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Bills that passed the Senate May 30, 2018

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.

School Districts Quarterly Reports/Schools Cash On Hand (SB 3190): Requires all school boards (including CPS) to submit a quarterly report to the State Board of Education that contains all of the following information: The amount of funds that each school district has in its reserves, the number of each school district's days cash on hand and the amount of funds that each school district has in its investments. Also, requires the State Board to publish and maintain the information in each quarterly report on its Internet website.

FY18 Supplemental and FY 19 Budget (HB 109): Represents a balanced budget with no associated tax increase.

Appropriates \$1.2 billion General Funds as part of an FY 18 Supplemental for all costs incurred prior to July 1, 2018. As part of the FY19 Operations and Capital Appropriations, appropriates \$36.3 billion General Funds for operations and \$19.4 billion for the FY19 capital program.

The budget fully funds the minimum funding level, adding an additional \$350 million for the new K-12 Education evidence-based funding formula, resulting in more financial support for schools across Illinois and reducing reliance on local property taxes.

Adds \$50 million in support for Early Childhood Education and keeps Illinois on track to receive

millions in federal matching dollars for these critical programs.

Includes a 2 percent across-the-board increase for higher education operations. Also included in this budget is \$4.3 million for Veteran's grant reimbursements for all community colleges.

Adds a new, merit-based scholarship program (AIM HIGH) funded by \$25 million from the state and a matching \$25 million from universities to help retain Illinois students.

Funds the MAP Grant program at FY 18 levels.

Illinois State Police will get funding for one class of 100 cadets.

Includes needed capital, including fully-funds the Governor's FY 19 capital program. Includes \$2.5 billion for IDOT's road program, which will create jobs and improve roads. Provides \$500 million for the University of Illinois Discovery Partners' Institute (DPI). Includes \$53 million for first year costs to construct a new Quincy Veterans Home. Allocates \$600 million for statewide deferred maintenance, with \$100 million of this amount going toward needs at institutions of Higher Education. Provides \$1 million to start a port redevelopment effort in Cairo.

A much-needed FY 18 supplemental is included in this budget, which will fund agency operations, including \$405 million for the Department of Corrections. It also includes \$63 million for AFSCME back pay.

Illinois Enterprise Zone (HB 156): Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act to add that a nuclear waste disposal site is also a qualifying criterion to apply for Enterprise Zone designations. This is an initiative for Zion, Illinois, to apply for an enterprise zone, as they are the only active nuclear waste disposal site in the State. Brownfields and abandoned coal mines are already eligible to apply.



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Anti-Carjacking Bill (HB 1804): Allows for knowledge that a vehicle is stolen to be inferred from the surrounding facts and circumstances which would lead a reasonable person to believe that the vehicle or essential part is stolen or converted, or when the person exercises exclusive unexplained possession over the stolen or converted vehicle or essential part. Allows for greater weight to be given by the court in determining whether to detain a minor for vehicular hijacking or aggravated vehicular hijacking if there are priors for the same offense.

Firearms Restraining Order Act (HB 2354): Creates the Firearms Restraining Order Act. Allows family members or law enforcement to petition the court for an ex parte order alleging the respondent poses significant danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself or another by having in his custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm. The court may issue this order without notice to the respondent but a hearing must be held as soon as possible not to exceed 14 days. Allows for two types of orders: ex-parte/emergency and six-month orders. Allows the court to issue search warrants (even in cases where the petitioner is a family member) to law enforcement to seize the weapons if there is probable cause to believe the respondent possesses weapons.

FY19 Budget Implementation Act (HB 3342): Makes changes to state programs which are necessary to implement the FY19 budget. Some of these changes include:

Makes numerous fund transfers and designated uses for specific funds.

Provides, for FY 2019, to set the share of individual income taxes deposited into the Income Tax Refund Fund at 9.7 percent and the share of business income taxes deposited at 15.5 percent.

Require IDoA to establish and implement a Community Care Program Medicaid Initiative to provide an enhanced rate to adequately compensate Care Coordination Units (CCUs) to help seniors complete applications for Medicaid and establish requirements for state agencies to make enrollment easier for seniors. CCUs shall be

reimbursed for each completed application at no less than \$200 per completed application.

Creates the Community Care Program Medicaid Enrollment Oversight Subcommittee as a subcommittee of the Older Adult Services Advisory Committee to make recommendations on how best to increase the number of Illinois residents who are enrolled in CCP and receive services not paid for under Medicaid although they may be eligible for benefits.

Requires within 30 days after the effective of this Act, the Division of Substance Use and Prevention and Recovery must apply a 3 percent rate increase to all Medicaid and non-Medicaid reimbursable service rates. Requires a rate increase to community mental health centers with an annualization to be maintained in FY19.

Increases wages paid to personal assistants and individual maintenance home health workers by .48 per hour.

Authorizes IDOR to collect a 1.5 percent administrative fee for administering local sales tax on behalf of units of local government. These amounts will be deposited into TCAF. In FY 2018, this fee was 2 percent. This proposal would decrease that fee to help offset cuts to LGDF.

Adds language extending FY2018 lapse period spending for agencies from August 31, 2018 to March 1, 2019.

Increases rates for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities by 4 percent. Requires HFS to reimburse SMHRFs a bed hold for therapeutic visits at 75 percent of facility rate for up to 20 days in a fiscal year and no more than 10 consecutive days.

States a public university campus may award an institutional match grant to a student based upon that university's criteria.

Sets a maximum annual amount of \$60 Million in federal Medicaid match resulting from DHS community developmental disability services to be deposited into the Community Developmental Disability Services Medicaid Trust Fund. Sets a



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maximum annual amount of \$234 million in federal Medicaid match resulting from the DHS Home Services Program to be deposited into the Home Services Medicaid Trust Fund.

Extends IDOT's authority to pay PACE paratransit grants (special transportation services for those with disabilities), to pay Student Fare and Reduced Fare for the Elderly subsidy grants, and to pay Amtrak subsidies for FY18 and FY19 from the Road Fund.

Subject to appropriation, provides authorization for the State Board of Education to give grants to alternative/safe schools operated by the Regional Offices of Education and the ISCs.

Increases rates for front line MH/DD, ID/DD, MC/DD personnel by .50/hour. Requires HFS to increase the Medicaid per diem rate by \$21.15 for ID/DD facilities with more than 16 beds. Requires HFS to provide preventative dental care to all Medicaid-eligible adults.

Authorizes the State to issue, sell, and provide for the retirement of GO Bonds of the State for specific purposes expressed below in the total amount of: \$57,717,925,743. Authorizes the State to issue, sell, and provide for the retirement of limited obligation bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness of the State in total of \$6,815,259,000.

Offers new pension reform measures like voluntary buyouts and capping end-of-career salary increases that cause pension spiking.

Health Care Worker Protection Act (HB 4100):

Creates the Health Care Violence Prevention Act. Requires all licensed Health care facilities to establish violence prevention programs to prevent violence against medical staff. Creates whistleblower protections for medical staff and provides for safety guidelines for DOC and DJJ when inmates receive medical treatment from medical staff.

Temporary Appointments for Township Offices

250,000 or Less (HB 4104): 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 2019 and thereafter, those who previously filed audit reports in full accrual must continue to do so and can't switch to cash flow accounting.

Wages for AFSCME (HB 4290): Appropriates \$63.3 million GRF to pay back wages owed to AFSCME members. Beginning in FY12, the Quinn Administration partially disregarded negotiated COLAs for employees at several state agencies, most notably affecting DOC and DHS. This sum includes associated Social Security payments. P.A. 98-0675, passed in May 2014, paid roughly half of these wages. HB 4290 would pay the remaining balance.

Frail Individual Family Visitation Protection Act (HB

4309): Creates the Frail Individual Family Visitation Protection Act to establish a process for family members to get court-ordered visitation if a family caregiver unreasonably prevents a family member from visiting a frail elderly individual.

DUI Sentencing Factor (HB 4554): Makes it an aggravating factor in sentencing for driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, intoxicating compounds or any combination thereof that the individual was driving his or her vehicle the wrong on a one-way street.

Higher Education Reforms (HB 4781): Requires a public university or community college to use its best efforts to hire a veteran of the armed services as the Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services. Creates the College and Career Interest Task Force to determine a process by which Illinois public high school student college or career interest data may be collected and shared amongst public institutions of higher education.

Mechanics Lien Demand and Referral Pilot

Program (HB 5201): Creates a mechanics lien demand and referral pilot program that is repealed on Jan. 1, 2022. If a recorder determines that a mechanics lien recorded in the grantor's index or the grantee's index is an expired lien, the recorder shall serve a Notice of Defective Lien by certified mail to the last known address of the owner. The owner or legal representative of the owner of the



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residential property will confirm in writing his or her belief. The recorder may also determine a lien is expired if an individual fails to record satisfaction or release of a lienholder. When a lienholder commences a suit or files an answer within 30 days or the lienholder records a release of lien with the county recorder, then the demand and referral process is completed for the recorder for that property. If no response is received, the recorder may process with the claim.

Sealing Records (HB 5341): Prohibits a court from denying a petition for sealing of a record because the petitioner has not satisfied an outstanding legal financial obligation such as fines and fees. This does not apply if restitution is still owed unless restitution has been converted to a civil judgment.

Agriculture Commodity Transport (HB 5749): Between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, requires IDOT to issue special permit authorizing the movement of loads of agricultural commodities that may exceed the current axle or vehicle gross weight limits by 10 percent. Also increases the fee to ISP for a police escort to \$75 per hour.

Procedural Changes For Dissolution Process (HB 5777): Amends the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency Division of the Counties Code. Concerning the required audit of a unit proposed for dissolution, the person/entity conducting the audit shall report the finding to the county board within 30 days or as soon as is practical after 30 days (currently states the person/entity must report finding within 30 days). Once the audit is returned, the county board may adopt ordinance authoring dissolution at most 60 days following the court's appointment of a trustee-in-dissolution. Gives the County Board Chairman the ability to proceed with the dissolution after the petition process and the referendum process.

Residential Extended Care Services for Persons at Risk of Substance Abuse Relapse (HB 5868): Authorizes an insurance policy or managed care plan to provide coverage for residential extended care services for those with substance abuse disorders at risk of relapse.