



Senate Committee Action

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Veterans' Affairs

Missing High Risk Military Person (HB 4212):

Provides that the definition of "high-risk missing person" includes a person who is a veteran or active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who is believed to have a physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.

Public Health

Nursing Home Vaccine Information (HB 4440):

Requires the Department of Public Health to provide nursing homes with information about all the vaccines recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The language specifies that the information include information about the risks associated with shingles and pre-cautionary steps one can take to avoid the illness.

DCFS Birth Records (HB 4909): Permits young people who have been placed under the temporary guardianship or custody of DCFS to receive up to four certified birth certificates annually free of cost. They can continue to receive free birth certificates through age 26 if they were in care of DCFS on or after their 18th birthday.

Telehealth Act Expansion (HB 5070): Expands the definition of "health care professional" in the Telehealth Act to permit dentists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, physical therapists, clinical social workers, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and hearing-instrument dispensers to provide telehealth care to patients within the scope of

their practices.

Prescription Monitoring Program (SB 2952):

Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to modify the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). This specifies that individuals designated to check the PMP database by either licensed prescribers or pharmacists can be either licensed or unlicensed. The designees, however, must have undergone training in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). As well as, restores the pharmacists' representation on the peer-review subcommittee to two members and the physicians' representation to three members, and still provides for the addition of a dentist, an advanced practice nurse, a physician assistant, and an optometrist or an ophthalmologist to the subcommittee.

Education

School Psychologist Qualifications (HB 4409):

Provides that a School Psychologist must hold a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential (as opposed to certificate and has such additional qualifications as may be required by the State Board of Education).

School Counselor Title (HB 4514): Amends the School Code and provides that only persons licensed and endorsed may use the title school counselor.

Substitute Teacher Fitness (HB 4706): For new substitute teacher employees only, provides that school boards may require evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned. Under current law, school boards are compelled to require all

new employees to show evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned. This bill provides an exception from that mandate for new substitute teachers only, and substitute teachers must still provide evidence of freedom from communicable disease.

LGBT History Curriculum Mandate (SB 3249): Mandates LGBT history instruction, LGBT curriculum and non-discriminatory and accurate textbooks. As well as, provides that textbooks authorized under the textbook block grant program must be non-discriminatory as to any characteristics under the Illinois Human Rights Act and must include the roles and contributions of all people under the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Human Services

Medicaid Disenrollment from MCO in Accordance with Fed Requirements (HB 4383): Medicaid Disenrollment from MCO must be in accordance with federal requirements. Furthermore, provides that disenrollment of a Medicaid enrollee from an MCO under contract with HFS must be in accordance with specified federal requirements whenever a contract is terminated between a Medicaid managed care health plan and a primary care provider that results in a disruption to the Medicaid enrollee's provider-beneficiary relationship.

"Eligible Adult" Definition for Receiving Adult Protective Services (HB 4847): Amends the Adult Protective Services Act, and expands the definition of "eligible adult" to include an adult who resides in a facility operated, licensed, certified, or funded by DHS if: the alleged abuse or neglect occurs outside of the facility and not under facility supervision and the alleged abuser is a family member, caregiver, or another person with a continuing relationship with the adult; or the alleged financial exploitation is perpetrated person with a continuing relationship with the adult,

but who is not an employee of the facility where the adult resides.

Judiciary

Disclosure of Severance Agreements (HB 4242): Amends the Local Records Act to require local governments, school districts, community college districts, or other local taxing bodies to publish information about any severance agreement with an employee or contractor who was found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual discrimination.

Student Loan Servicer Definition Change (HB 4397): Amends the Student Loan Servicing Rights Act and the definition of "student loan servicer" so it does not include a law firm or licensed attorney that is collecting post-default debt.

Uniform Powers of Appointment Act (HB 4702): Creates the Uniform Powers of Appointment Act, and the use of trusts in family estate planning and commercial transactions that have grown in recent years. As well as, remedies the problem by creating a unified Act instead of having multiple statutes addressing Uniform Powers of Appointment and use the design-build project delivery method or the construction manager general contractor project delivery method for transportation facilities.

Gun Dealer Licensing Act (SB 337): Creates the Gun Dealer Licensing Act.

- Requires anyone engaged in the business of selling, leasing, or otherwise transferring firearms be licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (excludes "big box stores" from the requirement)
- Creates the Gun Dealer Licensing Board consisting of 5 members appointed by the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation to recommend policies, procedures, and rules relevant to the

administration and enforcement of the Act.

- Establishes qualifications for obtaining dealership licenses and for being employed as a dealership agent.
- Establishes penalties for violations of the Act.
- Provides for rulemaking, including emergency rulemaking.

Provides that the Act is repealed on January 1, 2029.

Manual Traffic Law Enforcement Systems (SB 2647): Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code so that a municipality or county may enact an ordinance allowing manual traffic law enforcement systems to collect speeding tickets. In addition to, adds that no penalty may be imposed under the Act:

- If the violation occurs on an interstate highway and the vehicle is recorded going 10 miles or less over the posted speed limit.
- If the violation occurs on an interstate highway and the vehicle is recorded going 26 miles over the posted speed limit.
- No penalty allowed for a truck trailer or any towed apparatus

Fox Waterway Agency Property Transfer (SB 2696): Transfers several tracts of property from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to the Fox Waterway Agency for \$1.

Notary Public SOS Investigation (SB 3443): Amends the Illinois Notary Public Act so that the Secretary of State may now reprimand, suspend, and revoke the commission of a notary public (currently only revoke). The Secretary of State may investigate violations of the Act committed by a notary public. A notary public is required to cooperate with an investigation and if suspended must surrender their notary public seal to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

Transferring property to Bensenville (SB 3543):

Transfers 12 acres of property from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to the Village of Bensenville. Also, includes approximate acreage and requires that fair market value be paid for the land.

Higher Education

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty Program reduction (HB 5020): Decreases the size of the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty Program Board from 21 to 11 members.

Community College to Offer a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (SB 888): Allows the Lewis and Clark Community College Board of Trustees to establish a pilot program that would offer a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Transportation

Rear-facing Car Seat (HB 4377): Requires children under the age of two to be secured in a rear-facing child-restraint system. Children over 40 pounds or trailer than 40 inches are exempted.

Non-resident Citations (HB 4476): Removes the requirement that a person in violation of a petty offense sign the citation. The Supreme Court Rules shall govern bail and appearance procedures when a person who is a resident of another state that is not a member of the Nonresident Violator Compact of 1977 is cited.

Combat Action License Plates (HB 4576): Provides for the issuance of Combat Action Ribbon or Combat Action Badge license plates. The Secretary of State may allow either plate to be issued as a personalized plate or vanity plate. The special plates issued under these sections shall be affixed only to first and second division motor vehicles and motorcycles weighing 8,000 pounds or less. The Secretary of State may issue the special license plates upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications.

Criminal Law

Driving While License Suspended/Revoked

(HB 3920): Reduces the penalty for driving on a suspended or revoked driver's license for certain violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code so that violators will only receive a Uniform Traffic Citation from the law enforcement officer. Only if someone receives three or more Uniform Traffic Citations without paying any fees associated with the citations will they be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Protective Orders (HB 4796): This is an initiative of Chicago Bar Association and Cook County Public Guardian. Which enables the Domestic Violence Act and the Protective Orders Article are amended so that foster parents, legally appointed guardians, adoptive parents and prospective adoptive parents are added as persons protected under those Acts in cases involving domestic violence. Initiative of Chicago Bar Association and Cook County Public Guardian.

Aggravated Battery DCFS Employee (SB 2272):

Makes it an aggravating factor in sentencing for battering Department of Children and Family Services employees in the performance of their official duties, to prevent performance of their official duties, or in response to their official duties.