronic Verification of Car Insurance (HB 2610): Provides SOS the ability to create an electronic verification program for mandatory liability insurance for motor vehicles. Amends the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act to provide up to 75 percent of every dollar collected for the first year and then up to 50 percent of every dollar afterwards goes to the Secretary of State to create, implement, and maintain an electronic verification program of mandatory liability insurance. No new fee is created. The Secretary shall verify insurance coverage at least twice per calendar year and, if unable to verify coverage, the Secretary must

provide the vehicle owner written notice allowing the owner 30 calendar days to provide proof of insurance.

Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company (HB 2622): Creates the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company as a nonprofit, independent public corporation to insure Illinois employers against liability for workers' compensation and occupational disease coverage. The company is subject to all applicable provisions of the insurance code.

Long Term Care Claims (SB 1544): Requires HFS to maintain a list of the status of applications, denials, appeals, and redeterminations, including the number of pending applications and redeterminations denied for failure to submit the required documentation.

IIGF Access to 3rd Party Records (SB 683): Includes provisions to ensure the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund (IIGF) has access to the claim records and files of insolvent property and casualty insurance companies that are possessed by a third party administrator. Clarifies the priority given under Illinois Insurance Code to expenses IIGF may recover from the assets of an insolvent insurer liquidated by the Office of the Special Deputy Receiver.

Mammogram Coverage (SB 314): Provides that insurers must provide coverage for breast MRI if mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue (when medically necessary).

PANDAS-PANS Insurance Coverage (HB 2721/PA 100-0024): Mandates that a group of individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care must provide coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).

Preexisting Condition Coverage Mandate (HB 2959): Provides that no policy of individual or

group accident and health insurance issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act may impose any preexisting condition exclusion with respect to that plan or coverage. Supplemental policies are exempted from this mandate.

Prescription Synchronization (HB 2957):

Requires insurers to allow patients who are on two or more maintenance prescriptions for one or more chronic condition (e.g. diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, etc.) to allow synchronization at least once per year. The drugs must be covered the by clinical coverage policy OR have been approved by a formulary exceptions process. Prescription synchronization is not available for controlled substances.

Railway Contract Carrier Coverage Verification (SB 1681):

Provides that each rail carrier that contracts with a contract carrier for the transportation of its employees in the course of their employment shall verify that the contract carrier has hit-and-run, uninsured, and underinsured motor vehicle coverage in an amount not less than \$500,000 per passenger.

Safety Net Hospitals Exemption (SB 1833):

Provides that contracts of insurance with an industrial insured that qualifies as a Safety-Net Hospital are exempt from filing administrative information concerning transactions (including premium tax of 3.5%) in the State involving contracts of insurance independently procured directly from an unauthorized insurer by industrial insureds.

Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits (HB 302):

Requires insurers to evaluate lapsed or terminated policies going back to 2012 (originally 1996) to determine if the policy holder has died, and if so whether death benefits have been paid. To the extent insurers have electronic searchable files, they must evaluate policies in lapsed or terminated status going back to 2000 to determine if the policy holder has died and whether death benefits have been paid. Provides that any insurer that has entered into a settlement with the State

Treasurer before December 31, 2018 shall be bound by the terms of that agreement regarding lapsed policies.

Vehicle Insurance Requirement (HB 3874):

Reinforces that no person can operate, register, or maintain registration of a motor vehicle in Illinois unless the motor vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

Workers' Compensation – Insurance Carrier Rate (HB 2525):

Requires DOI preauthorization of insurance rates, codifies new process for which DOI will approve or disapprove an insurance carrier's rate. Contains self-insurance oversight that's not exempt from public disclosure under FOIA. Establishes a rate and premium review task force to explore insurance company profits and understand deviations from NCCI recommended rates. Small changes to workers' compensation, however includes new employer penalties. The legislation contains no real changes to the medical fee schedule, and very little changes to indemnity.

Labor

Collective Bargaining (SB 1905): Prohibits units of local governments from enacting "right to work" zones. Establishes the State of Illinois as the exclusive authority for enacting any law affecting union security agreements.

IDOL Employee Misclassification Referral System (SB 1978):

Requires IDOL to create an online portal that will refer complaints to appropriate agencies as to employee misclassification. Gives rulemaking authority to IDOL to implement this Act. Amends the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act to allow denial of license in cases where violations have occurred as a result of the Employee Misclassification Referral System.

Prevailing Wage Posting (HB 3120): Provides that if Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) ascertains the prevailing wage for a public body, then the public body can satisfy the newspaper publishing requirement by posting the IDOL

hyperlink detailing the prevailing wages on their website.

Prevailing Wage Schedule (HB 3044/PA 100-0002): States that the Department of Labor will publish on its official website a prevailing wage schedule for each county in the State by Aug. 15 every year. The wages will be set by the wages ascertained by the Department during the month of June.

Private Employment Agency Act Tech Rewrite (HB 3785): Advances a technical rewrite of certain provisions of the Act to delete various process and terms that are no longer used.

Local Government

Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Plan (SB 1562): Amends the Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Act by changing the definitions of "parties of interest" and "rehabilitation." "Parties of interest" now include the applicable unit of local government where the property is located (currently, only owners of record, judgment creditor, tax purchaser, or those with title). "Rehabilitation" now includes ensuring the proposed improvements conform to a local government's comprehensive plan or other planning policies and applicable units of local government's licensing, and zoning code (currently only fire, housing, and building code).

Blighted Property (SB 1795): Provides that when a government unit acquires property under a blight reduction or abandoned property program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, all undue or unpaid property taxes and existing liens for the unpaid property taxes imposed or pending under any Illinois law/ordinance or any of its political subdivisions shall become null and void.

Caseyville Township (SB 60): Requires that Caseyville township must provide a "fair and reasonable rate" for users of a waterworks or sewage system, as well as a "fair and reasonable rate" for each new user added to the system and establishes other requirements for Caseyville with regard to

waterworks/sewage systems, in response to abusive and discriminatory rates that Caseyville Township was charging users.

CJIA Inventory (HB 3879): Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority may conduct an inventory of law enforcement agencies, county sheriff's offices, clerks of the circuit court, or circuit clerks in Illinois that operate using a predominately paper system.

Collective Bargaining (SB 1905): Prohibits units of local governments from enacting "right to work" zones. Establishes the State of Illinois as the exclusive authority for enacting any law affecting union security agreements.

Cook County Special Prosecutor (SB 1843): Requires that a court presume a conflict of interest on behalf of a State's Attorney when considering a petition to appoint a special prosecutor in cases in which the defendant or defendants are members of any law enforcement agency. Creates the Commission on Police Professionalism to review training and certification process for law enforcement officers, review standards for the issuance of badges, shields, and other police identification, review officer-involved shooting investigation policies, review use of force and misconduct policies, and examine whether law enforcement officers should be licensed.

County Board Districts (SB 910): Amends the Illinois Voting Rights Act to include County Board redistricting plans consider minority populations. County Redistricting will include racial minorities or language minorities with equal opportunity to participate in the political process. County Redistricting will include racial minorities or language minorities who constitute less than a voting age minority to substantially influence the outcome of an election.

Chicago Liquor Exemptions (HB 3164): Allows the City of Chicago to be able to issue a liquor license to the following establishments which are located within 100 feet of a church or school, if certain requirements are met. This

applies to Revel Motor Row, Pizano's Pizza, and Murphy's Lounge and Medici Restaurant. The bill also includes a correction to the existing exemption for Nando's Peri-Peri Restaurant, to specify that the business is less than 3,000 square feet (instead of 4,350 square feet).

Competitive Bidding Exceptions (SB 422): Provides competitive bidding exceptions for townships, establishing that contracts and purchases that by nature are not adopted to award competitive bidding are not subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the township code.

County Board Posts (HB 169): Clarifies that county board members are not prohibited from being a public administrator or public guardian.

Debt Owed to County Terms (SB 751): Includes unpaid non-real property taxes and fees as debt owed to a county under an enforcement of judgment, and shifts the additional costs incurred by having to go to a collection agency to the taxpayer instead of forcing the county to have to pay it. Applies to Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. Currently, taxes and fees are not included under an enforcement of judgment.

Elected County Board Chairman (SB 669): Mandates a referendum question on the ballot in the 2018 election to the voters of Lake County to determine whether the Chairman of the Lake County board shall be elected by the voters. If the question is approved by county voters, then the Chairman of the Lake County Board shall be elected by the voters of the county starting with the 2020 election.

Elimination of Township Collector in Sangamon County (HB 3521): Changes the Township Code to eliminate the township collector positions in all of Sangamon County beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

Fee Schedule for Category Docs (HB 3036): Establishes a predictable fee schedule county clerks or county recorders charge for standard category documents. Eliminates fees based upon page number or other surcharges.

Establishes a minimum level of \$21 that accounts for state and local mandates.

Fire Chief Training (SB 1304): Changes the Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act so that a person may not be appointed fire chief unless they possess the following: State Fire Marshall Basic Certification or Firefighter II Certification; State Fire Marshall Fore Officer I and I certifications, and an associate's degree in fire science or a bachelor's degree, at least 10 years' experience as a firefighter at the department/fire protection district in the jurisdiction making the appointment; exempts the city of Chicago.

Fire Protection District Annexation (HB 2778): Provides that a fire protection district may annex any property into its jurisdiction for which it is providing coverage under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

Firefighter Certificate (HB 616): Standardizes appointment procedures between the three different entities in Illinois that hire firefighters: Fire protection districts, Civil Service Commissions, and Boards of Fire and Police Commissioners, by providing that firefighters selected from a register of eligible candidates would be awarded with a certificate of appointment upon the day of their swearing-in. Also provides that firefighters who were not awarded a certificate when originally appointed, would be able to obtain one by making a written request to the chairperson of their board of fire and police commissioners. Upon receipt of this written request, a certificate is to be awarded within 10 days.

Fraudulent Filings (HB 3150): Removes the June 1, 2018, repeal date of a law that gives counties the ability to establish procedures for investigating fraudulent filings.

Grease Collection Benefit (SB 1420): States that a nonprofit organization or government entity that hosts a collection center to collect cooking grease or cooking oil from the public shall be exempt from licensure, fees, or reporting under this act.

Highway De-Annexation (HB 764): Provides that township roads included within a municipal annexation are returned to the township if there is a de-annexation/ disconnection of that territory within one year of the annexation.

Homestead Exemptions in Cook County (SB 473): Increases the exemption amounts of several homestead exemptions for Cook County only. Increases the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption in Cook County to \$8,000 for taxable years 2017 and after. The current exemption amount is \$5,000 in ALL counties. Provides to increase the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption maximum income limitation amount to \$65,000 (currently \$55,000) for taxable years 2017 and after, for all counties. Also provides the exemption amount, in Cook County, will be the greater of the amount calculated as provided in statute, or \$2,000. Increases the General Homestead Exemption amount to \$10,000 in Cook County for taxable years 2017 and after. The current exemption is \$6,000 for ALL counties.

IDNR and IDOT Property Conveyances (SB 1668): Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make certain real estate conveyances in Cook County, subject to specified conditions. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to make certain real estate conveyances in Ogle County, Pike County, Madison County, St. Clair County, Will County, and Woodford County, subject to specified conditions.

Lake Shore Noise Monitoring System (HB 2361): Allows the City of Chicago to enact an ordinance providing for a noise monitoring system upon any portion of Lake Shore Drive. Provides that 12 months after the installation of a noise monitoring system, and any time after the first report as the City deems necessary, the City of Chicago must prepare a noise monitoring report with the data collected from the system and, upon request, make the report available to the public.

Lead Reduction Program (SB 1774): Establishes a second phase of this program in the

communities identified as a priority by the Department of Public Health because of the high risk for childhood lead poisoning.

Library Advisory Referendum (SB 2068): Gives library boards of trustees the ability to put an advisory referendum question on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election as long as it is directly related to library operations.

Library Financial Statements (HB 373): Requires local library financial statements submitted to municipalities that provide the necessary amount to levy for the next fiscal year be submitted to the municipality 60 days before the tax is to be certified under the Property Tax Code.

Liquor Sales (SB 322): Provides sale of alcoholic liquor at a premises located within a municipality with population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants can be within 100 feet of a church if the building is between 3,600 to 4,000 square feet and the original building was built before 1922.

Loan Forgiveness for Illinois International Port District (HB 1797): Provides that for certain contracts entered into between the Capital Development Board and a regional port district concerning an appropriation for cargo handling facilities, if, for a period of 25 years, the regional port district has not been required to remit any amount of the appropriation to the State because the regional port district has failed to achieve the required level of profit, then the regional port district shall not be required to remit any amount of the appropriation under the contract.

Local Government Consolidation (SB 3): Gives DuPage County powers to consolidate/abolish to all counties. Provides a consolidation process for multiple townships, merger of a single township with two others and discontinuance of a township within a coterminous township.

Local Sale of Tree Maintenance Biproducts (HB 2423): Gives a township road district the ability to deliver wood chips, mulch and other

products resulting from tree maintenance by the district to district residents. Requires the district to provide adequate notice to the resident receiving such products.

Mahomet Aquifer Protection (SB 611): Creates the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force, composed of 22 members. Tasked with identifying and offering solutions for contamination and mitigation of toxins in the Mahomet Aquifer. On or before July 1, 2018, task force shall report findings to the General Assembly and Governor. Act is repealed on July 1, 2019.

Metropolitan Water District (SB 1591): Enlarges the corporate limits of the Metropolitan Water District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago, to include an area in the northern part of Hoffman Estates and is 34.5 feet at the north end and 42 feet at the south end.

McHenry County Quick Take (SB 1518): Provides for McHenry County to purchase land for the Randall Road expansion and additional quick take for Dowell Road in McHenry County.

MWRD Nutrient Trading Programs (HB 659): Authorizes the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to participate in any nutrient trading programs in Illinois, which are market-based programs that involve the exchange of pollution allocations between sources.

Notice Requirements (HB 2585): Gives local governments and school districts the ability to use a secular newspaper having general circulation within that government and school district in complying with notice requirements.

Park District Board (HB 776): Provides that if a proposition to reduce a park district board from seven to five members is approved by referendum, the number of board members elected at the next election that is to be held at least 60 days after the date of approval is reduced by two.

Part-Time Government Officials (HB 3122): Provides that a person who holds part-time

elected or appointed office as a member of a governing body is not a participating employee in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund unless they were elected to office before the effective date of the act and chosen to become a contributor. Also, provides that an office as a member of a governing body shall be deemed to be part-time if the performance of their duty takes less than 1000 hours per year.

Pollution Control Facilities Siting (HB 2842): Provides that applicants for local siting approval must submit evidence to demonstrate compliance. Provides that applicants must present testimony subject to cross-examination at specified public hearings.

Primary Election Judge Reduction (HB 539): Provides that county boards may reduce the number of judges of election from five to three for primary elections.

Public Contract Approval (HB 547): Increases the base amount from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for public improvement or maintenance of public property at which a municipality must enter into a contract by public bid or four-fifths council approval.

Public Water District (HB 3325): Provides that a general manager of a public water district may be discharged at a meeting of the board of trustees upon a majority vote of the members present. Current law requires a unanimous vote.

Qualifying Territory for Annexation (HB 2407): Provides an exception to the requirement that annexed territory be contiguous to the municipality if the territory is separated only by a lake, river, or other waterway.

Quick-take Procedures (SB 567): Authorizes Macon County and the City of Decatur to use quick-take procedures, for a period not to exceed one year after the effective date, to acquire property for construction on Brush College Road.

Road District Consolidation (HB 607): Provides that no township road district may continue in existence if the roads forming a part of the district do not exceed a total of four centerline miles (rather than four miles) in length. Also, states that if a majority of the electors of a township board of trustees votes in favor of a proposition to abolish a road district in Cook County, the road district shall be abolished by operation of law effective January 1st of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the proposition was approved by the electors or on the date the term of the highway commissioner in office at the time the proposition was approved by the electors expires, whichever is later.

TIF Calumet City (SB 1775): Creates a TIF extension to 35 years for Calumet City, and provides procedures regarding valuation and tax liability for keystone properties in the Village of Park Forest.

TIF Pearl City (HB 465): Creates a TIF extension to 35 years for the Village of Pearl City.

TIF Milledgeville (SB 588) Creates a TIF extension to 35 years for the Village of Milledgeville.

Township Brush Recycling (HB 2427): Provides that a township may provide for the collection, transport, disposal, and recycling of brush, wood chips, and leaves within the unincorporated areas of the township by ordinance without referendum approval.

Township Caucus Vote (SB 666): States that, within the Township Code, a participant in a caucus is entitled to only one vote for each office that is being voted on. This is in response to the practice in McHenry Township, where a precinct committeeman's vote counts for some 400 votes compared to the average citizen.

State Fire Marshal Grants (HB 2551): Permits the Office of the State Fire Marshal to administer any grants (previously only General Revenue Fund grants) to areas not located in a fire protection district or in a municipality which

provides fire protection services, to cover the organizational expenses of forming a fire protection district. Allows the Office of the State Fire Marshal to appropriate funds for reimbursing members of the Committee instead of the Office of the Governor.

Water Reclamation District (HB 3010): Amends the North Shore Water Reclamation District act to make several changes: clarifies that a trustee vacancy must be filled with an individual of the same political party; adds barium, cadmium, mercury, selenium, and silver to the list of substances noted as toxic to the wastewater treatment processes; states that it is unlawful to discharge effluent, gaseous wastes, sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes into the sewage system; authorizes disconnection for violations of district final orders; and allows owners of non-contiguous territory to enter into annexation agreements.

Zoning Appeals (SB 731): Clarifies that when dealing with zoning board of appeals and the definition of a party of record, removes the language "in a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more inhabitant." This is intended to prevent a private citizen who only signs in to testify or to attend a public zoning hearing from becoming a defendant in a subsequent case or appeal. As a result, party of record shall NOT be named as a defendant in a review of a zoning board decision if the party of record is a private citizen who was not acting in an official capacity, or whose participation in the zoning board of appeal proceeding was limited to attendance or testimony at a public hearing or submission of written comments to the agency.

Pensions, Retirement and Other Benefits

Downstate Police Pensions (HB 418): Prohibits a police chief from electing to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) instead of a downstate police pension fund, unless that police chief began participating in IMRF before Jan. 1, 2019. Also, requires each municipality to establish a defined contribution plan for certain police officers and provides that

if a police officer is receiving pension payments and returns to active service with any municipality, he or she shall continue to receive those pension payments, but must participate only in the municipality's defined contribution plan. Additionally provides that if a police officer who has more than 10 years of creditable service in a fund enters active service with a different municipality, he or she may elect to participate in the defined contribution plan in lieu of participating in the defined benefit plan. Also authorizes a police officer to rescind his or her election to participate in the defined contribution plan and revert back to defined benefit participation so long as he/she is not receiving an annuity.

IMRF Board of Trustees (HB 2966): Updates the qualifications section for the IMRF Board of Trustees to ensure that Board candidates are vested, regardless of the tier in which they participate. Also corrects incorrect terminology in the accelerated payment statute.

IMRF Payments (SB 701): Requires an employer to pay the present value of the increase in pension resulting from an increase in earnings greater than 6% or 1.5 times the increase in the consumer price index for any of the 12-month periods used to determine final rate of earnings, excludes earnings increases resulting from payments for unused vacation time, but only for payments for unused vacation time made in the final 3 months of the final rate of earnings period. This doesn't change what the employer has to pay IMRF, it just allows the payments to be spread over the full amortization period, rather than within three years. States that compensation for automobile use cannot be used as pensionable salary.

IMRF Codify Current Practice (HB 3070): Codifies the current IMRF practice of allowing members to take one payment for service credit purchases after termination, so long as a valid application is received while the member is still active.

IMRF Police and Fire (HB 815): Allows certain police officers and firefighters who participate

in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to participate in a more generous pension package reserved for some law enforcement officers (SLEP) in IMRF upon approval of the employing municipality.

Minority, Woman, Disabled Owned Businesses (SB 1714): Amends the Pension Code to require a consultant to annually disclose information concerning searches for investment services from minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with a disability.

MWRD Annuitants (HB 164): Opens a one-year window in a Municipal Water Reclamation District that would allow certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions in lieu of a survivor benefit to repurchase those survivors benefits, with added interest, from the fund.

Police and Fire Pension (SB 419): Provides that the firefighter may purchase credit from the newly created pension fund for the years preceding the fund's creation. This impacts only a full-time firefighter hired in 2008 by a municipality that had not created a firefighter pension fund until 2015. Amends the Chicago Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Retroactively applies a 3% simple COLA to a subset of annuitants born after December 31, 1954 but before January 1, 1966.

Secure Choice Program Modifications (HB 2360/PA 100-0006): Amends the Secure Choice Savings Program Act to incorporate recommendations of the Secure Choice Savings Board regarding a revised implementation timeline, default contribution rate (allows the Board to set between 3-6%) and clarifies that the fund need not register as a security under state law.

SERS Clean Up (HB 2496): Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code to make several technical corrections, clean-up language, and address other substantive requests regarding disability application timelines of SERS.

State Government

Abandoned Property and Foreclosure Fees

Funds Extension (SB 647): Extends the sunset date for the *filing* fees paid into the Foreclosure Prevention Program Fund, Foreclosure Prevention Program Graduated Fund, and the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund to Jan. 1, 2020. The *judicial sale* fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Fund will become inoperative on Jan. 1, 2020, and repealed on March 2, 2020. Actions taken before this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly are ratified, validated, and confirmed.

Abolish Hazardous Materials Board (HB 2733):

Abolishes the Hazardous Materials Advisory Board and makes conforming changes throughout Act.

Act, Provision and Licensure Repeal (SB 1821):

Illinois Athlete Agents Act, Land Sales Registration Act of 1999, and Real Estate Timeshare Act of 1999. Deletes provisions requiring Internet auction listing services to be registered with the IDFPR. Deletes the Auctioneer Real Estate License allowing auctioneers to sell real property.

Adoption Between Two States (HB 703):

Allows DCFS to create rules for interstate (between two states) adoption placements. Provides that within 30 days of enactment, DCFS shall promulgate rules to include the following issues: A) DCFS shall distribute a written list of all pre-adoption approval requirements to all Illinois licensed child welfare agencies and all approved out-of-state agencies. B) DCFS may not require any further pre-adoption requirements and the procedures shall reflect the standard of review in the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. C) Provides for timely review and decision-making, within three days, to include communication of incomplete or missing documents from an adoption packet. D) In the case of denial of interstate adoption, DCFS will provide a written decision to the agency and attorneys explaining their decision. E) Allows for provisional approval

by DCFS while waiting for incomplete documentation. F) Allows for electronic communication by DCFS between the Agency and involved parties.

ATT/Telecom Modernization Act (HB 1811/PA

100-0020): Facilitates the transition from traditional landline telephone services to modern 21st Century IP telephone landline services. Extends the sunset of the 9-1-1 rewrite provisions which was set to be repealed on July 1, 2017 and extends the sunset date to December 31, 2020. Advances a surcharge rate increase from \$.87 to \$1.50 per line across the state and enables Chicago to raise its 9-1-1 rate to \$5 per line (currently \$3.90).

Automatic Voter Registration (SB 1933):

Establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration for the Secretary of State's Office: One for those applications for a Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State; and another process for those applications for a Non-Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State. This bill also establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration Agencies: One for those applications for a license, permit, program or service provided by a designated Automatic Voter Registration agency that collects or cross-references reliable personal information indicating citizenship status; and another process for applications for a license, permit, program or service provided by a designated Automatic Voter Registration agency that DOES NOT collect or cross-reference reliable personal information indicating citizenship status.

Barack Obama Day (SB 55): Designates Aug. 4 of each year as Barack Obama Day.

Bio-solids Clarification (HB 2732):

Amends the Environmental Protection Act to state that nothing in the section concerning exceptional quality bio-solids shall limit or supersede the authority of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency under the Nuclear Safety Law of 2004.

Budget Implementation Act (SB 42/PA 100-0023): Creates the FY 19 Budget Implementation Act (BIMP) to make changes to state programs that are necessary to implement the FY 18 budget. Of note:

- Within 30 days of the effective date of the Act, the following rate increases must be implemented subject to emergency rulemaking authority:
 - \$0.75/hour wage increase for DD front line workers. **(Fiscal: \$43.4 Million)**
 - \$0.72/hour wage increase to be paid to CCP homemaker workers. Additionally, an enhanced rate of \$1.77/hour to be paid to CCP In-home service provider agencies that offer health insurance coverage to their employees and adjusted annually based on the cost of care actuarial analysis. **(Fiscal: \$49.9 Million)**
 - 3% increase to drug and substance abuse providers. **(Fiscal: \$1 Million)**
 - An increased rate methodology with annualized the increases for contracts to certified community mental health centers based on additional amounts appropriated for that purpose. **(Fiscal \$3.5 Million)**
 - \$0.48/hour for Home Service Program workers. **(Fiscal \$12.6 Million)**
 - 2.8% increase for supportive living facilities. **(Fiscal: \$4.3 Million)**
 - 2.8% increase for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRF's) **(Fiscal Impact: \$4.3 Million)**
 - **Total Fiscal Impact - \$119 Million**
- Speeds up payments to units of local government by having IDOR deposit amounts directly into LGDF, instead of depositing into GRF and then the Treasurer making the transfer into LGDF. Also provides to reduce the deposits by 10% for FY 18 only.
 - Provides, for FY 2018, to set the share of individual income taxes deposited into the Income Tax Refund Fund at 9.8% and the share of business income taxes deposited at 17.5%.
 - For TRS, SURS, and non-covered SERS – Beginning FY 2018, creates a voluntary Tier 3 Hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan for Tier 2 members.
 - Increases the personal needs allowance (PNA) for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICFDD's), Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA's), medically complex for developmentally disabled facilities (MC/DD's) and Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities (SMHRF's) so that total monthly allowance is \$60.
 - *The \$60 PNA was repealed on 1/1/16 and reverted back to the following:*
 - \$50/month for CILA's
 - \$30/month for ICFDD's and MC/DD's
 - **The repeal resulted in \$3.2 Million saving to the State. According to DHS, based on the current budget outlook for Illinois, the proposed increase would need to be offset by alternative existing program cuts or an increase in state revenues.**
 - Permits State entities to enter in energy savings contracts or leases. These include contracts for improvement, repair, alteration, betterment, equipment, fixture, or furnishing that is designed to reduce energy consumption or operating costs. Agreements shall not be over 15 years. Contracts may include alternative financing, or lease to purchase options.
 - Requires the Director on Aging to establish a 19 member Community Care Program Services Task Force to review

community care program services for seniors and strategies to reduce costs without diminishing the level of care.

- Amends the General Obligation Bond Act to authorize an additional \$6 billion in Income Tax Proceed Bonds for the purposes of paying down the backlog of bills. Provides the bonds are payable 12 years from the date of sale.
- Identifies nearly \$300 million in special fund transfers to GRF.

Census Outreach Commission (SB 100): Creates the Illinois Complete Count Commission to develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy that encourages full participation in the 2020 federal census.

Civil Administrative Code (HB 2408): Makes various technical changes aimed at aligning the Civil Administrative Code with various other Acts regarding IDFP's e-license initiative as well as standardizing technology.

Comptroller Disclosures for State Employees (HB 623): Specifies that employees' salaries disclosed in the Comptroller's Annual Report shall be rounded to the nearest hundredth dollar. Requires the "Online Ledger" to be rounded to the nearest hundredth dollar for any previous year or monthly salary. Permits the Comptroller to list the unadjusted total salary amount paid to an employee for any previous year prior the rounded salary.

Contract Notification (HB 3110): Requires greater notification if state agencies do not have funds, or plan to reduce, terminate or suspend contracts with service providers, and only applies to non-governmental services providers who deliver social services and applies regardless of the source of funds. Provides that any contract between a State agency and an authorized service provider may be terminated, suspended, or reduced by either party to the contract upon 30 days prior written notice. Provides that if the State seeks to terminate, suspend, or reduce the amount of a contract due to the failure of appropriation or

reduction in the amount of available funds, the State agency shall notify the Governor and the four legislative leaders in writing of its intent no less than 45 days before such action and include the level of appropriations required to prevent the action. Provides that the requirements of the Act may not be waived by agreement.

Corn as State Grain (HB 470): Names corn as official the State grain of Illinois.

Cybersecurity Training for DoIT (HB 2371): Requires State employees under the Governor to annually undergo training by the Department of Innovation and Technology concerning cybersecurity, which includes phishing scams, spyware infections and identity theft, preventing and responding to data breaches.

DCEO Unfunded Mandates Report (SB 2066): Provides that DCEO must also include a statewide cost of compliance estimate in their catalog of State Mandates to the Governor and General Assembly.

Department of Corrections Nurses (SB 19/Governor Vetoed): Provides that the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) may not let bids for contracts that would have the effect of reducing the number of DOC employees, whose employment is related to medical or mental health services, as their headcount stood on January 1, 2016.

Dry Hydrant (HB 2382): Defines "dry hydrant" as a fire hydrant that is installed to provide access to water from a lake, pond, or other body of water rather than water from a public or private water supply system.

Electronic Notary Public (SB 1459): Allows the Secretary of State to develop standards and rules for electronic notarial acts. Electronic Notary Acts involve doing notary public acts with electronic documents.

Esther Golar Day (SB 282): Designates April 16 of each year as Esther Golar Day to remember the accomplishments of State Representative

Esther Golar and to honor her legacy of public service.

Expatriate Foreign Tax Haven (HB 3419):

Prohibits the State from doing business with or investing the retirement system in companies that incorporate in foreign tax havens to avoid paying income taxes in Illinois. The retirement system has the authority to engage in activism. The Retirement System may bring shareholder resolutions and proxy voting on shareholder resolutions. If the retirement system determines the shareholder activism is unsuccessful, then they will divest from the company.

Extends Repeal of Human Trafficking Task Force (SB 986/PA 100-0018): Amends the Human Trafficking Task Force Act, and Extends repeal of Human Trafficking Task Force from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018.

Fiscal Impact Statement Act (HB 2379): Creates the Fiscal Impact Statement Act. A fiscal impact statement shall be filed for every executive order. Provides that the fiscal impact statement must contain a reliable estimate of changes in State expenditures or revenues due to the executive order. Provides for the filing and publication of the fiscal impact statement.

FOIA Exemptions (HB 619): Amends the Freedom of Information Act to add the following exemptions from disclosure: records requested by persons committed to a county jail or a Department of Corrections facility, as a means to prevent FOIA from being used as a harassment tool.

FY17 Supplemental Budget and FY 18 Budget (SB 6/PA 100-0021): Includes a FY 17 supplemental and FY 18 budget. The Democrat majorities' fiscal year 2018 budget includes spending of approximately \$37.6 billion (SB6) with estimated total revenues of only \$36.3 billion. This results in a \$1.3 billion structural deficit.

- It counts on \$500 million in savings from Tier 3 for new hires' pension reforms that most likely will not

materialize in FY18 because each retirement systems is allowed to set its own implementation date.

- In this budget, no surplus cash available to pay debt service on the \$6 billion bill backlog borrowing authorized by the General Assembly. A \$6 billion borrowing would need approximately \$650 million in cash to cover FY18 debt service.
- A drafting error strands \$215 million in State Pensions Fund that is intended to provide GRF relief for SURS pension payment.

The budget hole grows to \$2.6 billion when you include \$1.3 billion in unpaid bills from FY17 with no appropriations. New FY18 appropriations will first be used to pay these old bills. It should be noted that the majority's budget process resulted in numerous mistakes and/or drafting errors that could make it difficult, if not impossible for the Administration to enact some parts of the budget. There is also no guarantee K-12 schools will open on time, as the budget specifically requires passage of an "evidence-based model" school funding formula.

Human Trafficking in CDL Curriculum (HB 1677): Requires that the Secretary of State must include in its commercial driver's license curriculum and study guide information on the human trafficking problem in Illinois.

IDOT Mobilization Payments (HB 284): Provides that when the IDOT enters into a contract that provides for mobilization payments and the contractor is using the services of a subcontractor, the subcontract must include terms requiring mobilization payments be made to the subcontractor.

Includes a schedule of mobilization payments based on the initial value of the subcontract. Provisions concerning mobilization payments only apply to contracts entered into by IDOT.

IEMA Conference Fees (SB 1489): Allows the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to assess and collect reasonable fees for

attendance at Agency-sponsored conferences and trainings.

Illinois ID Card (HB 395): Allows applicants to obtain a non-REAL ID compliant ID or license issued pursuant to current requirements. Individuals with non-compliant IDs and licenses will not be able to board an airplane or visit a federal facility using the non-compliant ID to prove identity.

ILGA in Spanish (SB 1869): Requires that within one year after the effective date of this Act, the Legislative Information System (LIS) will use a free translation tool to enable translation into multiple languages the information made available to the public through the Illinois General Assembly website. Creates the Language Access to Government Services Task Force. The 18 member task force is tasked with studying and reducing the language barriers existing among Illinois residents who are limited English proficient.

Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act (SB 1696): Creates the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act and the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council to advise the Governor and General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim Americans and immigrants; advance their role and civic participation in Illinois; enhance trade and cooperation between Muslim-majority countries and Illinois; and to build relationships with and disseminate information to Muslim Americans immigrant communities across Illinois.

Illinois Petroleum Resources Board (SB 730): Changes the repeal date of the Illinois Petroleum Education and Marketing Act to 2028. Adds that the Board shall support oil field environmental remediation and restoration activities.

Illinois State Trooper Day (HB 769): Designates April 1 of each year as Illinois State Trooper Day.

Indigenous Peoples Day (HB 123): Designates last Monday in September of each year as

Indigenous Peoples Day to be observed throughout the State as a day to recognize the contributions of indigenous peoples with suitable ceremony and fellowship. This is designed to promote greater understanding and kinship between indigenous peoples and non-indigenous peoples of the State of Illinois.

ISP Rank Removal (HB 1849): Removes ranks at Illinois State Police that no longer exist. Ranks include: Special Agent Sergeant, Special Agent Master Sergeant, Special Agent Lieutenant, Special Agent Captain, and Special Agent Major.

Legislative Digest Online (SB 1880): Clarifies the Legislative Digest can be published online.

Legislative Per Diem, COLA (HB 643): Establishes the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 General Assembly member mileage reimbursement rate and allowance for lodging and meals to be \$111 per day and mileage for automobile travel to be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.39 per mile. Beginning July 1, 2017, eliminates the FY 2018 COLA for members of the General Assembly, State's Attorneys (excluding county supplements), elected executive branch constitutional officers, and certain appointed agency employees (example – directors and deputy directors).

Legislative Reference Bureau Revisory Bill (HB 3855): Contains combining and technical revisories that the Legislative Research Bureau (LRB) prepares for the General Assembly.

Liabilities Report to the State Comptroller (HB 3649): Requires every state agency to submit a monthly report to the State Comptroller listing all current liabilities and interest penalties accrued under the State Prompt Payment Act. Also, allows the State Comptroller to waive the reporting requirement if a state agency does not have state liabilities.

Lincoln Library and Museum State Agency (HB 136): Creates the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) as a State agency separate from the Historic Preservation Agency (HPA). Provides for the operations of the ALPLM

including the appointment of its board and officers.

Liquor Control Violation Procedures (HB 2878): Provides that any notice issued by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) to a licensee for a violation of the Act or any notice with respect to a settlement or “offer in compromise” must include the field report, photographs, and any other supporting documentation necessary to reasonably inform the licensee of the nature and extent of the violation or the conduct alleged to have occurred. Also states that any action taken by the ILCC for a violation of the Liquor Control Act of 1934 must be completed within two years after the date of the violation.

Multistate Registration and Filing Portal (HB 140): Allows the Attorney General to become a member of the “Multistate Registration and Filing Portal, Inc.” which is an independent tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. This is a multistate registration and filing portal for nonprofit organizations and their professional fundraisers.

New Market Plan Expansion and Extension (SB 652): Expands various aspects of the New Markets Development Program in an effort to leverage more dollars for investment via the federal program. Provides for system improvements that will ensure proper use of the funds and increase transparency and extends the Program to 2021.

Notification of Job Opportunities to Youth (HB 2987): Requires that whenever a State agency has a job opening for an intern or student worker, that State agency shall notify the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Children and Family Services. Requires DHS, DJJ, and DCFS to take steps to notify qualified applicants (those from foster care, homeless youth, or a court-involved youth) of the job opening.

Octave Chanute Aerospace Heritage Fund (SB 267): Requires funds in the Octave Chanute

Aerospace Heritage Fund to be paid as grants to the Rantoul Historical Society and Museum or any other charitable foundation responsible for the former exhibits and collections of the Chanute Air Museum.

Official State Exercise (HB 2895): Designates cycling as the official State exercise of Illinois.

Organ Donor Registry (HB 1805): Provides that the age of an individual who has the opportunity to have his or her name included in the First Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry to be 16 or older, rather than 18.

Payroll Certifications (HB 2704): Amends the Personnel Code so that payroll certifications must be made by individual agency heads instead of the Director of Central Management Services (CMS).

Persons with Disabilities Task Force Administration (HB 2782): Changes the administrative support for the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force from the Illinois Department of Employment Security to the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Persons with Disabilities Walking, Running, and Bike Paths (HB 2643): Adds to the definition of “pedestrian with a disability” a person who may require the use of a mobility device, service animal, or white cane to travel on the walking, running, or bicycle paths of this State. Provides that if the Governor takes public notice of Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Day (Oct. 15) and issues a proclamation, he may discuss the history of laws protecting pedestrians with disabilities and may emphasize the need of all citizens to keep safe and functional for persons with disabilities the walking, running, or bicycle paths of this State.

Prevailing Wage Posting (HB 3120): Provides that if Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) ascertains the prevailing wage for a public body, then the public body can satisfy the newspaper publishing requirement by posting the IDOL

hyperlink detailing the prevailing wages on their website.

Procurement Reform (SB 8): Provides for procurement reforms (combines Governor's, Chief Procurement Officer, State Chamber) to eliminate barriers to vendor participation, competition, cost savings and efficient procurement practices while maintaining transparency.

Prompt Payment —Youth Services (HB 3143): Expands prompt payment to cover a variety of youth services provided by a vendor under a contractual grant agreement. The agreement would state the following: qualify on behalf of the state by virtue of an appropriation from the General Assembly for payment from state funds; receive interest for late payments; seek alternative financing options when the state is unable to provide timely payment. This allows Boards of Directors and financial lenders confidence in fulfilling their respective fiduciary responsibilities in decisions related to investment, borrowing, refinancing, extending lines of credit, managing liabilities, agency growth and restructuring plans, etc.

Publishing of Public Questions (HB 512): Provides that public questions must be published not more than 60 (rather than 30) days and not less than 10 days before the election.

Radioactive Waste Task Force Abolition (HB 3048): Abolishes the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Task Group and makes corresponding changes including removing provisions concerning the adoption of criteria for selection of a site for a regional disposal facility.

Radiologic Technologist Accreditation Advisory Board (SB 1478): Abolishes the Radiologic Technologist Accreditation Advisory Board. The Advisory Board hasn't met since 2010.

Radon Task Force Removal (HB 2719): Amends the Radon Resistant Construction Act; deletes reference to "Task Force on Radon Resistant Building Codes."

Repeal Specialty Farm Product Buyers Act (HB 3189): Repeals the Specialty Farm Product Buyers Act.

Repeal Wirsing Institute (HB 3188): Repeals the David A. Wirsing Food Animal Institute Act.

Reporting to Property Control Division (HB 3658): Changes the reporting requirement imposed on agencies to the Property Control Division at CMS. Increases the property value that triggers the reporting requirement from \$500 (currently located in Administrative Rule) to \$1,000. Allows the administrator to set a higher limit by rule. Also, nothing relieves the responsible officers of the duty to reasonably ensure that State property is not subject to theft, and physical inventory checks should only be made for more than a nominal value (\$1,000 or less). Also requires the value of the item to reflect its depreciated value, as determined by the administrator.

RTA Borrowing Authority (HB 3004): Provides that the RTA may issue, sell, and deliver additional Working Cash Notes before July 1, 2020 (now 2018) that are over and above and in addition to the \$100 million authorization. The RTA Act gives the RTA the ability to borrow up to \$400 million. Also includes language that in the case of a default Interim Financing Note issued by the Chicago Transit Authority with which State money in the Treasury was invested, authorizes the State Treasurer to certify, after notice, to the Comptroller the amounts of the defaulted Interim Financing Note and for the Comptroller to deduct and remit to the Treasury the certified amounts or a portion of those amounts in specified proportions in the three years following default.

Sale of James R. Thompson Center (SB 886) Sets up a new procurement process for the sale of the Thompson Center. Requires applicable payment to the City of Chicago with respect to additional zoning density. Requires an agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) regarding the existing CTA facility. Current offices within the Thompson Center shall be relocated to the

Bilandic Building or other State-leased buildings.

School Nurses and School Buses (SB 1486):

States that in provisions regarding home or hospital instruction, adds advanced practice nurses to be able to provide and sign off on medical documentation that certifies that a student is unable to participate due to a medical condition. Removes obsolete requirements for high school graduation. Provides that private schools that do not utilize a bus to transport students are exempt from conducting bus evacuation drills.

Secretary of State Newspaper Publications (HB 348):

Provides that the Secretary of State must publish a proposed constitutional amendment in a newspaper as well as on a publicly accessible website. Also, provides that the SOS cannot publish, mail, or maintain any pamphlets concerning a proposed constitutional amendment concerning the abolition of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Sexual Orientation in Applications (SB 1670):

Provides an option for sexual orientation disclosure to be included on the application for Governor Appointments.

Sharing Information between IDOR and Treasurer – Unclaimed Property (HB 1808):

Provides that the Department of Revenue may share information with the State Treasurer for the purpose of administering the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.

SoS Sponsored Mailings (HB 394): Allows the Secretary of State to solicit and accept sponsorships on publications printed and distributed by the Secretary of State's office. The goal is to offset the costs of preparing and distributing registration renewal notices from the Secretary of State. Any contracts for sponsorship shall be for no longer than one year.

Spreading of Cremated Ashes (SB 1586): Adds to the definition of "scattering area" as property used for outdoor recreation or natural

resource conservation owned by the Department of Natural Resources and designated as a scattering area.

State Historical Library Clean-Up (HB 3234):

Modernizes the State Historical Library Act to reflect current preservation practices of historical records by removing references to specific photographic technologies.

State Pet (HB 812): Designates any shelter dog or cat that is residing or has resided in a shelter or rescue facility in this state as the official State pet of the State of Illinois.

State Prompt Payment Act—Youth Services (HB 3143):

Expands Prompt Payment to cover a variety of youth services provided by a vendor under a contractual grant agreement. The agreement would state the following: qualify on behalf of the state by virtue of an appropriation from the General Assembly for payment from state funds; receive interest for late payments; seek alternative financing options when the state is unable to provide timely payment. This allows Boards of Directors and financial lenders confidence in fulfilling their respective fiduciary responsibilities in decisions related to investment, borrowing, refinancing, extending lines of credit, managing liabilities, agency growth and restructuring plans, etc.

State Security Breaches, Computer Tampering (SB 707):

Requires that any State agency that has been subject to a single breach or aggravated computer tampering to the security of its data to submit a comprehensive report to both the Attorney General and the General Assembly to disclose in specified ways any breach of the security of the system or data following discovery or notification of the security breach.

State Wildflower (HB 2568): Designates milkweed as the official state wildflower of the State of Illinois.

Task Force on Opportunities for At-Risk Women (HB 457): Adds that appointments to the Task Force on Opportunities for At-Risk

Women must be made within 60 days. Requires Task Force to meet no less than four times per year. Adds date for when the report is due to on or before Jan. 1, 2018, and Jan. 1 of each year thereafter.

Third-Party Contracting (HB 3216): Provides that the State would allow third-party contracting only when it's in the "best interests of the State." Outlines the parameters to determine that standard.

Taxes and Fees

Angel Investment Credit (SB 2012): Provides an extension for the angel investment credit until December 31, 2021. Makes several changes to the credit including creating a minimum investment threshold, changing reporting requirements, earmarking amounts to be awarded to female, minority, persons with a disability owned businesses, or businesses located in smaller counties. The angel investment program is a critical tool for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses in Illinois; angel investment tax credits are given in the amount of 25% of the claimant's investment directly in a qualified new business venture, both the claimant and the business venture must be registered and/or approved by the DCEO.

Downstate Public Transportation Fund Transfers (HB 2453): Changes how revenues from sales and use taxes are deposited into the Downstate Public Transportation Fund. Currently, revenue received from the sales and use taxes are deposited into the General Revenue Fund (GRF), and then a portion (by formula) is deposited into the Downstate Public Transportation Fund on a monthly basis. HB 2453 would bypass GRF and have revenue directly deposited into the Downstate Transportation Fund.

E-Filing Mandate (HB 821): Provides electronic or magnetic media submission of withholding tax returns and W-2 Forms to the Department. Provides the Department may establish, by rule, a due date for W-2 submission. Provides for

certain returns to be filed electronically beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Provides an exemption for retailers who demonstrate hardship. The applicable vendor discounts will only apply if the electronic filing requirement is met.

Expatriate Foreign Tax Haven (HB 3419): Prohibits the State from doing business with, or investing the retirement system, in companies that incorporate in foreign tax havens to avoid paying income taxes in Illinois. The retirement system has the authority to engage in activism. The Retirement System may bring shareholder resolutions and proxy voting on shareholder resolutions. If the retirement system determines the shareholder activism is unsuccessful, then they will divest from the company.

Film Production and Live Theatre Tax Credit (SB 852): Extends the Film Production and Live Theater tax credit programs until Jan. 1, 2022.

Fire Protection District Special Tax (HB 743): Provides clarity to the section regarding levying a special tax for the purposes of obtaining funds to pay for the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment.

Forest Preserve Districts (SB 1493): Provides forest preserve districts can abate property taxes on certain property it acquires.

Hotel Operators Occupation Tax Exemption (SB 587): Provides that religious organizations are exempt from the Hotel Operators Occupation Tax when acting as a hotel operator renting, leasing or letting rooms in furtherance of the purpose for which it is organize, or to other religious organizations—this includes retreat centers, conference centers and hunting lodges.

Income Tax Checkoffs (SB 2046): Creates a checkoff for contributions into the Thriving Youth Income Tax Checkoff Fund and a Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund.

Income Tax Increase (SB 9/PA 100-0022): Increases the individual income tax rate to 4.95% (currently 3.25%) and the corporate

income tax rate to 7% (currently 5.25%) beginning July 1, 2017. This is a 32 percent income tax increase, which is expected to bring in about \$5.5 billion in new tax revenue.

Additionally, Senate Bill 9:

- Reinstates the Research & Development Credit. Provides the credit will sunset on January 1, 2022.
- Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit to 14% of the federal tax credit beginning January 1, 2017 and then 18% of the federal tax credit beginning January 1, 2018.
- Increases the Education Expense Credit to \$750 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2017. Provides an income limit for taxpayers claiming this credit: \$500,000 for joint filers and \$250,000 for all other taxpayers.
- Implements an income limit for taxpayers claiming the standard deduction and receiving a tax credit for property taxes: \$500,000 for joint filers and \$250,000 for all other taxpayers.
- Creates a credit for instructional materials and supplies beginning January 1, 2017.
- Closes corporate tax incentives.
- Expands taxation of off shore businesses who also have a taxable presence in Illinois.
- Extends the sales tax exemption for "majority blended ethanol fuel" and "100% biodiesel and biodiesel blends" through December 31, 2023 (currently expires December 31, 2018).
- Provides that graphic arts machinery and equipment will be included in the MM&E exemption beginning July 1, 2017.
- Rewrites the Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act to follow newly established unclaimed property procedures established by the Uniform Law Commission in 2016. This is the product discussions with all of the various stakeholders within unclaimed property. However, financial groups remain opposed.

Motor Fuel Tax Flexibility (SB 789): Allows any county board, township, or municipality to use motor fuel tax funds allotted to it for the operation costs of any public transportation service, capital improvements to improve or enhance pedestrian, bicycle, or transit mobility, and to support electric vehicle infrastructure. Intended to give local governments the flexibility to spend motor fuel tax funds how they see fit.

Natural Gas Motor Fuel Taxes (HB 2801/PA 100-0009): Levels the tax paid on compressed natural gas (19 cents/gallon) and liquefied natural gas or propane (21 cents/gallon) to match tax paid on gasoline and diesel fuel, respectively, when used as a motor fuel.

Property Tax Exemption for Free Parking (SB 1593): Provides a property tax exemption for parking areas owned by a religious institution and leased or rented to a municipality for the purpose of offering free public parking.

Rental Tax (SB 1434): Provides a tax will be imposed at the rate of 6.25 percent on businesses engaged in renting merchandise under a rental-purchase agreement. Also provides a tax will be imposed at the rate of 6.25 percent on the privilege of using merchandise that is rented from a merchant.

River Edge Program Tax Credit (SB 1783): Extends the tax credit awarded for the restoration and preservation of historic structures in a River Edge Redevelopment Zone through Jan. 1, 2022. The credits' sunset date is currently Jan. 1, 2018.

Rolling Stock (SB 1871): Amends the various Sales Tax Acts to make changes to the rolling stock exemption beginning July 1, 2017.

Sale Deadline for Mobile Homes (HB 466): Extends the timeframe for tax purchasers to notify owners of the tax sale and the date of expiration of the redemption period, and the timeframe in which a tax purchaser can file a petition for the issuance of a tax certificate of a title.

“Wooded Acreage” Definition (HB 2813): Makes changes to the definition of “wooded acreage” within the property tax code.

Transportation, Infrastructure and Vehicular Regulation/Safety

12-month Semi-truck Safety Test (HB 3172): Provides that semi-trucks be subject to a safety test at an official testing station at least every 12 months (rather than six months as provided by current law). This bill would provide savings of \$35-\$40 per vehicle per year, which would result in a loss of revenue for the State.

Annual Supplier Diversity Report (SB 1267): Allows all Class I railroad companies to submit an annual supplier diversity report, by April 15 of each year, to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Also, requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to hold an annual workshop open to the public on the state of railroad supplier diversity.

Authorized Vehicles Flashing Lights (HB 2499): Adds to the authorized emergency vehicles list and vehicles that are permitted to use red or white oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights to include Illinois State Toll Highway Authority vehicles with a gross weight rating of 9,000 pounds or more. Currently, only vehicles identified as Highway Emergency Lane Patrol qualify.

Drone Regulation and Penalties (SB 421): In response to the increased use of drones and concerns that pilots have with possible interference with take-off or landing, this legislation provides that ordinances adopted by an airport authority may prescribe fines as the Board of Commissioners deems appropriate of not less than \$1 nor more than \$1,000 (rather than not less than \$1 nor more than \$200) upon conviction for each offense.

Email Insurance Verification (HB 3045): Provides that an application for a certificate of title and vehicle registrations shall include, if available, a person’s email address. Provides that in preparation for selection of random

samples for verification of a liability insurance policy, the Secretary of State may send to owners of randomly selected motor vehicles requests for information about their motor vehicles and liability insurance coverage electronically or, if electronic means are unavailable, via U.S. mail.

Fire Chief Siren (HB 3469): Allows a vehicle operated by a fire chief, or the director or coordinator of a municipal or county emergency services and disaster agency, to be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet.

Fire Truck Exemption (HB 2492): Provides the provisions in law governing size, weight, and load of vehicles does not apply to fire apparatus, and authorized emergency vehicles owned and operated by governmental bodies or non-for-profit fire protection service organization or agency. It also removes a provision providing that an emergency vehicle may not exceed 86,000 pounds gross weight or other listed weights. Provides that this bill does not apply to Class I highways.

Harvest Permit (HB 2580): Allows a special permit to be issued by IDOT during a declared harvest emergency that would allow a truck transporting agricultural commodities to waive a vehicle’s registered weight limitation and set a divisible load weight limit not to exceed 10 percent above a vehicle’s registered gross weight or axle weight.

IDOT Rail Freight Program Statutes (SB 1376): Makes technical changes and updates statutes related to Illinois Department of Transportation’s Rail Freight Program. Removes language referencing IDOT authorization to qualify for funds pursuant to the provisions of the federal Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976. Also, replaces the Interstate Commerce Commission with the federal Surface Transportation Board in regards to who IDOT is required to review all impending rail abandonments and provide their

recommendations. Removes IDOT reporting requirements.

Interstate Carrier without Authority Number (HB 2543): Allows an interstate carrier operating intrastate may operate a motor vehicle upon the public roads of this State without the intrastate authority number painted or affixed on the cab or power unit. Provides that the added provision does not apply to household goods carrier.

Junking or Salvage Certificates (SB 1946): Sets forth a process to obtain a junking or salvage certificate for vehicles from the Illinois Secretary of State: 1) when title has not been provided by the owner or lienholder to an insurer after full payment of a total-loss claim has been made; 2) when the owner of the vehicle initiates an insurance claim and thereafter abandons the vehicle located at a salvage dealer.

Two-Day Inspection and Notice (SB 1694): Provides that lienholders shall be provided with the opportunity to inspect a vehicle on the premises where the vehicle is stored within two business days of the lienholder's request. Provides that certain notices shall be provided to lienholders of record within two business days rather than within one business day. Requires a company seeking to impose fees in connection with the furnishing of storage for a vehicle shall provide notice of the fees to the vehicle owner as well as to the lienholder before assessing storage fees. Companies seeking to impose storage fees for a vehicle in its possession may not foreclose or otherwise enforce its lien unless it first complies with specified notification requirements. Allows storage fees to be paid by cashier's check, certified check, debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or cash. Provides that lienholders shall be provided with the opportunity to inspect a vehicle on the premises where the vehicle is stored within two business days of the lienholder's request.

License Plate Decal – Horsemen (SB 52): Allows the Horsemen's Council of Illinois to issue decals for the universal special license plates. Original issuance fee is \$25 with \$10 going to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. The renewal fee is \$25, \$23 of which going to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Amends the State Finance Act and creates the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund.

License Plate - Prostate Cancer (HB 2485): Creates the Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Allows for the issuance of decals by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Chicago. Provides for the original issuance fee will be \$25; with \$10 going to Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State. The renewal fee will be \$25; with \$23 going to Prostate Cancer Awareness Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State.

License Plate - U.S. Coast Guard (HB 2595): Allows for the issuance of U.S. Coast Guard license plate. The original issuance fee will be \$26 with \$11 to the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund and \$15 to the secretary of State Special Plate Fund. The renewal fee will be \$26 with \$24 to the Illinois Veterans' Home Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special Plate Fund.

License Plate Decal - Volunteerism (HB 2437): Allows for the issuance volunteerism special license plate decals by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). Provides for the original fee, renewal fees, and fee distribution for the volunteerism decals issued by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Low-Speed Electric Bicycles (SB 396): Creates a three-tier system that defines low-speed electric bicycles based on motor capabilities. Removes low-speed electric bicycles from the section defining low-speed gas bicycles. Requires manufacturers and distributors to affix a label including classification, speed, and wattage information. Adds the regulation of low-speed electric bicycles and low-speed gas bicycles to the powers of local authorities.

Mercury Switch Removal Act (SB 1372):

Changes the repeal date to Jan. 1, 2022 (was 2027) to address concerns that the 2027 date was too far in the future for the repeal of the Act. Estimates reveal that approximately 94 percent of mercury switches will be off the road by that time and most vehicles containing these will be more than 25-years-old and may be more of a collector's items than every day drivers. Mercury switches have not been installed in cars since 2002.

Military License Plate Reclassification (HB 374):

Provides that any individual who has a military special license plate may re-class their plate upon acquiring a new registration without a replacement fee of registration cost. Available beginning in the 2019 registration year.

Motor Vehicle Accident Reports (SB 1580):

Removes provisions providing that a written motor vehicle accident report is privileged as to the Secretary of State and the Department of Transportation and shall be held confidential. As well as, provides that the Department may provide for in-depth investigations of accidents involving Department employees or other motor vehicle accidents.

O'Hare Noise Monitoring (HB 3240): Sets a June 30, 2018, deadline for implementation of the O'Hare noise monitoring upgrade already approved and mandated by the Illinois General Assembly in SB 636/P.A. 99-202.

Passing a Bicycle (HB 1784): States that a driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass to the left of a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a portion of a highway designated as a no-passing zone when: (1) the bicycle is traveling at a speed of less than half of the posted speed limit of the highway; (2) the driver is able to overtake and pass the bicycle without exceeding the posted speed limit of the highway; and (3) there is sufficient distance to the left of the centerline of the highway for the motor vehicle to meet the overtaking and passing requirements in the Code. Also allows any person operating a bicycle or motorized pedal cycle shall be allowed to use the shoulder

of a roadway. Allows that the rear of a bicycle may be equipped with a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light (rather than only a red light) visible from a distance of 500 feet in addition to or instead of a red reflector (rather than in addition to a red reflector).

Passing or Overtaking a School Bus (SB 822):

Requires the Secretary of State to immediately revoke the license, permit, or driving privileges of any driver who passes a school bus and is involved in a motor vehicle accident that results in death to another and the violation is a proximate cause of the death.

Pending Property Tax Appeal Board (SB 609):

Provides a taxpayer can appeal a PTAB decision to all applicable subsequent general assessment years directly to PTAB after a decision has been rendered.

Railroad Right-of-Way (HB 535): Changes the process for using right-of-way when laying/drilling cable fiber lines at railroad property. Cable companies can petition the ICC for disputes with railroads (instead of court).

Refueling at Waste Disposal Sites (HB 513):

Allows for the refueling of off-road vehicles and equipment at waste disposal sites from fuel tankers and other portable fuel storage vehicles.

RTA Borrowing Authority (HB 3004): Provides that the RTA may issue, sell, and deliver additional Working Cash Notes before July 1, 2020 (now 2018) that are over and above and in addition to the \$100 million authorization. The RTA Act gives the RTA the ability to borrow up to \$400 million. Also includes language that in the case of a default Interim Financing Note issued by the Chicago Transit Authority with which State money in the Treasury was invested, authorizes the State Treasurer to certify, after notice, to the Comptroller the amounts of the defaulted Interim Financing Note and for the Comptroller to deduct and remit to the Treasury the certified amounts or a portion of those amounts in specified proportions in the three years following default.

Semi-Trailer Lengths (HB 683): Changes the maximum semi-trailer length on all non-state highways from 55 to 65 feet. Sets the kingpin real axle length longer than 48 feet limit to 42 feet 6 inches. Removes the 55 feet overall wheel base limitation on other state highways and class III routes. Allows the state or unit of local government to seek recovery for the cost of repair from damages as a result of a semi-trailer combination exceeding 55 feet. The state or local governments are not required to widen or alter highways constructed before the effective date of this legislation.

Snowmobile/Boating DUI reporting (HB 2611): Requires public officials to report to the Secretary of State when an individual has committed a violation of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act or the Boat Registration and Safety Act relating to operating a snowmobile or a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, intoxicating compounds, or combination thereof.

Secretary of State Vehicle Services Changes (SB 675): Changes the definition of “essential parts” of a vehicle. The change is intended to clarify the definition for enforcement when certifying the legitimacy of parts used in specially constructed vehicles. Adds to the Secretary of State’s authority to cancel licenses and permits. Allows the Secretary of State to cancel an individual’s license or permit if that individual has assisted in an out-of-state resident in acquiring an Illinois license or ID by providing or allowing the out-of-state resident to use their Illinois address. Creates penalties for unlicensed driver training schools.

Tollway Intergovernmental Agreement (HB 2581): Provides that when the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority has built or will build grade separations or interchange improvements at intersections with any railroads, waterways, street railways, streets, thoroughfares, public roads, or highways intersected with the toll highways, the local highway agency or municipality with jurisdiction must enter into an agreement with the Authority for the ongoing maintenance of the structures.

Vehicle Insurance Requirement (HB 3874): Reinforces that no person can operate, register, or maintain registration of a motor vehicle in this State unless the motor vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

Veterans and Military Affairs

ISP Education Waiver for Veterans (HB 3095/PA 100-0011): Provides that a person may have three years of full active and continuous military duty and received an honorable discharge before hiring in order to meet the collegiate educational of the Department of State Police.

Chicago Veterans’ Home Fund (SB 266): Establishes the Illinois Veterans’ Home at Chicago, and directs IDVA to operate and maintain the home in Chicago. The home will be able to accommodate 200 veterans and has a total project cost of \$76 million. Construction resumed during the stopgap budget bill, but the estimated time of completion has been extended to 2019.

Contract Termination (HB 2449): States that any person or service member who enters military service may, at any time after receiving military orders to relocate for a period of service of at least 90 days, terminate or suspend certain specified contracts for service.

Department of Veterans’ Affairs (HB 3018): Technical change to amend statutory references of the “Illinois Veterans’ Commission” to the “Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs.” Ensures that the apostrophe in Veterans’ is included throughout the statutes.

Educational Credit for Military Act (HB 3701): Creates the Educational Credit for Military Experience Act which requires public universities and community colleges to establish a policy to award academic credits for corresponding military training.

Excused Absence Military Child (HB 3507): Allows a child of an active duty armed services member to miss school days in the event the

parent is about to leave for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from a deployment to either a combat zone or in a combat support role.

Inmate Training Dogs for PTSD Veterans (HB 2897): Allows the Helping Paws Service Dog Program to train dogs for veterans with PTSD and depressions. A non-profit service dog training program is to train committed persons at IDOC to train service dogs for the purpose of helping veterans with PTSD and depression.

Killed in Action State Flag (HB 2570): Provides that a family of a fallen member of the Illinois National Guard, while serving in duty or training, is to be presented with the Illinois State Flag.

Line of Duty Compensation Act (SB 860): Adds Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve to the definition of "killed in the line of duty" for Armed Service Members, which will allow the family of U.S. army members killed during these operations to be eligible for death benefits.

Veterans' Death Certificates (SB 1693): Provides that a death certificate of an individual with military service may include or may be amended to include the deceased's veteran status, military branch, and period of time the individual served.

Military Casualty Notification (HB 3017): Provides that in lieu of notice being provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, any other state or federal entity, agency, or person holding such information, may notify the Governor of the death by hostile fire of an Illinois resident member of the United States Armed Forces.

Military Economic Development Committee (HB 3032): Creates the Military Economic Development Committee out of the former Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee. As well as, gives the committee specific parameters and makes various program improvements to

ensure the committee actually meets and is effective.

Military License Plate Reclassification (HB 374): Provides that any individual who has a military special license plate may re-class their plate upon acquiring a new registration without a replacement fee of registration cost. Available beginning in the 2019 registration year.

PPV Leases (SB 1598): Provides changes to the valuation procedure for PPV leases, and extend the procedure until Jan. 1, 2056. Also provides to increase the rate the net operating income is divided by in order to determine the fair cash value, to 12 percent (currently 7.75 percent). Provides for the 2017 tax year an after, "net operating income" for naval training facilities, naval bases, and naval support facilities means all revenues received minus the actual expenses before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

Returning Veterans' Benefits Offerings (SB 866): Provides that the IDVA must give informational resources and education regarding service animals to veterans returning from deployment.

Veteran Court Treatment (SB 1238): Provides that at the discretion of the Chief Judge, the Veterans and Service members Court program may be operation in one or more counties in the Circuit, and allow veterans and service member defendants from all counties within the Circuit to participate.

Veterans' Cancer Screenings (SB 838): Requires the Department of Public Health to conduct a program to promote the awareness of cancer in veterans, and creates a Veterans' Cancer Screening Program within the Department. Requires the department to make their information public beginning Jan. 1, 2018.

Veterans Court (SB 1312): Provides that a defendant may be admitted into a Veterans and Service Members Court program post-adjudication only with the approval of the court. Also aligns veterans' courts and mental health courts, no longer requiring the defendant to have the agreement of the prosecutor to participate in the programs. This is one of three bills that will

become a single bill dealing with this issue. Also removes provisions that a person may be admitted into a Veterans and Service Members Court program or a mental health court program only upon the agreement of the prosecutor.

Veterans' Service Task Force Repeal (HB 2973/PA 100-0010): Transfers duties, information, and report responsibilities from the Illinois Discharged Service-members Task Force to the Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council. Dissolves the Task Force as of July 1, 2018.

