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Bills that passed the Senate May 1, 2018

Crimes Committed Against People While

Worshipping (SB 561): Creates an aggravating factor in sentencing or increases penalties for certain crimes against those engaged in prayer or other religious activities at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other building, structure, or place used for religious worship.

Retired GA Health Insurance (SB 2292):

Provides that any member of the General Assembly sworn into office on or after the second Wednesday in January of 2019, and who retires a participating member under the General Assembly Retirement System, shall be responsible for exactly 50 percent of the applicable premiums, charges, or other fees for the basic program of group health benefits.

Multi-year Vehicle Registration (SB 2293):

Requires Secretary of State to offer each owner of first and second division vehicles under 8,000 pounds the option to register their vehicle for one or two years. Also requires SOS to offer trailer registrations for up to five years. The vehicle owner would pay a one-time fee with the price based on how many years they choose.

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 percent of investment-related activities. The provisions of this bill take precedence over the Business Enterprise Statute.

IDNR Property Exchange (SB 2368): Authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to exchange a parcel of land that the Department currently holds for another parcel in St. Clair County. The parcel currently held by IDNR is

about 5.51 acres and the property that IDNR will receive is about 12.17 acres.

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.

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.

Changes to the Child Death Review Teams (SB

2407): Transfers the duties regarding the establishment and appointments of the Child Death Review Teams from the Director to the Inspector General of the DCFS.

Hunger-Free Students Bill of Rights (SB 2428):

Mandates that any Illinois' schools who participates in the USDA child nutrition program must provide a federally reimbursable meal or snack to any student who requests it regardless of the student's ability to pay or if the student owes money for earlier lunches.

Veterans Homestead Exemption (SB 2431):

Provides that a taxpayer who has been granted a homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities need not reapply if he or she has been found by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled. Also adds a trigger mechanism for removing people from the rolls when they need to be removed.



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Examinations of Pension Funds (SB 2490):

Changes the schedule for examinations of pension funds established under the Downstate Police or Downstate Fire Article from every three 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.

Study of the Supplemental Deer Feeding (SB 2493): Creates a two-year study to study the health effects of supplementally feeding deer, including the effects on communicable diseases within deer population; done in conjunction with U of I College of Veterinary Medicine and DNR. Also, reports findings and recommendations to General Assembly within 60 days of study conclusion.

Charitable Dealer Plates (SB 2518): Creates the temporary permit for charitable non-for profit organization. Allows charities engaging in the maintenance and repair of vehicles to make an application to the SOS for a 90-day temporary permit.

Universal Access to Dual Credit (SB 2527): Provides that qualified students can do the following: enroll in an unlimited amount of dual credit courses; and earn an unlimited amount of academic credits from dual credit courses so long as the course is taught by an Illinois instructor as provided under the Dual Credit Quality Act.

Property Tax Date of Receipt (SB 2539): Requires that in a Section requiring a receipt for payment of certain fees and costs incurred by a certificate holder, the county clerk must write or stamp the date of receiving upon the receipt. Also requires that in a Section concerning notice of an extended period of redemption, the county clerk must write or stamp the date of receipt upon the notice. This change is meant to

guarantee that County Clerks receive items to be posted to the judgment book.

Grant Account Transparency and Accountability (SB 2540): Imposes a blackout period on Constitutional Officers and General Assembly members from announcing grants close to elections, and establishes restrictions on certain grants; requires merit-based review of how grant recipients are selected; establishes a process for stopping payment to awardees for non-compliance; establishes a system for certifying certain reporting requirement, as well as requiring certain reports.

Ongoing Rate Increase for Foster Parents and Child Welfare Agencies (SB 2547): For FY19, requires DCFS to increase rates paid to foster parents and to private agencies with a purchase of service contract. The increase must equal the sum of all increases in general inflation during FY09-FY18. Contractual and grant services eligible for an increase include the following: Residential services (child care institutions, group home care, independent living services, or transitional living services). Specialized, adolescent, treatment or other non-traditional, or home-of-relative foster care. Intact family services. Teen parenting services. Other supportive service grants or contracts. Requires DCFS to implement the new rate reimbursement methodology on an ongoing basis for every year beginning in FY20.

Motor Fuel Tax (SB 2610): Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Requires any local government that received more than \$1,000,000 in motor fuel tax moneys shall not receive any future motor fuel tax money unless they implement a business enterprise program setting goals for the inclusion of minority, veteran, and female owned businesses in the procurement of contracts. Requires IDOT to publish all relevant data in its possession for establishing regional goals for affected municipalities, counties, and



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road districts to implement business enterprise programs.

Restricted Faculty License Name Change (SB 2631): Clarifies dental assistant supervision and training requirements for the Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA), and changes references to “restricted faculty license” to references to “faculty limited license.”

Omnibus Election Bill (SB 2651): Requires informational reports on election authority voting equipment; establishes standards relating to write-in candidates and primary ballots and elections; authorizes a committee for the purpose of making nominations in certain instances for a judicial district or the MWRD for specific vacancies; establishes when county central committee conventions will be held; makes changes to write-in candidates filing requirements; lowers required number of election judges from five to three; establishes States 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. States an election authority is authorized to conduct a risk-limiting audit before and after the certification of the results of an election.

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

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 three distinct programs under the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act.

Fintech State Licensure Compact (SB 2721): 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.

911 Board Member Increase (SB 2727): Increases the number of elected officials on joint 911 boards (ETSB Boards). Provides that if a joint board includes a county that was part of a 9-1-1 Governing Board established in 1988, then three members of the county board shall be appointed on the board with the remaining members being elected officials or representatives of the 9-1-1 community.

Adulterated Meat Regulation (SB 2752): Amends the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act and brings Illinois in line with the federal definitions and regulations regarding what is considered “adulterated” meat or food.

Expungement of Juvenile Records (SB 2789): Amends a provision in the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 concerning expungement of juvenile records, by deleting from the definition of “law



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enforcement record,” “evidence of interaction with law enforcement.” This is a trailer bill to P.A. 100-0285.

Expansion of Medicaid Reimbursement for Telehealth Services (SB 3049): Requires HFS to reimburse clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, advanced practice registered nurses certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing, and mental health professionals and clinicians authorized to provide behavioral health services via telehealth. Currently, reimbursement is only provided to psychiatrists and FQHCs for telepsychiatry.