



Senate Committee Action

Executive

Immigrants Cooperation in Criminal Investigations (SB 34):

Mandates certain state and local government agencies execute certification requests by victims of "qualifying criminal activity" documenting an immigrant's cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity. Such certifications are necessary for applications for T and U visas, which provide lawful status for immigrants who cooperate with such investigations and prosecutions

Medical Marijuana Expansion (SB 336):

The amendment expands the number of people eligible to use medical cannabis. It expands the definition of "debilitating medical condition" to include any medical condition that could justify a prescription for an opioid. It creates the Opioid Prescription Pilot Program that entitles individuals who are physician-certified as having a medical condition "for which an opioid has been or could be prescribed" to purchase medical cannabis without registering with the medical-cannabis registry. It deletes the current provision preventing individuals convicted of drug felonies from acquiring medical-cannabis registry cards.

UIC Lease Provision (SB 2362): Amends the Procurement Code; Adds an exception to the 10 year lease provision for the University of Illinois at Chicago to allow them to enter into a lease for up to 30 years for clinical services, ambulatory surgical services, and retail space so long as two provisions are met: The lease requires the lessor to make capital improvements in excess of \$100,000; and The Board of Trustees for the University of Illinois determines a lease term of more than 10 years is necessary and is in the best interest of the public institution of higher education.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Eligibility Process (SB 2385): Provides a process and form for Medicaid long-term care applicants and beneficiaries to release their financial records directly to the state

for the purpose of determining Medicaid long-term care eligibility.

Information Reports on Election Authority Voting Equipment/Consolidated Elections Rule (SB 2651):

Creates a requirement for information reports on Election authority voting equipment. Every 2 years, every election authority will submit information to the State Board of Elections.

- Whenever a person does not file a timely valid nomination and intends to be a write-in candidate, no primary ballot will be printed. When no primary is held, a person intending to become a write-in candidate at the consolidated primary election will re-file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the consolidated election with their election authority.
- Authorizes a committee for the purpose of making nominations in certain instances for a judicial district or the MWRD in instances for specific vacancies.
- County central committee conventions will be held on the 27th day after the primary (currently 29th). The Convention will not be scheduled to conflict with the session schedule of the General Assembly.
- Write in votes will only be counted for candidates who file an intent to be a write-in no more than 106 days before and 61 days prior to the primary (currently only 61 days prior to the primary). A write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent with specific requirements.
- Lowers the required number of election judges from 5 to 3.
- Any campaign, party, or other organization that engages in a vote by mail operation in which voters are sent applications for vote by mail ballots will provide the voter with a return envelope addressed only to the correct local election authority for that registered voter.
- An election authority is authorized to conduct a risk-limiting audit before and after the certification of the results of an election.

In consolidated elections, if the primary is uncontested, there will not be a primary and any write-in candidates will have to file for the consolidated election. For the general primary, current law will continue to apply and there will be a primary election even if a race is uncontested.

Brewers/Winemakers Product Sales (SB 2970):

Allows wine makers and brewers to sell their own products and other brewer's products in their taprooms. (Currently, a taproom can only sell the wine or beer that they manufacture).

ILCC Reorganization (SB 3022): Makes changes to the Liquor Control Act or other Acts directly related to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) and beverage alcohol industry.

Online Political Communications (SB 3079): Makes news mediums and reporters exempt from the requirements of an online platforms to maintain and make available for online public inspection, a complete record of any request to purchase an electioneering communication.

Police, Firefighter Disability (SB 3197): Provides that the exemption is for police officers or firefighters with a catastrophic disability. Defines catastrophic disability in a police officer or firefighter. Provides that the exemption that is granted for the property used by the surviving spouse so long as they do not remarry. Provides that each police officer or firefighter with a catastrophic disability shall submit proof that the Department of Revenue shall prescribe by rule. Provides that the qualifying individual must reapply on an annual basis.

No Home Rule Drone Regulation (SB 3291): The extent that State law does not conflict with federal laws, rules, or regulations, the regulation of unmanned aircraft system is an exclusive power and function of the State. No other local government, including home rule units may enact an ordinance or resolution regulating unmanned aircraft systems. The City of Chicago is exempt from the limitation on local ordinances. The section denies home rule powers under subsection (h) of section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution. Nothing in the Act will infringe or impede any current right or remedy available under existing State law. The Department of

Transportation may adopt rules to address the safe and legal operation of unmanned aircraft systems in the State. The rules must be written so that people may use unmanned aircraft systems with the least possible restriction and are consistent with safety and safety rights of others.

Gaming

Confidential Prize Winners (SB 211): The Director shall keep all information of prize winners greater than \$250,000 confidential upon the winner making a written request to remain confidential.

Creates Application and Increases Terminal Handler Fees (SB 3387): Creates a veterans' preference for owners and contractors of riverboat casinos, moves the Gaming board's reporting date, creates application fee for video gaming locations, increases terminal handler fee, and creates limits for mall video gaming, and eliminates dual licensing for video games on riverboats.

Government Reform

Local Government Professional Services Selection Act Amendment (SB 2328): Allows for projects concerning architecture, surveying, and engineering with expected costs of under \$40,000 to be exempt from specified public notice, evaluation and selection procedures.

Grant Account Transparency and Accountability (SB 2540): Legislation aimed at enhancing the State grant-making process. Amends multiple Acts, including imposing a blackout period on Constitutional Officers and General Assembly members from announcing grants close to elections, requires separate accounts for State grant funds, imposes state travel regulations on travels costs charged to grants, and requires an expenditure report for any monies spent before a grant agreement goes into effect. Also requires a merit-based review of how recipients are selected, authorizes an agency to stop payment to an awardee that is not in compliance with the agreement and requires all annual fiscal reports and vouchers requesting payment to be certified. Restricts grants where agencies receive contracts from themselves through interfund transfers and funds transferred from an appropriated fund to a non-appropriated

fund. IOC adopts stop payment rules, requires IOC to notify the Grant Accountability & transparency (GAT) unit when a stop payment order has been requested, and removes the fiscal year limitation and interfund transfer limitation.

Government Severance Pay Act (SB 3604): Creates the Government Severance Pay Act.

Higher Education

Religious Institutions Review Exemption (SB 2822): Exempts religious institutions from the Private College Act and Academic Degree Act by allowing such institutions to offer degrees or postsecondary certificates to Illinois students without review or approval by the Board of Higher Education and/or accreditation from national or regional accrediting bodies.

Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act/Grow Your Own Dual Credit Teachers Program (SB 3047): Creates Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act. Provides that the State of Illinois, from GRF and subject to appropriation, will waive tuition, fees and living expenses for students who pursue a degree in STEM subjects, agree to attend an Illinois college or university, and agree to teach at least 3 years at an Illinois secondary or community college.

Creates the Grow Your Own Dual Credit Teachers Program. Provides that the State of Illinois, from GRF and subject to appropriation, will waive tuition and fees for licensed teachers with Master's Degrees that pursue a maximum of 18 graduate hours to teach dual credit and agree to teach at least 5 years at an Illinois high school after the completion of their graduate hours.

Insurance

Mandated Applicability Supplemental Policies (SB 2444): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to strike out current language and provide that benefits mandated under the Accident and Health Insurance Article will not apply to certain supplemental policies unless specified.

Health Benefit Card Statements (SB 2851): Amends the Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card Act to make changes to the definition of "health plan benefit" and strikes out current language that would exempt dental insurance from the definition. Provides benefit cards for health benefit plans offering dental coverage will include a statement explaining the plan is fully insured and subject to Illinois law.

Labor

Employer Expenses (SB 2999): Employers would have to pay necessary expenses if they direct the employee to purchase and the employer authorizes the charge, and the section doesn't apply if employers have a written policy about reimbursing necessary charges.

Natural Disaster Benefit Charges (SB 3096): "Non-charge" for any benefit charges to employers for claims where unemployment was tied to natural disaster declared by Governor.

Removal of Chicago Exemption Prohibiting Police Warnings and Citation Quotas (SB 3509): Removes the exemption for Chicago in various Acts that prohibit conservation police, sheriff's department, and local police from having police warning and citation quotas or to use that information for purposes of job performance.

Licensed Activities and Pensions

Examinations of Pension Funds (SB 2490): Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Changes the schedule for examinations of pension funds established under the Downstate Police or Downstate Fire Article from every 3 years to a periodic basis, guided by a risk review process considering specified factors such as: funding level of the pension fund; employer contribution history, and return on investment.

Restricted Faculty License Name Change (SB 2631): Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Clarifies dental assistant supervision and training requirements for the Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA), and reduces the amount of training hours from 40 to 28. Also changes references to "restricted faculty license" to references to "faculty license." The

language change does not change the implication of the licensure.

Fintech State Licensure Compact (SB 2721):

Amends the Transmitters of Money Act. Enters Illinois in a newly created interstate compact act for financial services companies streamlining the process of regulatory oversight. Several states are working together to create this compact. The purpose is to align the licensing process of fintech companies to that of other financial services licensees and other states.

Regulatory Sunrise Review Act (SB 2776): Creates the Illinois Regulatory Sunrise Review Act that will assist Illinois in determining whether there is a public safety and welfare need to regulate by licensure a currently unregulated profession/occupation. The Act provides for a process to investigate what level of regulation, if any, is necessary in order to protect the public, health safety, or welfare. If the need for new regulation is identified to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Illinois citizens, the State shall adopt the least restrictive form of regulation necessary to protect the public interest.

Employer Pension Contributions (SB 2954):

Provides that if an employer fails to transmit required contributions to the pension system for more than 120 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the Board may certify to the State Comptroller the amount of those delinquent employer contributions and the State Comptroller shall deduct the certified amount from State funds to the employer and remit the amount deducted to the system.

Podiatric Physicians (SB 3116): Amends the Nurse Practice Act. In provisions concerning written collaborative agreements, restores the ability of podiatric physicians to collaborate with advanced practice registered nurses.

Local Government

Appointee Terms Metropolitan Pier and

Exposition Board (SB 427): A person may not be appointed more than three terms to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board. Under current law, members are limited to two terms.

Home Rule Units Follow Fire Chief Training

Requirements (SB 2619): Amends the Municipal Code so that in home rule units (city of Chicago is exempt), a person may not be appointed fire chief unless they possess the following:

1. 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, OR
2. At least 10 years' experience as a firefighter at the department/fire protection district in the jurisdiction making the appointment.

Cash Flow Accounting for Local Governments (SB

2638): Allows units of local government to use either accrual, cash or modified cash basis of accounting to meet all required auditing requirements for conformity with GAAP accounting principles. Provides consistency in auditing guidelines for all units of local government. For fiscal year 19 and thereafter, those previously who filed audit reports in full accrual must continue to do so (and cannot switch to cash flow accounting).

Revenue

Litchfield TIF Extension (SB 424): Creates a TIF extension of 12 additional years for an ordinance adopted on June 2, 1998 by the City of Litchfield (Montgomery County).

Creates a Deduction for ABLE Contributions (SB

2017): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to provide a deduction will be allowed to individuals who contribute to an Achieving a Better Life Experience account.

No Sales Tax on School Lunch K-12 (SB 2668):

Amends the Retailers Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the selling of food at retail value to students, teachers, or staff at a school that serves some of or all grades kindergarten through 12 is not considered a "sale at retail" and therefore exempt from sales tax.

Tax Sale Bidding (SB 2674): Amends the Property Tax Code concerning tax sale procedures. Provides that county collectors may adopt a single bidder rule to prohibit tax bidders from registering more than one related bidding entity. Also provides that when

applicable, county collectors may eject tax bidders who disrupt the tax sale or use illegal bid practices.

Life Care Facility Homestead Exemption (SB 3093): Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that "life care facilities" should be added to the provisions of the General Homestead Exemption. Also provides that for land with a life care facility, the maximum reduction from the value of the property, as equalized by the Department, will be multiplied by the number of apartments or units occupied by a person or persons, irrespective of any legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the facility, who are liable, under a contract with the owner or owners of record of the facility, for paying property taxes on the property.

Consequences for No Books and Records (SB 3141): Gives the Department of Revenue the ability to impose a \$1,000 penalty for the first failure to keep books and records and a \$3,000 penalty for each subsequent failure.

Sales in Error Revisions (SB 3215): Amends the Property Tax Code to provide changes to the Sales in Error section in order to clarify appropriate uses of the provisions and lessen the financial impact of sales in error to counties.

Rivers Edge Redevelopment Tax (SB 3527): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that taxpayers of a qualified historic structure located in a River Edge Redevelopment Zone shall be allowed a tax credit against certain provisions of the Illinois Insurance Code during a 48-month period. Provides that a taxpayer is required to provide a third-party cost certification regarding costs attributable to the rehabilitation of a historic building when the costs exceed \$200,000.

State Government

State Contractors/Sexual Harassment (SB 405): Requires State contractors and bidders to file a copy of their sexual harassment policy with CMS. It also requires taxpayers who claim an EDGE Tax Credit to file an annual report with DCEO detailing the taxpayer's sexual harassment policy.

Investments for Veteran-Owned Businesses (SB 2363): Establish aspirational goals for the

Treasurer to use businesses owned by veterans, service-disabled veterans, minorities, women, and persons with disabilities for not less than 25% of investment-related activities. The provisions of this bill take precedence over the Business Enterprise Statute.

Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund (SB 2376): Creates a new State Fund: the Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund. The fund is created to allow the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to municipalities to fund infrastructure improvements to facilitate water supplies from Lake Michigan for residents of Cook County.

Penalties for Reckless Dog Owners (SB 2386): Sets penalties for those found to be reckless dog owners and allows courts confiscate dogs from those owners for periods ranging from 12-36 months for the first violation. Sets fines for each animal found in their care they refuse to relinquish.

Gun Buyback Program for Retirees (2640): Allows a retiring State Police Officer/SOS Police Officer, Investigator, or Inspector/ DNR Conservation Police Officer in good standing to buyback upon retirement any State Police Badge previously issued to the officer and/or their service firearm issued or previously issued to the retiring officer if the retiring officer has a current and valid FOID card.

Greenways and Trails Advisory Council (SB 2713): Creates the Greenways and Trails Advisory Council under the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act. Defines the roll of the Greenways and Trails Council. Separates the powers of the Greenways and Trails Council, the Off Highway vehicle Advisory Council, and the Off Highway vehicle Usage Stamp to make clear that they are 3 distinct programs under the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act.

Comptroller's Office Appointee to the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and People with Disabilities Commission (SB 3106): Adds an advisory appointee from the Comptroller's Office to the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and People with Disabilities Commission housed in CMS to serve in an advisory position. Changes language that says the BEP Commission will hand over information to the Comptroller's Office to fulfill the Comptroller's reporting requirements about the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Requires Chief Procurement

Officers to hand over information to the Comptroller's Office to fulfill the Comptroller's reporting requirements about the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Requires the Secretary of State, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Auditor General to establish aspirational goals for contract awards similar to the ones under BEP but does not subject the Constitutional Officers to the purview of the BEP Council.