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## Bills that passed the Senate May 22, 2018

**Grow Your Own Teacher Program (SB 2356):** Adds to the list of eligible schools for Grow Your Own Teacher. Eligible schools would include early childhood programs licensed by DCFS where 60 percent of the children it serves are receiving subsidized care under DHS's Child Care Assistance Program, Head Start, or Early Head Start, Preschool for All, or a prevention initiative. Gives Grow Your Own Illinois administrative control over the Grow Your Own Teacher Program.

**Reverse Transfer of Credit (SB 2358):** States that beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, IBHE and ICCB shall develop a policy to foster the reverse transfer of credit for hours earned at public university to be transferred back to a community college for the purposes of issuing an Associate's Degree.

### House bills passed by the Senate

**Includes Paramedics in IPLRA (HB 126):** Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act to include paramedics employed by a unit of local government into the definition of fire fighter.

**Paramedics (HB 127):** Includes paramedics employed by a unit of local government or EMT into the definition of "fire fighter" for purposes of health insurance benefits in cases of catastrophic injury or death under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act.

**Statehood Day (HB 489):** Provides that December 3rd of each year is designated as Illinois Statehood Day.

**Teacher Return to Service (HB 751):** Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the provision defining "eligible employment" for the purpose of allowing a teacher to return to teaching in subject shortage areas without impairing his or her retirement status or retirement annuity,

changes the ending date of the employment from no later than June 30, 2018, to no later than June 30, 2020.

**Gender Neutral Election Code Amendment (HB 1010):** Amends the Election Code to replace gender specific terms with gender neutral terms, such as changing "Chairman" to "Chair."

**Capitol Lactation Rooms (HB 1042):** Requires the Architect of the Capitol to designate at least one lactation and wellness room in each of the following buildings: the State Capitol Building, the Howlett Building, and the Stratton Building. The rooms must comply with the recommendations of the American Institute of Architects.

**Streamlined Waiver Process (HB 1262):** Requires mandate waiver requests dealing with maximum tax rates, interfund transfers, and limitations on fund/revenue usage to be heard by the full General Assembly instead of the four member panel. This would undo a portion of the recent school funding reform package by changing the new streamlined mandate waiver review process.

**Life Safety Bonds for Wolf Branch School District (HB 1265):** Provides that none of the \$17.5 million in life safety bonds that Wolf Branch School District 113 is planning to issue to rebuild their damaged middle school will be considered indebtedness under their statutory debt limitation and that the \$17.5 million will be reduced by any grants the District is receiving from the State Board of Education or the Capital Development Board to repair/rebuild the structure.

**Volunteer EMS Driving Personal Vehicle (HB 1336):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to prohibit automobile insurers from increasing rates, canceling a policy, or refusing to renew a



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policy of a person for having an accident while performing volunteer EMS services.

**Medication Disposal (HB 1338):** Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act. It broadens the definition of “unused medication” to include medications that are in liquid form, specifically suspensions. This would permit police officers and nurses to dispose of liquid medications that are located at death scenes. Permits unused medications contained in intraperitoneal solutions to be disposed of in public wastewater-collection or septic systems. Current law permits the disposal of unused medications that are contained in intravenous fluids, syringes, or transdermal patches.

**Right of Minors to Consent to Counseling Services or Psychotherapy on an Outpatient Basis Act (HB 1443):** Creates the Right of Minors to Consent to Counseling Services or Psychotherapy on an Outpatient Basis Act. Repeals a Section of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code regarding a minor 12 years of age or older requesting and receiving counseling services or psychotherapy on an outpatient basis. Places these provisions in the new Act. Provides that counseling services or psychotherapy provided under these provisions shall be provided in compliance with the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act, the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, or the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act (currently only under the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act or the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act).

**Hospice Care (HB 1447):** Expands the number of individuals a hospice residence may serve from 16 to 20.

**Police Dog Protection Act (HB 1671):** Requires every law enforcement agency/handler of police dogs to provide an annual medical examination by licensed vet and vaccinate the

dog against rabies prior to the dog beginning police service. It also requires vehicles that transport police dogs to be equipped with heat sensor monitor in the vehicle that will send an audible and visual notification in the vehicle if the temperature in the vehicle reaches 85 degrees.

**Library Trustee Eligibility Restrictions (HB 2222):** Provides that person is not eligible to serve as a library trustee unless he or she is a registered voter in the library district and has resided in the library district at least one year at the time of filing of nomination papers/declaration of intent to become a write-in candidate/presented for appointment. Also prevents eligibility for: those who have not been paying taxes to the library district; or those convicted in any court in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.

**Fertility Preservation Treatment for Cancer Patients (HB 2617):** Mandates coverage for expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a treatment may cause iatrogenic infertility. Also, defines “iatrogenic infertility” as an impairment of fertility by surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, or other medical treatment affecting reproductive organs or processes.

**Kaskaskia Commons Permanent Fund (HB 5690):** Transfers all property associated with the Kaskaskia Commons Permanent Fund to the Kaskaskia Island Drainage and Levee District.

**Season Limits for River Otter (HB 5692):** Allows the Department of Natural Resources to annually set the taking limits for River Otter by administrative rule, as is the case for other fur-bearing mammals in Illinois based on science and an animal’s population dynamics. The Code currently imposes a state-wide taking limit of five River Otters each season.

**Trapping Tag Requirements (HB 5693):** Provides that traps used in the taking of



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mammals shall have tags bearing the name and address of owner or the customer identification number issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

**Contaminants of Emerging Concern Report (HB 5741):** States that the Prairie Research Institute will identify any chemical that is commonly found in waste water that has been listed as a contaminant of emerging concern by the U.S. EPA, and any recommended actions to address environmental or public health concerns associated with that chemical. The report must be submitted by June 30, 2020.

**Nursing Mothers Excused from Jury Service (HB 5745):** Exempts nursing mothers from jury service in counties where the Jury Commission Act applies.

**Broadband Advisory Council (HB 5752):** Creates the Broadband Advisory Council to be administered by DCEO. The specific goal of the Council is to explore ways to expand broadband access throughout the State, including unserved areas. Provides for specifics on council membership and other powers and duties of the Council.

**Principal Endorsement (HB 5754):** Allows four years of working or teaching as school support personnel for DOC to qualify for principal endorsement on educator license.

**Chronic Absence Data Collection (HB 5771):** Requires any preschool that receives funding via the Preschool for All program to collect and review its chronic absence data and determine what systems of support and resources are needed to positively engage chronically absent students and their families to encourage the habit of daily attendance and promote success.

Requires preschools to report all data collected to the State Board on or before July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter.

**Truant Definition (HB 5795):** Redefines the term truant as a child who is subject to compulsory school attendance and who is absent without valid cause, from such attendance for more than 1 percent, but less than 5 percent, of the past 180 school days.

**Public Transit Toll Exemption (HB 5856):** Provides that any revenue vehicles owned or operated by a Mass Transit District created under a provision of the Local Mass Transit District Act and running regular scheduled service may use any toll highway without paying a toll.