



Senate Committee Action

Higher Education

MAP Grant Prioritization (HB 5020): Creates a four-year MAP grant for renewals at public institutions of higher learning in Illinois. Recipients of the four-year MAP grant will be prioritized for funding by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year, students attending for-profit institutions will be phased out of the MAP grant program. Students already attending for-profits and receiving MAP will still be eligible for renewal.

Judiciary

Prohibits FOID as Condition of Work for Law Enforcement (HB 5231): Prohibits law enforcement agencies from requiring an officer to have a FOID card as a condition of work. Clarifies that this does not otherwise impair an employer's ability to determine an officer's fitness for duty nor does it affect any existing collective bargaining agreement already in effect as to FOID requirements.

Creates License to Work Act (SB 2411): Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code by creating the License to Work Act. Outlines circumstances in which license suspensions would be removed. Includes language that allows the City of Chicago to be able to retain the ability to suspend licenses for parking and compliance violations while at the same time providing for an income-based payment plan structure so that low income violations can pay off their obligations without facing license suspension.

Life Insurance Distribution (SB 2437): Exempts life insurance policies provided under plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Federal Employee Group Life Insurance Act, or any other preempting federal law. Furthermore, explains the beneficiary designation is not valid unless:

- The judgment designates the insured's former spouse as a beneficiary;
- The policy owner re designates the former spouse as the beneficiary after the entry of the judgment; or
- The former spouse is designated to receive it in trust or on behalf of a child or dependent of the former spouse.

Email Administrative Cases (SB 2644): Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act by adding a section for service by email for contested cases and hearings and outlines the new procedures. Also outlines which documents are not allowed to be sent by email. Modifies provisions concerning service by email to provide that at any time either before or after its issuance of a hearing notice, an agency may require any attorney representing a party to the hearing to provide one or more email addresses at which they will accept service of documents in connection with the hearing.

Transportation

Rules of the Road Publication (HB 5143): Requires the Secretary of State to include information on the "Dutch Reach" method in their Rules of the Road publication. Also requires SOS to include questions concerning safe driving in the presence of bicycles in their question pool for the written portion of the driver's license exam.

