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Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

- This **budget is balanced** with hard work still to come.
- This budget is born of **bipartisan compromise**.
- This budget contains **NO tax increase**.
- We have to **commit to work together** to keep it balanced.
- This 2019 budget **cuts more than \$1 billion in spending** from the auto-pilot expenditures that would have resulted from no changes to current law.
- **Republicans held strong and negotiated deals** that reduced or eliminated more than a dozen Democratic bills that would have increased state spending by more than \$500 million each year.
- This 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.
 - Since taking office, the Governor has increased K-12 funding by \$1.23 billion, or 18%.
- This budget **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.
 - It also creates for the first time, **an Adoption Tax Credit**, to encourage Illinois families to adopt children.
- Illinois struggles to keep our best and brightest high school graduates in Illinois to attend community colleges and state universities. **This budget will help stem that exodus.**
 - This budget includes a **2% across-the-board increase** for operations, which helps reduce pressure to raise tuition.
 - Also included in this budget is **\$4.3 million for Veteran's grant reimbursements** for all community colleges.
 - This budget also **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. *Conditions for the scholarship would include Illinois citizenship and meeting benchmark GPA and test scores.*
 - This budget also **funds the MAP Grant program** at FY 18 levels.
- This budget **offers new pension reform measures** like voluntary buyouts and capping end-of-career salary increases that cause pension spiking.



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- Under this budget, our pension liability is reduced by \$445 million.
- Under this budget, the Illinois State Police will get **funding for one class of 100 cadets**, which will help keep our roadways and communities safe.
- This budget also **includes needed capital**:
 - 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**.
- While this budget is the byproduct of compromise and negotiating, we **still have our work cut out for us** to put

Illinois on strong fiscal footing for years to come.

- **Illinois' future success will come from real reforms** that make Illinois more competitive for taxpayers and businesses.
- We can’t continue to limp along from budget to budget and pretend everything is OK—we **have to fight for reforms that will put Illinois on a new path toward a better future**.

Higher Education Working Group

- Illinois is fortunate to have a system of public universities and community colleges that provide world-class educational opportunities at very competitive costs.
- However, higher education in Illinois is facing many challenges, including serious enrollment declines.
- Reversing this trend is of the essence.
- Every student we lose is another student who will most likely take their talents and knowledge elsewhere, hurting Illinois in innovation, jobs, and economic impact.
- This “brain-drain” of students leaving Illinois is a hit on the state’s fiscal health.
- This package of legislation from the Higher Ed Working Group is a thoughtful and methodical approach to reform.
- The main goal is to strengthen Illinois' colleges and universities, making them more attractive and affordable for students across the state for many years to come.



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Notable Legislation

21-Year Tobacco Age (SB 2332): Sets the legal age to buy or use tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products at 21 years of age.

AG Worker Protection Unit (SB 193/Vetoed): Establishes the Worker Protection Unit within the Attorney General's Office and creates the Worker Protection Unit Task Force within the Attorney General's Office. The unit will focus on combatting the state's "underground economy," which forces employees to work in unsafe conditions and gives an unfair economic advantage to businesses that avoid their tax and labor responsibilities. The task force will create a coalition of state's attorney's charged with sharing information, promoting best practices, developing strategies and working cooperatively with labor and business groups.

Anti-Registry Program (SB 3488): States no agent or agency may use money, facilities property, equipment, or personnel of an agency to participate in or provide support in any agency to participate in or provide support in the creation of a registry program. Agents and agencies are not allowed to provide demographic information regarding any individual that is requested for: 1) creating a registry program, or 2) requiring registration of persons in a registry program. Defines "registry program" to mean a public, private, or joint public-private initiative: (1) for which particular individuals or groups of individuals, designated on the basis of their race, color, gender identity, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, military status, order of protection status, pregnancy, or unfavorable discharge from military service, are required by law to register; and (2) whose

primary purpose is to compile a list of individuals who fall within a demographic category identified by their race, color, gender identity, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, military status, order of protection status, pregnancy, or unfavorable discharge from military service.

Assault Weapon 72-Hour Waiting Period (HB 1468/Amendatorily Vetoed): Requires a 72-hour waiting period before buying assault-style weapons and .50 caliber rifles.

72-hour waiting period (SB 3256/PA 100-0606): Creates a 72-hour waiting period on all firearms, not just handguns. The bill also eliminates the current exemption from the waiting period requirements for the sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at a recognized gun show. The bill retains the current 24 hour withholding period for stun guns and Tasers. A violation of this provision would be a Class 4 felony. The bill also eliminates the current statutory exemption from the waiting period requirements for the sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at an official gun show recognized by the State Police.

Assistance for Child Protection Investigators (SB 3105/PA 100-0625): Requires law enforcement officers, upon request, to make all reasonable efforts to assist a child protection investigators in an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect in cases where the investigator has reason to believe there is the potential for violence.

Domestic Violence Order of Protection (SB 558/PA 100-0597): Allows a petition for a domestic violence order of protection, civil not



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contact order, or a stalking no contact order to be filed by a State's Attorney on behalf of any minor child or dependent adult in the care of the named victim, if the named victim does not file a petition or request the State's Attorney file the petition. Allowing the respondent to rebut prima facie evidence of the offense by presenting evidence of a meritorious defense. Requiring the respondent to file a written notice alleging a meritorious defense, which shall be verified and supported by affidavit. Providing that if the court finds that the evidence presented at the hearing establishes a meritorious defense by a preponderance of the evidence, the court may decide not to issue a protective order.

Epi-Pen Physician Liability (SB 2226):

Establishes that there will be no civil or professional liability for physicians who provide standing prescriptions of Epi-Pens to police departments.

Equal Rights Amendment (SJRCA 4): Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. The ERA provides that "equality of rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex." The ERA takes effect two years after the date of ratification by 3/4ths of the states. Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in 1972 and gave 7 years for 3/4th of the States to pass the amendment. 35 states passed the amendment before the original deadline. In 1978, the deadline was extended until 1982. Five states moved to rescind their ratification of the amendment. No other states ratified the amendment before the 1982 deadline. There are currently measures before both the US House and the US Senate to remove the deadline for passage of the ERA. This is part of the "Three State Strategy" for

passage of the ERA. The proponents believe that passage of the ERA by three more states will provide the requisite number of states for approval of the amendment and despite the previously imposed deadline, passage will be valid and it will become a part of the US Constitution.

Firearm Dealer Licensure (SB 337): Requires federally licensed gun dealers to also be licensed through the State Police and obtain a certificate. Prohibits the selling, leasing, or otherwise transferring firearms without a valid certificate of license with certain exceptions. Requires each licensee must display certain signage, complete training, maintain specified security systems, be subject to inspection, and develop a safe storage plan. Prohibits gun store from moving in within 500 feet of a school, pre-school, or day care facility after the law goes into effect. Allows ISP to issue subpoenas to investigate and enforce the Act. Requires ISP develop a statewide standard for recognizing red-flag indicators for refusal to sell a firearm. Mandates electronic based recordkeeping by licensees. Sets fees not to exceed \$300 for operating without a retail location and \$1,500 for operating with a retail location. Provides that the Department may not charge a certified licensee in this State, operating under the same or different business name, fees exceeding \$40,000 for the certification of multiple licenses. Requires records of private transfers of a firearms be kept for 10 years or it is a Class A misdemeanor for transfers of a firearm, stun gun, or taser made on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides for disciplinary sanctions by ISP for a long list of violations of the Act including licensing sanctions and fines up to \$10,000 for each violation. Requires certified licensees to have their place of business open for inspection by



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the State Police and local law enforcement. Provides a process to adjudicate complaints, investigations, and hearings for violations including review and appeals. The bill also creates the Gun Trafficking Information Act. It requires ISP to publicly list on its website reports on crimes committed with firearms in addition to electronically filing a report with the Governor and the General Assembly.

Firearms Restraining Order (HB 2354/PA 100-0607): 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 (probable cause) and 6 month orders (clear and convincing). 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.

Golden Parachutes (SB 3604): Sets severance pay conditions for government employees to attempt to prevent “golden parachutes.” States that severance pay provided may not exceed more than 20 week so compensation and severance pay must be prohibited when the employee in question has been fired for misconduct. Introduced in response to recent situations where severance packages have cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

Governor Payroll Offshoring (HB 5121): Provides that for appropriations for the Office

of the Governor, no intergovernmental or interagency agreement or contract may be entered into to circumvent any limitation established by law pertaining to payroll certification under the State Finance Act or to authorize the payment of employees of the Office of the Governor out of appropriations other than those established for that purpose. Provides that, for appropriations for the Office of the Governor, the certification on every State payroll voucher will be required for expenditures from amounts appropriated to the Office of the Governor for payment of salaries of Governor’s Office employees and executed by the Governor, or his or her designee. Further provides that in no event can salaries of employees of the Office of the Governor be paid from appropriations other than those established for that purpose.

Gun Dealer Licensure Act (SB 1657/Vetoed): Mandates licensing of all firearms dealers who sell or transfer more than 10 firearms a year (exempts manufacturers and auctioneers); creates a confusing, complex shared state and local regulatory scheme managed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; states that applicants must meet a series of requirements before receiving a state license; establishes a Gun Dealer Licensing Board to recommend policies, procedures and rules under the IDFPR.

Hospital Assessment Program (SB 1773/PA 100-0581): Establishes a new Medicaid hospital assessment program, effective July 1, 2018, to preserve over \$3 billion in funding to preserve access to hospital services and approximately \$750 million in funding to preserve access to other health care services under Medicaid. The new program: updates the data used under the assessment program from 2005 and 2009 to



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2015; revises hospital payment methodologies and provides for regular updates every two years; phases in hospital funding from fixed supplemental payments to claims based payments through increasing amounts over six years; creates a hospital Transformation Program to incentivize and support hospitals as they transform to best serve their communities; and creates a six year program, FY19 to FY24, subject to sunset date of July 1, 2020. Effective July 1, 2018, all Illinois hospitals, excluding publicly owned hospitals, will pay the state an inpatient and outpatient assessment of \$1.5 billion per year.

Hospital Assessment Trailer (SB 1573/PA 100-0580): Contains provisions indirectly related to the hospital assessment, including items related to the Procurement Code, MCO Risk Based Capital, Children's Hospital Designation, MCO Performance Analysis, Encounter Data Processing and MCO Indemnification.

Immigration Licensure (SB 3109): Provides that no person may be denied professional licensure for immigration status. Allows an applicant may provide a Tax Identification Number in lieu of a SSN.

Infections Disease Notification (HB 4278): Provides that if a veterans' home administrator or staff is notified within one month or less, that two or more home residents are diagnosed with an infectious disease then within 24 hours the veterans' home must provide written notification to each resident and their emergency contact or next of kin; post notification in a conspicuous place near the main entrance; and provide written notification to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Also requires the veterans' home to provide

written notification of any updates on the infectious disease and any options that are available to the residents. The IDVA and IDPH are also required to post notifications on their websites as soon as possible, but no later than the next business day.

Interstate Crosscheck Program and ERIC (SB 2273): Requires the State Board of Elections to withdraw from the Interstate Crosscheck Program. Crosscheck is the only method the State Board of Elections has to verify duplicate voters (those registered in more than one state) with Indiana and Missouri.

Lyme Disease Prevention (HB 4515): Grants immunity from DFPR disciplinary action to physicians prescribing experimental treatments for Lyme disease. Creates the Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act. The Act requires DPH to employ a coordinator to manage the newly created Lyme Disease Prevention, Detection, and Outreach Program. As part of the program, DPH must collect and disseminate information about Lyme disease incidents in Illinois, collect and disseminate information about the prevention, detection, and treatment of Lyme disease and expand its Lyme disease testing. 3) Creates the Lyme Disease Task Force. DPH must establish the Lyme Disease Task Force to advise the department on disease prevention/surveillance and provider/public education on the disease. Deletes current statutory requirements for the collection of Lyme-disease data.

Medical Cannabis in Schools (HB 4870): Creates Ashley's Law which allows the administration of medical cannabis on school grounds or on school buses under certain conditions.



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Missing High Risk Military Person (SB 2278):

Adds veterans and active duty members of the reserves and armed forces believed to have physical or mental health issues, related to service, to the definition of “high-risk missing person.”

Missing Person with Disabilities (SB 2265):

Requires the Department of State Police to compile and maintain a data repository for missing persons with disabilities as part of the statewide Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). The Department of State Police must coordinate with the Illinois Department of Human Services to develop and implement a community outreach program to the Endangered Missing Person Advisory with applicable entities. Also provides that a missing person with disabilities be considered a “high-risk missing person.” Intends to help law enforcement and human service entities be better prepared to locate individuals with developmental disabilities.

Salary History Request Prohibition (HB 4163):

Prohibits employers from requiring information about a job applicant's previous salary history. Substantially increases penalties under the Act for this provision, including an up to \$10,000 civil fine, injunctive relief, and attorney's fees as determined by the Court.

Sexual Harassment Payoff Restrictions (HB 4243): Prohibits use of public funds including, but not limited to, district office allowances of members of the General Assembly to be used for sexual harassment payouts.

Teacher Base Salary Increase (SB 2892):

Requires school boards to incrementally increase the minimum salary of full-time teachers to \$40,000 per year by the 2022-2023

school year. Also provides that the minimum salary rate for each year after the 2022-2023 school year shall equal the minimum rate in the previous year increased by the CPI.

Texting Moving Violation (HB 4846): Makes the first violation of texting while driving or using a hand held cell phone a moving violation.

Current law provides that a first offense for driving while using an electronic communication device is not a moving violation but just a \$75 fine.

Agriculture, Animals and Hunting

Above Ground Gas Storage (HB 4569):

States that for agricultural purposes and certain commercial purposes, an above ground gas storage tank holding 12,000 gallons of fuel may be used for refueling equipment and vehicles.

Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners

(HB 4999): Provides that the Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners will hold an annual meeting (rather than semiannual meeting).

Agribusiness Signs (SB 3082):

Adds clarification that organizations that promote the economic well-being and expansion of this State's agriculture industry are eligible to apply for Agribusiness Signs issued by the Department.

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.

Agriculture Program Repeals (SB 2875):

Repeals a number of Ag-related programs that are no longer functioning, and transfers the



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responsibility of some to other programs to make administering them easier for the Department.

Animal Control Facilities and Shelters (SB 2380): Adds new license-renewal requirements for animal control facilities and animal shelters, including breakdowns of incoming animals (stray, left by owner, etc.) and the ultimate disposition of those animals (adopted, euthanized, etc.) in the previous calendar year. Department of Agriculture must post this intake and outcome statistics on their website for each facility.

Animal Protection (SB 2270): Provides that nothing prevents a law enforcement officer from taking temporary custody of an animal that is being put in danger due to extreme heat or cold conditions; however, the officer must attempt to make contact with owner. Also, the owner is responsible of cost required for veterinary care.

Blaze Pink (HB 4231): Provides that hunters may wear blaze pink during firearm deer season and upland game season.

Farm Equity Act (HB 4234): Requires the Department of Agriculture to ensure the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers in urbanized areas and requires the Department to create a new position to support this initiative.

Fishing Licenses (SB 2295): Adjusts state law so a "fishing license" can also extend to an electronic format (rather than just a physical format).

Illinois Horse Conceived/Foaled Regulations (HB 5459): Allows the Department of

Agriculture to certify horses as Illinois conceived and foaled for this breeding year. Also changes the qualification requirements for stallions in Illinois conceived and foaled Standardbred harness races. Seeks to help the decline of horse racing and harness racing in Illinois by generating more qualified contestants.

Increased Poaching Costs (HB 5317): Increases the costs a person must pay the Department of Natural Resources for illegally taking various species, as part of an effort to stop illegal hunting in Illinois.

Industrial Hemp (SB 2298): Provides that the Department of Agriculture will create the rules necessary to issue licenses for the growing of industrial hemp. Creates special fund for the implementation of the Act. Amends the Illinois Noxious Weed Law and Cannabis Control Act to explicitly exempt "hemp" from the definition of "cannabis."

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

Youth Hunting and Trapping License (HB 4783): Combines the youth hunting and trapping licenses to make administering the Act simpler



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for the Department of Natural Resources and easier for the public to understand.

Youth Resident Archery Deer Permits (HB 5440): Provides that the fees for youth resident archery deer permits shall be the same for non-resident youth permits; allows non-resident youth to apply for youth hunting and trapping licenses.

Budget Fiscal Year 2019 & BIMP

FY18 Supplemental and FY 19 Budget (HB 109/PA 100-0586): 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% 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.

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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.

FY19 Budget Implementation Act (HB 3342/pa 100-0587): 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% and the share of business income taxes deposited at 15.5%.



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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% 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.

Creates the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program to encourage access and affordability for universities through a new institutional match scholarship. Illinois citizens with qualifying income, GPAs and test scores would be eligible, and funds would be provided through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to colleges and universities who participate.

Authorizes IDOR to collect a 1.5% 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%. 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 October 31, 2018.

Increases rates for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities by 4 percent. Requires HFS to reimburse SMHRFs a bed hold for therapeutic visits at 75% 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.

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.

Provides authorization for the State Board of Education to give one-time FY 18 supplemental grants to alternative/safe schools to compensate for their lack of recognition under the new funding model. The total amount appropriated for this purpose is \$5.4 million.

Provides a 12% rate increase for ambulance services under Medicaid.

Creates Pharmacy Critical Access Rate to eligible pharmacies based on prescriptions filled for



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patients in Medicaid managed care organizations.

Subject to appropriation, requires HFS to develop a critical access pharmacy program to ensure the sustainability of critical access pharmacies. Caps the program at \$10,000,000/annually. Limits the individual payment amounts per prescription at the dispensing rate that HFS would have reimbursed under Medicaid.

Requires DHS to increase child care provider rates by 4.26%.

Requires TANF benefit levels to increase to 30% of the FPL on October 1, 2018.

Increases rates for front line MH/DD, ID/DD, MC/DD personnel by .50/hour. 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.

Business, Commerce, Regulation, Labor and Licensure

Adulterated Meat Regulation (SB 2752): Makes changes to bring Illinois in line with the federal definitions and regulations regarding what is considered “adulterated” meat or food.

African American Status in Equal Pay (HB 4743): Amends the Equal Pay Act to provide no employers may discriminate between employees by paying wages to an African American employee at a rate less than the rate of someone who is not African American.

Age Restriction for Licensure Reduction (SB 3394): Reduces the minimum age requirement for licensure as a community association manager, supervising community association manager, home inspector, broker, or managing broker to 18 years of age (rather than 21 years of age).

Appraisal Management Company Registration (SB 2617/PA 100-0604): Implements the industry requested regulation to put Illinois in compliance with the minimum federal requirements to provide state AMC oversight and registration for providing appraisal management services for federally related transactions.

Apprentice Program (HB 5247): Creates a registered apprenticeship program, which is defined as an industry-based occupational training program with standards approved by the United States Department of Labor, and which meets specific characteristics. The ISBE is required to adopt rules to allow Illinois high school students age 16 and older to participate in registered apprenticeship programs.

Brewer Warehouse Permits (HB 4897): Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934 and creates the brewer warehouse permit for holders of class 1 or class 2 brewer licenses. Class 1 brewer licensees with a brewer warehouse permit can store or warehouse up to 930,000 gallons of tax-determined beer manufactured by the



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holder of the permit at the premise specified on the permit. Class 2 brewer licensees with a brewer warehouse permit can store or warehouse up to 3,720,000 gallons of tax-determined beer manufactured by the holder of the permit at the premises specified on the permit. Sales to non-licensees are prohibited at the premises specified in the brewer warehouse permit.

Carnival Background Check (SB 3240): Allows for the revocation of a permit to operate for carnivals, amusement attractions or fairs that fail to conduct a background check of every ride operator at their permitted attraction if they are found to have violated the law three or more times. Currently a background check is required for all ride operators in Illinois but the department does not have the ability to revoke a permit for violators. Raises the fines for violations of the background requirement for ride operators to \$5,000 (currently \$1,000) for a first offense; a fine not to exceed \$10,000 (Currently \$5,000) for a second offense and revocation of permit for 3 or more violations of the background check law.

Cat/Dog Breeder Classification (HB 5029): Provides that those persons who have in their possession five female cats or dogs capable of reproduction will be classified as a dog breeder or cat breeder, rather than a kennel operator. This is an attempt to clarify the definitions to reflect current industry practices and reduce confusion for both licensees and consumers, as these facilities are currently grouped together despite being distinctly different types of operations.

CATV Franchise Fee Audits (SB 3464): Makes corresponding changes to the audit process for CATV franchise fee audits.

Coal Mining Safety Updates (HB 5689): Makes changes with regard to coal mine safety, and to bring Illinois coal mining practices further in line with federal standards. Specifically requires additional Self Contained Self Rescuers (SCSRs) to be strategically placed throughout the mine to ensure SCSR are available based on the number of miners expected at any given location in a mine rather than an arbitrary number at a location under current law. As well as, requires rescue chambers to be placed throughout the mine to ensure miners are no more than 30 minutes away from a rescue chamber or safe exit in case of an emergency. Lastly, maintains IDNR oversight of mine rescue procedures by requiring that IDNR approve any changes to mine escape procedures.

Construction Contract Retainage (SB 3052): Amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act so that no construction contract may have retainage higher than allowed in statute. A construction contract may have retainage of up to 10% on any payment made before 50% of the contract is completed. When 50% of the contract is completed, the retainage will be lowered so that no more than 5% can be held. After 50% of the contract is complete, no more than 5% of any payments may be held as retainage.

Controlled-Substance Prescribers Continuing Ed (SB 2777): Requires licensed prescribers of controlled substances to complete three hours of continuing education on safe opioid-prescribing practices prior to renewing their prescription license. They can count continuing-education hours offered by an accredited professional association, a state agency, a federal agency or hours used to meet the



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licensing requirements of other states toward this requirement.

Cottage Food Operation (SB 457): Removes the requirement that cottage-food operations use new jars, but specify that the jars must be "Mason-style." Removes the clause permitting cottage-food operations to sell beverages with only trace amounts of alcohol. Specifies that cottage-food operations may not sell kombucha. Grants local public-health departments the authority to require cottage-food operations to submit canned-tomato products to commercial labs for testing, and makes other changes.

Currency Exchange Closure Fee Returns (HB 5141): Provides that within one year (rather than three years) after the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation's first published notice in a local newspaper regarding a community currency exchange filing for termination, the owners of the debts, liabilities, and lawful demands against such community currency exchange will be redeemed by the Secretary on demand in writing.

Dairy Farm Inspection Reports (HB 4428/PA 100-0618): Requires DPH (or the local public-health inspector) to provide a paper copy of the inspection report to a dairy farm being inspected at the time of the inspection.

Dental Assistant Licensure (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."

Dentist Tele-Health (SB 2587): Adds "dentist" to the list of licensed medical professionals

authorized to conduct "tele-health" services in Illinois.

DHS Oversight of TEP (SB 2765): Moves oversight of the federally-mandated Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP) from the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) to DHS. Moves federal fund deposits used to administer the program from a LCC-controlled fund to one at DHS. Authorizes DHS to contract with the US FDA to conduct unannounced investigations of Illinois tobacco vendors to determine compliance with federal laws relating to illegal sales of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products to underage persons.

E-Waste Anti-Trust Language (HB 3248/PA 100-0592): Provides anti-trust protections for manufacturers in the e-waste program when operating the manufacturers clearinghouse. It also sets up the allocation formula for the dividing of manufacturer responsibilities when instituting the program.

Economic Impact Analysis Changes (HB 5253): Modifies certain provisions requiring State agencies to issue an economic impact analysis when proposing new rules or amendments to rules that affect small businesses. Makes other changes, with the overall intent of seeking to focus economic impact analyses to help agencies prepare for a proposed rule change more on quantitative measures, as opposed to relying so heavily on qualitative measures.

Educational Loan Default – License Revoke (SB 2439): Amends various acts to remove provisions allowing or requiring licensing authorities to revoke professional licenses for defaulting on an educational loan provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.



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Employee Expense Reimbursement (SB 2999):

Clarifies that employers shall reimburse employees for expenses the employer authorized or required the employee to incur. Provides that employers are not responsible for losses due to an employee's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft unless the theft was a result of the employer's negligence. Clarifies that employers are not liable for the portion of the expenditure amount that exceeds specifications or guidelines of the reimbursement policy.

Entrepreneur Learner's Permit Pilot Program (SB 2281):

Opens up the pilot program pool to all entrepreneurs regardless of industry, and allows new businesses up to one year after the formation of their business to apply to the permit program.

Environmental Health Practitioners (SB 2618):

Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to extend the repeal date of the Act until January 1, 2029 will enable the practice of environmental health in Illinois to continue to be regulated to protect the public from unauthorized, or unqualified and/or unprofessional environmental health practitioners.

HUBZone Business (SB 2675): Codifies federal definitions of a HUBZone business into IL Statute. Requires IL Procurement officers to use this HUBZone business definition when procuring out State contracts.

Human Rights Act Expansion (HB 4572):

Expands coverage of the Human Rights Act to cover all employers who employ at least one employee (currently 15 or more). Includes an exemption to the definition of "employer," so that places of worship are excluded. This

expands coverage for unlawful discrimination to all employers, no matter how many employees.

Human Trafficking Notice Requirements (HB 4340):

Adds the following to the list of establishments required to post notice under the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act: massage establishments; public gatherings and special events conducted on property open to the public that require the issuance of a permit from the unit of local government; public and private elementary and secondary schools; and establishments registered under the Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment Registration Act. Provides that a business or establishment that fails to comply with the Act is guilty of a petty offense, and subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each violation (instead of liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense).

Keystone Steel & Wire (HB 4507): Includes a TIF extension for Madison City, IL. Places into statute that Keystone Steel & Wire company is eligible for exemptions under ROTA for 2010-2012. IDOR Audited Keystone and found that they never applied for the tax incentives under DCEO for these years.

Licensing Program Exams (SB 2877): Provides a barber, cosmetology, esthetics, hair braiding and nail tech student can take the licensing exam prior to the completion of their educational program. This way if the student fails the student and the school have an opportunity to help prepare them to take the exam again.

Licensure Applicant Requirements (HB 4883):

Establishes the hours of study required for applicants to take a licensure examination for



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the professions of barbering, cosmetology, esthetics or nail technology.

Liquor Sales (SB 3019): Amends the Liquor Control Act to change the permanent and temporary signage requirements at retail establishments, codifying LCC practice of allowing the return of unused product purchased under a Special Event License (not-for-profits), and clarifying that any supplier that seeks to ship product into Illinois for use in their own taproom must register as a “Non-resident Dealer” and must comply with all guidelines.

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. States that 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 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.

Minority Contractor Initiative (SB 3106): Adds an appointee from the Comptroller’s office to the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and People with Disabilities Commission. Also 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.

Mortgage Company Advertising (SB 2615): Allows Illinois-licensed mortgage companies to advertise their services using their Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS) Unique Identifier instead of the words “Illinois Residential Mortgage Licensee.” Replaces “Commissioner” with “Secretary” to reflect who leads the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

Nationwide Multistate Licensing System Loan Processing Entity (HB 4404): Amends the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 and changes reference to “Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry” to reference to “Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry.” As well as, provides that an entity that is exempt from licensure under specified provisions of the Act as an independent loan processing entity shall annually apply to the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry for an exempt company registration for specified purpose.

Notary Public (SB 3443): States that the Secretary of State may now reprimand, suspend, and revoke the commission of a notary public (currently only revoke). The Secretary of State may investigate violations of the Act committed by a notary public. A notary public is required to cooperate with an investigation and if suspended must surrender their notary public seal to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

Nursing Home Administrators (HB 4688): Acts as trailer language for PA 100-0560 passed



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during the 2017 veto session, but which failed to include the boilerplate regulatory language in every licensure sunset extension bill. This bill doesn't provide for a change in scope to any nursing home administrator licensee.

Nursing Mothers Break (HB 1595): Requires employers to provide reason paid break time to nursing employees who need to express breast milk. Also requires the employer to provide reasonable break time for the employee.

One Day Rest in Seven (SB 200): Provides that the requirement of a 20 minute meal period for employees scheduled to work more than 7.5 continues hours does not apply to individuals licensed under the EMS Act if they work for a private company and are required to be on call during an 8 hour period, provided they are allowed to eat a meal during that period.

Paraprofessional Fee Reduction (HB 5196): Lowers the license renewal fee for paraprofessionals in the classroom to \$25 (currently, it is \$50).

Peer-to-Peer Car Rental (SB 2641): Creates regulations and taxation for peer to peer car rentals.

Physical Fitness Service Contract (HB 4275): Removes provisions prohibiting certain basic gym membership services. Prohibits contracts for basic physical fitness services in excess of \$2,500 per year, per person. Requires these contracts to be in writing. Prohibits financing of a contract for physical fitness services over a period of more than three years. Also prohibits contracts measured by the life of the consumer. Finally, prohibits a gym membership of greater than one year.

Professional Limited Liability Corporation Registration (SB 3398): Changes registration requirements so that professional limited liability companies, professional service corporations, and medical corporations must renew their registrations with IDFPR every 3 years (Currently annually). Places the registration requirements for professional companies with IDFPR in the same act as the registration requirements with the Secretary of State. (Currently, some provisions relating to forming professional companies that provide licensed services are found in the Professional Limited Liability Company Act (PLLC Act) and other requirements are found in the Liability Company Act (LLC Act)). States that a limited liability company which provides professional services and requires registration with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may convert to a professional limited liability company by filing the appropriate forms with the Secretary of State.

PT Licensure Through Endorsement (SB 3395): Streamlines the "Licensure through Endorsement" process for certain out-of-state occupational therapists and physical therapists seeking to practice in Illinois by providing a less cumbersome pathway to licensure without reducing public safety. This change would reduce wait time for licensure, make it easier for the applicant to interact with the Department and encourage other professionals to practice in Illinois.

Real Estate Appraiser Licensing (HB 5502): Amends the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002. Removes the following provisions regarding "associate real estate trainee appraiser" licenses: Removes language providing that an associate real estate trainee appraiser license may not be renewed more



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than two times. Requires each applicant to pass an exam authorized by IDFPR. Removes the requirement that an applicant for associate real estate trainee appraiser licensure shall provide evidence that he or she has successfully completed the education requirements prior to taking the examination.

Real Estate Reforms (HB 5210): Amends the Real Estate License Act to eliminate Branch Office licenses. Clarifies that a licensee may establish a limited liability company for purposes of receiving licensee compensation, allowing real estate licensees more flexibility in selecting a business entity that fits their needs. Updates the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's disciplinary process related to the required notices that must be provided to the Appraisal Board. Changes the Auction License Act, the Home Inspector License Act, and the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002 to push back continuing education deadlines to allow the Department to conduct audits of CE completion prior to the license renewal period. Creates a basic standard requiring individuals with an ownership interest in a brokerage to obtain a license to engage in licensed activity.

Rebate Cards (HB 4922): Provides that it is an unlawful practice to offer to consumers at retail a rebate made on a rebate card, rather than a stored-value card, that charges dormancy fees or other post-issuance fees. Outlines some exclusions.

Registered Interior Design Act (SB 335): Creates the Registered Interior Design Act, which is a title protection Act. Therefore, persons wishing to use the title "registered interior designer" would need to apply for and receive a license from IDFPR but persons are permitted to

practice the profession of interior design without a license so long as they do not use the title "registered interior designer." Provides lien rights for interior designers, to help guarantee payment for the work they perform on real estate property.

Removes "Olympic" Use (HB 4578): Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983 and the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Removes a prohibition on the use of the word "Olympic" and similar words in corporate names. Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Reduces penalties regarding violations of the Act.

Rental Car Tolling Device Fee Cap (SB 2522): Requires rental car companies to notify renters of the option to use a toll transponder device at the beginning of the rental agreement. If the rental company does not notify the renter of the transponder, the rental company shall not: Charge a renter fee of more than \$2 each day. However, the rental company may recoup the actual cost incurred for any toll. Charge a renter a daily fee on any day the renter does not drive through an electronic toll.

Savings Bank Audit (HB 4589): Removes the requirement for an annual audit of savings banks by an independent licensed public accountant.

Service of Summons for Foreclosure (SB 2432): Seeks to remove uncertainty over service of summons that is the result of the Second District appellate court's decision in Arch Bay v. Perez from 2015. Also seeks to eliminate the rampant solicitation that occurred after Arch Bay, and to further criminalize the act of strangers to litigation promoting such litigation for their own financial benefit.



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Sexual Harassment Training (HB 4953):

Provides that for professions that have continuing education requirements, the required continuing education hours shall include at least one hour of sexual harassment prevention training for license renewals occurring on or after January 1, 2020.

Social Worker License (HB 5110): Attempts to streamline the “licensure through endorsement” process for out-of-state clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors, in order to address the shortage of behavioral health practitioners in Illinois by speeding up the time in which IDFPR issues licenses. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to issue a license as a clinical social worker, social worker, professional counselor, or clinical professional counselor not more than 60 days after a completed application is received by the Department.

Student Loan Servicer Definition Change (HB 4397): Amends the definition of “student loan servicer” so it does not include a law firm or licensed attorney that is collecting post-default debt. The intent is to codify in statute that “law firms or licensed attorneys” who work for creditors are not considered to be “Student loan services,” despite their legal role in debt collection, in order to avoid potential legal challenges.

Surgical Assistant Certification (SB 2419): Provides that in order for a registrant to renew his or her surgical assistant registration or surgical technologist registration, he or she must maintain a national certification. (Currently they are only required to achieve the

Certification of initial registration and not for renewal.)

Uber/Lyft Driver Application (HB 4416):

Requires an individual applying to become a transportation network company driver (such as Uber and Lyft) must include in the application his or her full name and any used nicknames or aliases. Requires that an individual must also submit his or her social security number and date of birth. Provides that an individual who submits an application that contains false or incomplete information shall be guilty of a petty offense.

Children and Families, Guardianship and Estate Issues

ABLE Account Proceeds (SB 2660): States that unless prohibited by federal law, when the designated beneficiary dies the account proceeds may be transferred to the estate or account of another individual specified by the designated beneficiary. The State may not seek payment under subsection (f) of the Federal 529A Internal Revenue Code. A court or a person with a disability may assign “resources” (property, maintenance, child support, etc.) to that person’s: ABLE account, or a discretionary trust that complies with Medicaid reimbursements.

ABLE Provision Changes (HB 4754): Amends the State Treasurer Act in the section detailing ABLE accounts. Unless prohibited by federal law, when a designated beneficiary dies the account proceeds may be transferred to the estate or account of another individual specified by the designated beneficiary. A court or a person with a disability may assign “resources” (property, maintenance, child support, etc.) to that



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person's ABLE account, or a discretionary trust that complies with Medicaid reimbursements.

Adoption Consent Forms (HB 5155): Amends the Adoption Act to update various forms related to consent and surrender for purposes of adoption.

Adults with Disabilities Guardianship (HB 4867): Provides that a court may not appoint an individual a guardian of a person or estate of an adult with disabilities before the would-be guardian discloses to the court the number of adults with disabilities over which he/she currently is appointed guardian over. Further provides that if a court determines the would-be guardian is appointed guardian over more than five adults with disabilities, the court shall order the circuit court clerk to notify the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission in a form/manner in which the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission prescribes. Further provides that the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission shall maintain a list of all notifications it receives under this new section for reference by other agencies, units of government, or the public.

CCAP Redetermination Change to 12 Months (HB 4965): Provides a family's eligibility for the Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance Program shall be re-determined, no sooner than 12 months following the most recent determination, instead of every six months. During the 12-month period, the family shall remain eligible for child care services regardless of a change in family income that does not exceed 85 percent of state median income or a temporary change in work or job training status.

Child Abuse Reports (SB 293): Requires DCFS to keep all unfounded reports of child abuse or neglect in its central register for a minimum of five years (currently three years). Seeks to provide DCFS investigators more information so they may better recognize patterns of abuse or neglect.

Child Death Review Team (SB 2407): Makes changes regarding the duties, administration, responsibilities, recommendations and other issues impacting the Child Death Review Team.

Child Welfare Workforce (SB 2628): Creates a 17 member legislative Task Force on Strengthening the Child Welfare Workforce for Children and Families. The task force will study the compensation and workload of child welfare workers to determine the role that compensation and workload play in the recruitment and retention of child welfare workers, and to determine the role that staff turnover plays in achieving safety and timely permanency for children.

Corrections Visitation Policy (HB 4741): Entitles inmates to seven visits per month and permits inmates to supply the Illinois Department of Corrections with a list of 30 persons that are authorized to visit. The required list of authorized visitors is to be available beginning August 2019 in electronic format.

Custodial Alternatives for Pregnant Detainees (HB 1464): Requires the court to release a pregnant pre-trial detainee if the detainee will give birth while in custody unless, after a hearing, the court determines that the release would pose a threat to a victim or the general public. Allows the court to order a pregnant or post-partum detainee to be on electronic monitoring as a condition of pre-trial release.



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DCFS Birth Records (HB 4909/PA 100-0619):

Permits young people who have been placed under the temporary guardianship or custody of DCFS to receive up to four certified birth certificates annually free of cost. They can continue to receive free birth certificates through age 26 if they were in care of DCFS on or after their 18th birthday. This intends to make it easier for these young people to receive their birth certificates to help with getting a job, applying for benefits, joining the military, etc.

DCFS Significant Event Reporting (HB 5257):

Requires DCFS to provide a minor's guardian ad litem or attorney, with a copy of each significant event report involving the minor, no later than three days after DCFS learns of an event requiring a report to be written, or earlier as required by Department rule. Defines "significant event report" to mean a document that describes an occurrence beyond customary operations such as allegations of abuse or neglect or anything that might raise a concern about the well-being of the minor.

DCFS Specialized Placement Trafficked Youth (SB 2461):

Provides that before July 1, 2019, the Department of Children and Family Services shall develop or enter contracts with agencies to provide specialized placements for youth who are victims of sex trafficking. Specialized placements may include but are not limited to: licensed foster homes; group homes; residential facilities; and secure residential facilities that specialize in providing treatment to children who are victims of sex trafficking.

Frail Individual Visitation (HB 4309): Establishes 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.

Guardian Restrictions (HB 4686): Prohibits an agency employee who is directly providing care to a disabled adult ward from being appointed guardian in an effort to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

Healthcare Surrogate for Youth in Care (HB 5157): States that in situations where the court has appointed a temporary guardian for an abused or neglected minor, allows the court to also give the custodian the authority to serve as a surrogate decision maker for the minor. This fills a gap where minors in the care of a temporary guardian do not have anyone available to make decisions regarding whether to forego life-sustaining treatment.

Juvenile Court Commitment Reports (HB 5077): Requires that if a minor is committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the clerk of the court must forward to the Department the sentencing order and copies of committing petition and a report detailing the minor's criminal history in a manner and from prescribed by the Department.

Medical, Hospital, and Nursing Home Expenses (SB 3120): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 in provisions determining the classification of claims against the estate of the decedent. Adds provisions to the 4th line of priority that reasonable and necessary medical, hospital, and nursing home expenses for the care of the decedent during the year immediately preceding death of not more than \$800 for each claim. This is targeting situations where hospitals and nursing homes provide services near the end of life, but are not guaranteed to be repaid after all other debts are paid off.



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Minors Consent to Counseling Services or Psychotherapy (HB 1443/PA 100-0614):

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).

Non-Marital Life Insurance (SB 2437): Seeks to make changes with regard to beneficiaries of life insurance policies in response to circumstances where some life insurance policy owners do not change the beneficiary after the dissolution of a marriage, they then pass away and the ex-spouse seeks to claim the proceeds from the policy because the ex-spouse is still listed as the beneficiary.

Protective Orders (HB 4796): Establishes that foster parents, legally appointed guardians, adoptive parents and prospective adoptive parents are added as persons protected under the Domestic Violence Act and Protective Orders Article.

Public Housing Applicant (SB 3081): Requires, upon request from an applicant for public housing, a housing choice voucher, or other housing owned or operated by a Housing

Authority, for the Housing Authority to provide the applicant with information on the applicant's position on the waiting list within 10 business days of the request.

Public Lactation Room (SB 3503): Requires every facility that houses a circuit court to designate at least one public lactation room or area by June 1, 2019. The lactation room or area cannot be in a restroom. The lactation room or area must include a chair, a table, an electrical outlet, and, where possible, a sink with running water.

Reunification Service (SB 2655): Authorizes DCFS to provide reunification services to youth over the age of 15 with permanency goals of "independence", if providing reunification services is in the youth's best interest. Authorizes reunification services to be offered to enable reunification, and to strengthen the minor's connections with family, fictive kin, and other responsible adults. Provides that HFS shall undertake a one-year awareness campaign to educate hospitals with in-patient psychiatric units for children on availability of services through the Family Support Program and the Specialized Family Support Program for support of a child with serious mental health needs.

State Long -Term Care Ombudsman Technical Change (HB 4879): Adds the words "a representative of the Office of" to the statute to allow a representative of the Office of the State Long Term Ombudsman fulfill the duties of the Office under the Act. This technical change allows this individual to carry out responsibilities under the Illinois Power of Attorney Act.

Uniform Powers of Appointment (HB 4702): Creates the Uniform Powers of Appointment



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Act. Adds provisions concerning: governing law, common law and principles of equity; creation of power of appointment; nontransferability; presumption of unlimited authority; rules of classification; power to revoke or amend; requisites for exercise of power of appointment; intent to exercise; donor-imposed formal requirements; permissible appointment; the selective allocation doctrine; the capture doctrine; disposition of unappointed property; appointment to taker in default; the powerholder's authority to revoke or amend exercise; disposition of trust property subject to power; disclaimer; release; power to contract; creditor claims. Repeals the Power of Appointment Exercise Act and the Termination of Powers Act.

Updating Maintenance in response to Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (SB 2289): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act so that judges may deviate from the maintenance and child support guidelines if the total maintenance and child support obligation exceeds 50% of the obligor's net income. Sets the new maintenance based on the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Visitation Clarification (SB 2498): Clarifies situations where a grandparent, great-grandparent, sibling or step-parent can seek visitation.

Visitation Privileges of Disabled Adult (HB 4687): Authorizes various persons to petition for visitation privileges of a ward that is a disabled adult. Also adds a provision to the bill which prohibits the court from allowing visitation if the court finds that the ward has capacity to evaluate and communicate decisions regarding visitation and expresses a desire not to have visitation with a petitioner.

Workforce and Family Training Programs (SB 3232): Creates a five year demonstration project in statute for two projects that are currently operating and being privately funded by Carle Foundation Hospital and Physician Group (Champaign-Urbana). The two projects consist of the Job Readiness and Learning Program which includes an eight-week paid training program with the intention of full-time employment and upward mobility, and Healthy Beginnings which is a free, multi-year Nurse Family Partnership program for pregnant women, primarily at or below the poverty level, which offers supports such as prenatal health, family health, early childhood development, violence reduction, caregiver educational advancement/employment, and family self-sufficiency.

Youth in Care Assistance (HB 4887): Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to assist youths in care in identifying and obtaining documents necessary to function as an independent adult prior to the closure of the youth's case to terminate wardship. Provides that the necessary documents must include, but not be limited to: State identification card or driver's license; social security card; medical records; educational records; and other documents.

Consumers

ATM Consumer Complaint Compliance (SB 331): States that civil penalties are \$100 for each failure of a person who owns an ATM to post a phone number for consumers to call and report problems, as well as the IDFPR phone number. The penalties for this failure to comply are to never exceed \$1,000.



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Consumer Reporting Agency Consumer Fee (HB 4095/PA 100-0589): Prohibits a consumer reporting agency from charging consumers a fee to place, temporarily lift or remove a security freeze on their credit report. States that a consumer can request a freeze over the phone or through electronic means.

Home Repair Consumer Rights Pamphlet (HB 4268): Amends the Home Repair and Remodeling Act to add information concerning mechanic's liens to the home repair consumer rights pamphlet. The bill includes new language that replaces more general language reminding home owners about the rights of suppliers and subcontractors to file a mechanic's lien.

IDFPR Rate Change Consumer Consideration (SB 2433): Requires the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to consider the impact on consumers and anyone protected under the Illinois Human Rights Act when considering rate changes for cashing checks at currency exchanges.

Immigrant Tenant Protection (SB 3103): States a landlord is not allowed to, unless required by law or court order, threaten to disclose or actually disclose information regarding or relating to the immigration or citizenship status of a tenant to any person, entity, or any immigration or law enforcement agency with the intent of harassing or intimidating the tenant, retaliating against the tenant for exercising his or her rights, or influencing the tenant to surrender possession; or unless required by law or court order, bring an action to recover possession of a dwelling unit based solely or in part on the immigration or citizenship status of a tenant. Allows a tenant to bring civil action if a landlord violates the Act.

Mental Health False Advertising (HB 4949): Amends the Consumer Fraud And Deceptive Practice Act. Provides that it is an unlawful practice to engage in misleading or false advertising or promotion that misrepresents the need to seek mental health disorder or substance use disorder treatment outside of the State of Illinois. Sets forth requirements for advertising or promotional sales materials directed to Illinois residents concerning mental health disorder or substance use disorder treatment.

Mobile Home Owner Disposing Abandoned Homes (SB 3261): Authorized mobile home owners and operators to remove and dispose of abandoned mobile home. A proceeding to remove an abandoned mobile home can be filed in the circuit court of the county that the mobile home is located. The bill also outlines the circumstances in which the mobile home park owner or operator may commence a judgment that the home is abandoned.

Prescription Refills (SB 3170): Adds that a prescriptions, excluding those for controlled substances, shall be valid for up to 15 months from the issue date for the purpose of refills, unless the prescription states otherwise.

Property Disconnection (HB 4282): Provides that the owner of territory may have the territory disconnected from a municipality if it does not contain any territory designated as part of a redevelopment project area or any territory otherwise subject to tax increment financing by the municipality.

Security Deposit Return (HB 4951): States that if costs are specified in a lease that may be withheld from a security deposit for cleaning,



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repair, or replacement of any component of the leased premises or any component of the building or common areas that, if damaged, will not be replaced, those costs will be for damage beyond normal wear and tear and reasonable to restore the leased premises to the same condition as the time the lease began.

Spanish-Speaking Cessation Notification (SB 2908): Requires a Large Electing Provider (AT&T) to provide a proposed cessation of service to existing in customers in English and Spanish.

Title Insurance Purchase (SB 65): Makes it the right of parties to contract for the sale of residential real property and to have the right to choose the title insurance company, title insurance agent, or independent escrowee. In counties with a population of not less than 500,000, a contract for the purchase of residential real property will have the same title insurance company for the purchaser and buyer unless: the buyer and seller agree otherwise; or the buyer or seller is offered a discount of fees as an inducement to split the title insurance policies.

TOMA Applicants Bond (HB 4805): States that TOMA applicants or licensees must post a bond in the amount of \$50,000, instead of current \$100,000 bond, or an amount equal to 1 percent of all Illinois-based activity, whichever is greater. This reduces costs to existing businesses and for new companies, and changing the basis for calculating the Surety Bond Requirement will better protect Illinois consumers who use money transmitter services.

Crime, Courts, Corrections and Law Enforcement

Adult Redeploy Illinois (SB 3388): Expands eligibility for Adult Redeploy Illinois to all probation-eligible offenders subject to local control and decision making. This means that local programs would have the option (but not a mandate) to screen and enroll individuals for offenses that are probation-eligible but currently considered violent such as aggravated battery or domestic battery.

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.

Assistance for Child Protection Investigators (SB 3105): Requires law enforcement officers, upon request, to make all reasonable efforts to assist a child protection investigators in an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect in cases where the investigator has reason to believe there is the potential for violence.

Bail (SB 2579): States the \$30 per day credit is on the cash amount of the bail (technical correction). The Circuit Court may deny the \$30 per day credit and the seven-day rehearing provision to an individual who fails to appear in court and is arrested for failure to appear on that original charge. Non-probationable gun offenses are moved from Category B to Category A. These charges, if found guilty, will



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involve a sentence to the Department of Corrections. Unclaimed Bail Deposits were retained by the County but now will be transferred to the State Treasurer under the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

Booking Photograph Limitation (SB 2560):

Limits the publishing of booking photographs, “mugshots,” on social media with respect to civil offenses and offenses less than a Class A misdemeanor, unless the photo has been posted in order to assist in the search of a missing person or fugitive, person of interest, or in relation to a more serious crime. Also provides for the correction of errors by entities that publish criminal record information for profit.

Citations (HB 4476): Removes the requirement that a person in violation of a petty offense must sign a paper citation. This will improve officer safety and save money, as ISP pays \$.10 per sheet of paper required for a violator’s signature.

Civil and Criminal Court Fee Assessments (HB 4594): Creates the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Consolidates the current system of court related assessments, costs and surcharges which are scattered throughout the Code into 13 Schedules. Provides a minimum fine is \$25 unless waived by the judge. The bill also creates a sliding-scale waiver for criminal defendants based upon percentages of the poverty index.

Community Law Enforcement Deflection (SB 3023): Creates the Community-Law Enforcement Partnership for Deflection and Addiction Treatment Act. Allows law enforcement agencies to collaborate with licensed substance use service providers and

other community partners to develop and implement programs that deflect individuals who have overdosed or who have substance use disorders instead into substance use treatment provided by a licensed provider.

Cook County Sheriff Merit Board (HB 5303):

Allows the Cook County Sheriff to take disciplinary measures prescribed by the Merit Board for infractions by officers for all discipline less than termination (instead of just suspensions less than 30 days). Also makes the following changes: Provides for a hearing of the Merit Board or a Hearing Officer, designated by the Board for cases including the termination of officers. Provides that the Hearing Officer shall make a finding of guilt, and may either remove officers or other punishment. Provides that the Board shall render its decision no later than 120 days following the conclusion of any hearings. Gives hearing officers the same ability as the Merit Board to apply to the court to order appearances.

Crime Victim Rights (HB 5573): Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by adding language regarding victim’s rights found in the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act to avoid references to multiple statutes in juvenile delinquency proceedings. Additionally, offers that the provisions which allow a crime victim to make a written and oral statement do not apply to certain mental health hearings or proceedings after acquittal by reason of insanity if cases where the defendant was younger than 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed.

Criminal Background Checks (SB 2907): Allows authorized agencies and entities that conduct or obtain national criminal history background checks for persons to be eligible to participate



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in the Federal Rap Back Service administered by the Department of State Police.

Custodial Sexual Misconduct (HB 5597):

Provides that any person employed by a law enforcement agency commits “custodial sexual misconduct” when he or she engages in any form of sexual conduct or sexual penetration with a person who is under arrest or detained.

DOC Inmate Violence Reporting (HB 4888):

Requires the Illinois Department of Corrections to collect and report violence in prisons and other correctional facilities and to publish public safety reports. The data would include numbers on assaults, sexual assaults, contraband, weapons, suicide, and segregation.

Drug Testing Policies (SB 3136): States that anyone employed by the State Police or the Department of Corrections who tests positive for cannabis may (rather than shall) be discharged from employment. Refusal to submit to a drug test shall be construed as a positive test.

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.

Former Inmate Fee Waivers (SB 3004): Waives the \$10 fee for a birth-record search and the \$5 fee for a certified birth certificate for individuals placed on aftercare release following parole, mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or pardon from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Fraud Statute of Limitations Extension (SB 2891):

Provides an extended statute of limitations for vendor fraud, kickbacks, or managed health care fraud. Allows a prosecution for vendor fraud, kickbacks, or managed health care fraud of least \$5,000, to be commenced within five years (rather than three years) of the last committed act.

Human Trafficking Lawsuits (SB 3108):

Allows human trafficking survivors to bring a civil cause of action against traffickers under existing law. Allows family members, victim advocates, a court appointee or a government entity responsible for enforcing the laws of this State to bring an action on behalf of a victim.

Human Trafficking Victim Compensation (HB 2063):

Adds the crime of human trafficking to the section of the Act that allows for a longer reporting time frame for more vulnerable victims of crime, like it currently does for survivors of sexual assault. Clarifies that trafficking victims are eligible for compensation if they are engaged in a legal proceeding involving a claim that the victim is a victim of human trafficking.

Information Testimony (SB 1830/VETOED):

Requires the prosecution to disclose attempts to introduce evidence of incriminating statements made by the accused to, or overheard by, an informant in a prosecution for certain serious offenses (homicides, sex offenses, aggravated arson).

Inmate Co-Pay for Medical/Dental Services (HB 5104):

Provides that neither DJJ, nor DOC may charge inmates/committed persons a co-payment for medical or dental services.



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Inmate Voting (HB 4469): Makes changes intended to increase voting by pre-trial detainees and those who are convicted and become eligible to vote upon release from incarceration.

Investigative Report Transparency (HB 5000): Allows the OIG to share un-redacted investigative reports and raw data, upon written request, with local law enforcement, state's attorneys and coroners without their having to obtain subpoenas. Currently these offices must obtain a subpoena with court order to receive un-redacted investigative reports and/or raw data. This proposal would eliminate that step and allow for more efficient cooperation and sharing of information in the process of investigations.

ISP Civilian Employee Permissions (HB 5057): Allows civilian employees of ISP to write tickets pertaining to excess size and weight permits.

ISP Diesel Powered Vehicle (SB 1008): Removes the Illinois State Police from a diesel-powered vehicle emission inspection report requirement. Also establishes that DJJ can inform parents/guardians of changes to youth status via regular mail, as opposed to certified mail, which is more costly.

Juvenile Expungement (SB 2915): Modifies problems that have come up with the automatic juvenile expungement provisions that included public defenders and probation and court services, by removing them from the automatic expungement mandate. Also, makes a correction so that the expungement shall be completed within 60 business days after receipt of the expungement order rather than 60 business days of the entry of the expungement order.

Juvenile Justice Teachers Licensure (HB 5005): Provides that CMS is not required to verify the license of a teacher employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice if the license is verified by the State Board of Education. This will make it easier for DJJ to hire qualified educators, which it currently struggles to do.

Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (LETSB) (SB 1758): Makes changes to the composition of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (LETSB), its powers, its appointed investigators, and background investigations of officers.

Licensee Criminal History (SB 2853): Requires IDFPR to provide on its website on its use of criminal history information in its decisions on licensure applications, including a list of enumerated offenses that bar licensure (rather than requiring the Department to have rules on how a person with criminal history would apply for a non-binding, advisory opinion from the Department as to whether his or her criminal history would bar licensure).

Medication Disposal (HB 1338/PA 100-0612): 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. Targets situations where there may be medications, including medical opioids, following a death.



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Missing Person's ID Act (HB 4348): Requires Illinois investigative agencies of an identified persons or human remains case to provide the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System with information that could be used for identification.

Murder Registrant Requests for Review (SB 3489): Allows someone who is required to register under the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act to file a Request for Review with the office of the State's Attorney of the county in which he or she was convicted to review his or her registration information. Seeks to rectify concerns about inaccurate conviction information being sent by the State's Attorneys to the State Police which allegedly resulted in people being on the registry who should not have been.

Name Change Notice for Abuse Victims (SB 2330): Allows victims of domestic violence to waive the publication requirement when filing a name change petition in order to keep victims' addresses private from abusers. Currently, they are required to publish notice of the name change, meaning abusers can learn the victim's new name and use that information to continue the abuse.

Nursing Mom Jury Duty (HB 5745): Exempts nursing mothers from jury service.

Officer-Involved Shooting Policies (SB 2378): Requires all law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy for the internal review of officer-involved shootings. Each written policy shall be available for copying and inspection under the Freedom of Information Act.

Pleadings Under Oath (SB 3295): Amends the Code of Civil Procedure in the section for verification and document certification so that any pleading, affidavit, or other document can be used without being sworn under oath and removes any requirement that it be sworn before an authorized person.

Police Dog Protection (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.

Police Sexual Assault Training (HB 5203): Codifies current training already being conducted for law enforcement officers concerning sexual assault and sexual abuse. Adds to the list of topics for trauma-informed responses and investigations of sexual assault and sexual abuse the recognizing special sensitivities of victims due to: age, including those younger than age 13; gender; or other qualifications. Also, adds "age sensitive" to the evidence-based curriculum standards to the training requirements for courses for police.

Posting Requirement for Intersex/Gender Individuals (SB 574): Allows, the court to waive the notice and publication requirement for a change of name involving a person who files with the court a written declaration that publishing their name change would place them at risk of physical harm or discrimination. The person must provide evidence to support their claim that the publishing notice would put that



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person at risk of physical harm or discrimination. This seeks to provide more privacy for individuals undergoing a gender change when they seek to change their name.

Qualifying Criminal Activity (SB 34): Mandates state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, or other public authorities 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.

Reckless Dog Owner Penalties (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 to 36 months for the first violation. Sets fines for each animal found in their care they refuse to relinquish.

Sealing of 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.

Sex Assault Higher Ed (SB 3404): Higher education institutions policies must include an amnesty provision that provides immunity for any student who reports an alleged violation of the higher education institution's comprehensive policy to include possession or use of a controlled substance. Requires that every hospital providing emergency and forensic services to sexual assault survivors provide after a medical evidentiary or physical

examination, access to a shower at no cost, unless showering facilities are unavailable. Provides criminal amnesty for alcohol and drug offense for someone reporting the commission of a sexual assault if certain prerequisites are met. Consenting to an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit under the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act is considered reporting to law enforcement authorities as it pertains to the extended statute of limitations. States that a victim shall have 10 years (currently, 5 years) from the completion of an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit, or 10 years from the age of 18 years, whichever is longer, to sign a written consent to release the sexual assault evidence to law enforcement for testing.

Sex Offense Statute of Limitations (SB 2271): Extends the statute of limitations for sex offenses committed against an adult for one year after discovery by the victim when corroborating physical evidence is available. The charging document must state that the statute of limitations is extended and the circumstances justifying the extension.

Smoking Enforcement (SB 2514): Gives the Department of Natural Resources and Illinois State Police law enforcement agencies power to enforce smoking violations under the Smoke Free Illinois Act (rather than just local law enforcement agencies).

Special Assistant State's Attorneys (HB 3648): Allows state's Attorney to appoint qualified attorneys to assist as Special Assistant State's Attorneys when the public interest so requires.

Stalking (SB 3411): Provides that stalking behavior includes sending unwanted messages via social media. Expands who may bring a



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petition under the Act to include an authorized agent of a workplace; an authorized agent of a place of worship; and an authorized agent of a school.

Synthetic Cannabis, Bath Salts, and Piperazines (SB 2341): Makes it so that synthetic cannabinoids and piperazines are Schedule I controlled substances when they are not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or, if approved, are not dispensed or possessed in accordance with State or federal law. Includes any synthetic cathinone which is not approved by the FDA; or, if approved, is not dispensed or possessed in accordance with State or federal law in the list of specified synthetic cathinones that are Schedule I controlled substances.

Tort Damages Cap (SB 2481): This is an effort to address the fact that the Court of Claims tort damages cap hasn't been adjusted since the 70s, and is probably overdue for an update to put it more in line with what other states do. Also the bill is a response to the allegations that families of Quincy VA victims cannot collect damages over \$100,000 due the limitation for a single claim under the Court of Claims Act. Thirteen veterans recently died due to a breakout of the Legionella bacteria and the sponsor believes the total victims should not be limited to a \$100,000 payout.

Trafficking Victims (HB 5494): Waives the normal three-year waiting period for sealing of offenses for human trafficking victims, allowing them to petition for immediate sealing of their criminal record after completing a sentence as long as they can show that the underlying offense was a direct result of human trafficking. Seeks to help human trafficking victims.

Trust Property Conveyance (SB 2309): Provides that a transfer of real property to a trust requires a transfer of legal title of real property to the trustee evidenced by a written instrument of conveyance. Furthermore, removes the requirements for trustee to file trust property transfer with the recorder for the county.

Victim Compensation Report Requirement (HB 5267): Requires law enforcement agencies to submit a police report in response to a request from the AG's Crime Victims Compensation Bureau for the sole purpose of verifying the requirements necessary for a victim to qualify for compensation. Currently, the AG often receives a report with redacted information which makes it difficult to make eligibility determinations for crime victim compensation.

Education (PreK-12)

Asthma Medication (SB 3015): Allows schools to keep undesignated asthma medication on-hand for authorized, trained personnel to administer it if/when someone is experiencing respiratory distress. Adds protections for administer the medications.

Broadband Expansion (HB 5750): Appropriates \$16.3 million from the School Infrastructure Fund to the Illinois State Board of Education for costs associated with district broadband expansion in FY19. This will expand broadband availability to an estimated 102 Illinois school districts currently in need of fiber updates.

Charter Applications (HB 5175): Removes any and all recourse that a charter operator has under current law to appeal a decision of a local school board to the State Charter School Commission if/when their charter application



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has been denied, revoked or not renewed, but stripping the Commission’s authority to consider and grant appeals or to reverse a local school board decision.

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.

Class Size Goals (HB 5481): Amends the School Code to add a new section that mandates class size reporting. Requires school districts to annually report to the State Board of Education, no later than the 60th day of instruction, for K-12 classes certain information about actively employed teachers, pupil-teacher ratios, number of instructors by grade-level and subject and class sections. Requires the State Board to annually put the information collected on their website. Provides that it is the goal of the General Assembly to make adequate provisions to ensure, by 2020-2021 that certain enumerated class size goals are met.

CPS Teacher Evaluations (HB 4927): Requires CPS to provide all copies of teacher evaluations to the Chicago Teachers Union within seven days after issuing the evaluations.

CPS Transparency and Community Input (HB 5721): Makes a number of changes to facility and capital improvement plans required to be established by CPS in regards to “school action” policy: Provides that special education, career

and technical education, and early childhood education programs shall be included in a 10-year facility master plan to ensure long term planning is considered for these programs. Requires CPS to engage students, parents, school personnel, and other stakeholders when developing the facility master plan. Requires public input on capital improvement plans to increase community engagement and transparency around capital spending within CPS. Provides that the Board is required to adopt a policy to address under-enrolled schools. Adds additional requirements that must be included in the facility master plan, the capital improvement plan, and the school transition plan.

Dyslexia Handbook (HB 4369/PA 100-0617): Requires ISBE to develop and post on their website a dyslexia guidance handbook. The handbook will offer guidelines for teachers and parents/guardians on how to identify signs of dyslexia; educational strategies that have been shown to improve the academic performance of dyslexic students; and resources and services available to dyslexic pupils, parents or guardians of dyslexic pupils, and teachers.

Educator Licensure (SB 863/PA 100-0584): Allows teachers, support personnel and administrative licensure applicants to obtain Illinois licensure by providing proof of completing a state-approved program. This seeks to correct an out-of-state reciprocity issue with applicants who have attended out-of-state institutions for educator licensure but are unable to obtain an Illinois license under current law.

Electronic Waiver Notification (SB 650): Allows a school district, that is seeking approval of a mandate waiver or modification, to notify the



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affected exclusive collective bargaining agent and those State legislators representing the applicant's territory of its intent to seek approval of a mandate waiver or modification and of the hearing to be held to take testimony electronically or in writing (as opposed to just in writing).

Emotional Intelligence (HB 4657): Creates the Emotional Intelligence and Social and Emotional Learning Task Force to develop curriculum and assessment guidelines and best practices on emotional intelligence and social and emotional learning.

Enforcement Training (SB 2925): Requires the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to develop a program for school resource officers, and establishes requirements and determine if existing local police agency training meets requirements.

Every Student Succeeds (HB 5588): Advances an initiative of the State Board of Education to make various statutory changes that are required to implement Illinois' Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan.

Evidence Based Funding Reform Change (HB 5812/PA 100-0582): Makes changes to the evidence based funding model, property tax relief pool grants program and repeals the section of the school code that contains the old GSA school funding formula.

Grow Your Own Teacher (HB 4882): Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act to include high school students participating in dual credit classes. Adds to the list of eligible schools participating in the GYO Teacher Program to include early childhood programs which t60% or more of the children it serves are

receiving subsidized care under DHS's Childcare Assistance Program.

Hunger Free Students (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. Allows schools to seek an offset under the State Comptroller Act if a student owes more than \$500. Provides that a school may not publicly identify or stigmatize students who cannot pay or owe money for lunches.

IEP Parent Notification (SB 454): Requires an IEP team to notify a child's parents that they are required to consider if the child needs assistive technology in order to receive a FAPE. The notification must include a toll-free number and website for the Illinois Assistive Technology Program.

IMSA Tuition/Board Requirements (SB 2939): States that with regard to the Illinois Math and Science Academy, students may be admitted who are not Illinois residents, but tuition, fees and board charged to non-residents must be enough to ensure no state appropriations are used to fund the students' associated costs. Additionally, no more than 25% of the student body may be non-IL residents, and requires IMSA to demonstrate that no state funding was used or will be bused to fund the cost of non-Illinois residents.

In-School Suspension (HB 5786): Allows school districts to use in-school suspension programs that promote non-violent conflict resolution and positive interaction with others. Allows a school district to employ a school social worker



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or licensed mental health professional to oversee in-school suspension programs.

Influenza Vaccine Info (SB 2654): Requires IDPH to provide or approve for schools info on influenza and meningococcal diseases, and requires schools to distribute when distributing info on vaccinations, influenza, infectious, diseases, etc.

ISD and IVSI Direct Hire (HB 5153): Removes a sunset date which would end the direct hire policy at the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (IVSI) for teaching positions on Aug. 30, 2019. The intent is to streamline the hiring process for rehabilitation and mobility instructors at these schools.

Learning Days Program (HB 4860): Makes the e-learning pilot program permanent. The pilot program allowed three school districts, for three school years, to use the Internet, telephones, texts, chat rooms or other means of e-communication, for instruction and interaction between students for up to five days per school year.

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.

Mental Health Awareness (HB 4658): Requires licensed school personnel and administrators

who work with students in grades K-12 to be trained, once every two years, to identify the warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth and be taught appropriate intervention and referral techniques.

Mental Health Services (HB 5770): Incorporates into existing statute a requirement to notify, through the school district website and student handbook or newsletter, that students with disabilities, who do not qualify for an IEP, may qualify for a 504 plan if they: have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of physical or mental impairment or is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment.

Open Meeting Act Exemptions (HB 5136): Provides certain exemptions for the Open Meetings Act for certain situations, including joint committees on matters related to school district's performance evaluation rating system, negotiating team strategies, etc.

Parenting Education Curriculum (HB 4442): Requires the State Board of Education, subject to appropriation, to implement and administer a 3-year pilot program for parenting education in participating high school districts.

P.E. Requirements (SB 2572): Requires students in grades K-12 to take P.E. for a minimum of 150 minutes per week (as opposed to a minimum of three days per five-day week).

Pre-K Chronic Absence (SB 3536): Requires any preschool that receives funding via the Preschool for all programs to collect and review its chronic absence data. Also, determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families to encourage the habit of daily



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attendance and promote success. Amends the alternative licensure law so that a qualified equivalent to a principal in a non-school district administered Preschool for All program is allowed to assess and supervise candidates in alternative licensure programs. Also allows teachers seeking their PEL through an alternative licensure program may teach in Preschool for All classrooms.

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.

Report Card (SB 3236): Requires school report cards to contain up to date information on school administrative costs.

Retired Teacher Return to Service (HB 751): Makes changes 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. This is targeting school districts where there are teacher shortages, but where there are also retired teachers willing to return to work to help out the school district but unwilling to suspend their annuity and go back to active service.

Safe Schools Grant Program (HB 4208): Creates, subject to appropriation, a competitive grant program called the Safe Schools and Healthy Learning Environments Grant Program which seeks to promote school safety and health learning environments by providing additional resources for restorative interventions and resolution strategies as alternatives to exclusionary discipline and to address students' intellectual, social, emotional,

physical, psychological and moral development needs. Prohibits the use of funds for school resource officers.

Safety Drills (SB 2350): Requires active shooter/threat school safety drills to be conducted within 90 days of the start of the school year. Requires the drills to be conducted on days and times when students are present in the building. Requires participation from all school personnel and students present. Requires law enforcement to observe the drill.

School Attendance (HB 3784): Strikes language in the School Code allowing schools to deny enrollment to students ages 17 or older for academic reasons. Prohibits schools from taking punitive action, including out of school suspensions, expulsions, or court action, against truant minors for truancy unless available support services have been provided to the student. Further provides that a truant minor may not be expelled for nonattendance unless specific conditions are met.

School Bus Safety (SB 2482): Allows all buses that meet requirements for school buses may be used to transport children under the age of 18. This would allow the stop sign and crossing arm to be used. Currently only licensed youth camps and licensed child care facilities may use the safety features.

School Counselor Title (HB 4514): Amends the School Code and provides that only persons licensed and endorsed may use the title school counselor.

School Psychologist Credential (HB 4409): Provides that a School Psychologist must hold a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist



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(NCSP) credential (as opposed to certificate and have additional qualifications as required by the State Board of Education).

School Report Card Info (SB 2345): Requires the school report card to contain information on whether or not a school has participated in the Illinois Youth Survey.

School Withdrawal Lyons Township (SB 452): The School Code is amended to allow Lyons Township High School to withdraw from the Township Trustees of Schools of Lyons Township and the township treasurer once there is a final judgment regarding claims in the case of Township Trustees of Schools v. Lyons Township High School District No. 204.

Sex Education Instruction (HB 5148): Requires that sex education course material and instruction must include, with an emphasis on the workplace environment and life on a college campus, discussion on what constitutes sexual consent and what may be considered sexual harassment or assault.

State Education Board Composition (HB 4284): Requires three members of state education board to be from educator community.

Special Education Due Process Hearing (HB 4193): States that with regard to special education due process hearings, changes the timeline for when the hearing officer must issue a written decision from "within 10 days" to "within 10 calendar days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and any State holiday."

Special Education Joint Agreement (SB 2344): Amends a section of the School Code dealing with joint agreements that school districts enter into for special education services to specifically

address a situation involving Norridge SD 80. Provides that a student attending a school under a special education joint agreement in the school year immediately prior to the effective date of the school district withdrawing from the agreement shall be permitted to remain placed in the joint agreement program if the student is a resident of the withdrawing school district, the joint agreement maintains the program, the student's IEP team makes a determination that the program meet the student's needs, and the student remains age appropriate for the program. Provides that the withdrawing school district (Norridge SD 80) shall be responsible for costs associated with the student continuing to attend the special education joint agreement program.

Streamlined Waiver Process (HB 1262): Requires school 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.

Substitute Teacher Fitness (HB 4706): States that for new substitute teacher employees only, provides that school boards may (instead of shall) require evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned. Under current law, school boards are compelled to require all new employees to show evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned. This bill provides an exception from that mandate for new substitute teachers only. Provides authorization for Regional Superintendents to issue paraprofessional endorsements and substitute teaching licenses. This is an attempt to get more teachers into classrooms.



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Substitute Teacher Recruitment (HB 4742):

Requires the State Board of Education to implement a program to allow school districts to use recruiting firms to find substitute teachers.

Supporting Future Teachers (SB 2844):

Requires the State Board to establish and maintain the Supporting Future Teachers Program to help qualified participants in acquiring a Professional Educator License. Qualified participants are high school graduates that are identified as bilingual or low-income and they must be enrolled at least part-time each semester in an educator prep program. Under the program, a qualified participant works at a school district under the supervision of a licensed teacher while working towards a PEL.

Teacher and Substitute Shortage (HB 5627/PA 100-0596):

Acts as an initiative to address teacher shortage issues. Provides for full reciprocity for out-of-state applicants for a Professional Educator License (PEL). This will allow out-of-state licensed educators to teach in Illinois without meeting additional requirements. For a five-year period beginning July 1, 2018, creates a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Applicants must hold an associate's degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. For a five-year period beginning July 1, 2018, allows a retired teacher to return to work for 120 days (or 600 hours) per school year without impairing their retirement status. Under this provision, the retired teacher is prohibited from teaching for more than 100 days in the same classroom. This is 20 days or 100 hours more than current law provides. Clarifies that

an individual who holds a valid PEL or Educator License with Stipulations (ELS) does not need to also have a Substitute Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher. Provides that an individual who holds a lapsed PEL due to failure to complete professional development can hold Substitute Teaching License.

Teacher Qualifications Program (SB 1829):

Provides that for a five year period beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, any teacher of preschool children who holds an a PEL with an EC endorsement, has short-term approval for EC education or is pursuing a PEL and holds any of the following is authorized to teacher under Preschool for All: An ECE Credential Level of 5 awarded by the Department of Human Services under the Gateways to Opportunity Program developed under Section 10-70 of the Department of Human Services Act. An Educator License with Stipulations with a transitional bilingual educator endorsement and he or she has (1) passed an early childhood education content test or (2) completed no fewer than nine semester hours of postsecondary coursework in the area of early childhood education.

Transportation of IEP Students (HB 2040):

Adds Soaring Eagle Academy in Lombard to the list of special education facilities that can transport students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) to curriculum-related activities as part of their IEP through the use of multi-function school activity buses. Also, adds that under the section requiring school buses to be equipped with a noise suppression switch that the definition of radios shall not include 2 way radios which transmit Global Positioning System (GPS) location and record metadata stops.



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Tuancy Fines (SB 3466): Prohibits a school district from referring a truant, chronic truant, or truant minor to any other local public entity for the purpose of issuing a fine or a fee. Allows a school district to refer a person having custody or control of a truant, chronic truant or truant minor to another local public entity or municipality if certain conditions are met, including the offer of appropriate and available supportive services. A school district is required to document any support services that were offered. For homeless children, children with IEPs and children with 504 plans or those who are being evaluated for a disability, more specific conditions must be met before the custodian of the child can be referred to a municipality.

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.

Work Ethics Curriculum (HB 3792): Mandates schools to introduce to students, starting in 6th grade, the importance of developing and applying a work ethic in a variety of contexts.

Workforce Readiness Program Expansion (SB 2941/PA 100-0599): Expands the competency-based, high school graduation requirements pilot program to schools serving all grades (as opposed to just grades 9-12). Also allows school districts to collaboratively apply to participate in the program. Provides that the application of a collaborative of districts can only be counted as one district in the annual cohort selection process.

Election, Candidacy and Campaign Issues

Election Audit Timeline (SB 2223): States that when a political committee receives a notice from the State Board of Elections to conduct an audit of its financial records, the political committee will provide information from the last two years up to the close of the last reporting period. (Currently, all records in the last two years).

Fox Metro Water Reclamation District (SB 2830): Changes the trustees of the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District from being appointed by state legislators to being elected at consolidated elections. Sets petitions procedures/timeframes.

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."

Hospital Resident Voting Location (HB 2477): Provides that residing in a hospital or mental institution for less than 180 days will not result in the person being deemed a resident or legal voter in the location of the hospital or institution.

Lake County Chief Assessment Officer (SB 2544): Requires a referendum in Lake County to permit the voters to determine if the Chief Assessment Officer of Lake County should be an elected office. The referendum would be offered to the voters during the November 6, 2018 general election. If approved by the Lake County Voters, that elected office would be with the 2020 general election.



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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.

Licensing Board Term Limits (SB 3036): Sets licensing board member term limits at two 4 year terms and allows for two years additional term for mid-term appointments. Caps the total term limit at 10 years on the board.

Omnibus Election Bill (SB 2651/PA 100-0623): Requires informational reports on election authority voting equipment. Adds language regarding applications for vote by mail that are sent to post office boxes. States that the applications must include a valid and current phone number for the organization controlling the post office box and be turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7 days of receipt. Amends the Election Code to require that that State Board of Elections will create a Cyber Navigator Program to help defend against cyber breaches and detect and recover from cyber-attacks.

School Board Member Oath (HB 4768): Adds numerous requirements to the oath sworn by school board members when taking office.

School Board Vacancy (SB 2900): Provides that if a school board has to fill a vacancy due to lack of candidates for election in a congressional

township, the school board must put a proposition on the ballot at the next general election to elect school board members at large without requiring residency within certain areas of the district. The bill aims to address situations where no candidates have been coming forward from certain specified areas within a school district by requiring voters to consider the option of removing such residency requirements.

Trustee Electronic Elections (SB 2884): Allows that under IMRF, electronic election, using Internet and telephone voting, can be offered for the employee and annuitant trustee elections. Currently they must be conducted via US Mail. This is more efficient, expedient and less costly.

Energy and Utilities

Green Buildings-Requirements (SB 3031): Aligns the state facility Energy Code requirements with other commercial buildings and is a clean-up of the Green Buildings Act.

Hydraulic Fracturing Tax Certificates (HB 4724): Seeks uniformity across all operators, producers and purchasers of oil and gas under the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Tax Act. Also removes provisions concerning first purchaser exemption certificates, and also would remove the exemption from taxation of oil and gas under this Act.

ICC Statutory Clean-up (SB 3131): Makes technical and small scale substantive changes in statute.

Mahomet Aquifer (HB 4746): Requires gas storage operators located above the Mahomet Aquifer to notify residents and businesses in the



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event of a natural gas leak into the aquifer. Also requires DNR to conduct annual inspections at these facilities to ensure there are no existing issues that could impact the aquifer.

Merger Water Rate Increase (HB 4508):

Extends the sunset date for American Water and Aqua Water to buy other public systems as part of a two-way, voluntary system, and allows larger cities to now participate.

Sanitary District Intergovernmental Agreement (SB 2817):

Amends several acts so that if a local government performs non-emergency work on the public way, a sanitary district can enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the pertinent local government allowing the sanitary district to perform similar work on the same project if the costs are no more than \$100,000. Transparency/disclosure requirements are provided.

Small Wireless Facilities (SB 1451/PA 100-0585):

Creates statewide, uniform small cell wireless facility deployment requirements and policies for the deployment of small scale wireless facilities in right-of-ways and on utility poles. These small wireless facilities are critical to delivering wireless access to advanced technology, broadband, and 9-1-1 services to homes, businesses and schools.

Solar Energy Assessment Standardization (SB 486):

Aims to standardize solar energy assessments much like the state currently does with wind energy.

Solar Power Regulations (SB 2591/PA 100-0598):

Adds solar to the wind turbine regulations in current law in an effort to ensure solar companies cannot mislead landowners about the contracts for solar locations.

Waterworks and Sanitation Systems (HB 1190):

Permits Sanitary Districts to combine their waterworks system and their sewerage system into one utility.

Environment, Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources

Advisory Councils (SB 2713):

Creates the Greenways and Trails Advisory Council under the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act. Defines the role 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.

Cathode Ray Tube Facility Accreditation (HB 1439/PA 100-0613):

States that accreditation is not required for facilities that place cathode ray tube glass in retrievable storage units. Organizations that offer accreditation are not allowed to penalize facilities that choose to place CRT glass into retrievable storage units.

Compost-Amended Soil (HB 4790):

Provides that any State agency that undertakes a landscaping project that requires the use of new or offsite soil for landscape-related use and that is located within 10 miles of any Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-permitted compost facility shall request a base bid with an alternative for compost-amended soil for that project.

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



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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.

EPA Algaecide permits (SB 3135): States that an IEPA permit is not required for the application of algaecide if the body of water is wholly contained on private property, is not considered a water of the United States as prescribed in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and is not a community water supply.

Lead Rules (SB 2996): Mandates that the Department of Public Health submit new rules to JCAR that will ensure that state rules governing elevated blood lead levels are in accordance with the CDC's reference level for childhood blood lead levels; update state environmental inspection requirements for lead hazards; update "any other existing rules that will assist the Department in its efforts to prevent, reduce, or mitigate the negative impact of instance of lead poisoning among children."

Mine Reclamation/Remediation Clean-up; Acid Mine Drainage (SB 3309): Amends the Abandoned Mined Lands and Water Reclamation Act. Cleans up language related to how funds can be spent under the Act; allows the Department of Natural Resources to set aside monies for the abatement and treatment of acid mine drainage caused by coal mining practices.

Pollinator Friendly Solar Site Act (SB 3214): Allows certain solar sites to obtain a certification from the Department of Natural Resources allowing the sites to designate

themselves as "Pollinator Friendly." This means they maintain practices that promote the habitat and populations of native pollinators.

Firearms and FOID

Firearm Control Card Requirements for Retired Police Officers (SB 2642): Eliminates the need for retired police officers to have a Firearm Control Card in addition to having their Permanent Employee Registration Card to carry a concealed weapon as private security if in compliance with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.

FOID Renewal and Suspension (HB 4855): Allows ISP by rule to suspend a FOID card for the duration of a disqualification rather than having to permanently revoke the FOID card as long as the disqualification is not a permanent grounds for revocation like felony conviction, domestic violence, etc. Also, clarifies the definition of "patient" in the FOID Card Act so hospitals and mental health facilities have a better idea as to what should be reported to DHS and ultimately ISP.

Gun Dealer Licensure Act Trailer (HB 1273/Vetoed): Gives gun dealers until Jan. 1, 2021 to comply with the mandated video surveillance system provisions of Senate Bill 1657; sets the expiration date and renewal period for each license at five years; sets the application fee or renewal fee for a dealership license or a dealer license at \$1000 for the five-year period; clarifies that gun store surveillance mandate does not include bathrooms.

Police Officer FOID Card Revocation (HB 5231): Provides that an employer of an officer shall not make possession of a FOID card a condition of



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continued employment IF the officer's Firearm Owner's Identification Card is revoked or seized because the officer has been a patient of a mental health facility AND the officer has not been determined to pose a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or others as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner.

Retiring Law Enforcement Badge/Firearm Buyback (SB 2640): Allows a retiring State Police Officer/SOS Police Officer, Investigator, State Fire Marshal Investigator Special Agent 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.

Health and Human Services

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Services Changes (SB 2808): Makes changes to the institutions required to comply with the Act. Removes facilities that are licensed or certified by the Life Care Facilities Act. Removes the language that specifies different training requirements for staff members hired prior to the adoption of administrative rules. Removes the clause permitting DPH to grant training waivers to individuals with three or more years of experience or who have undergone similar training.

Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Facilities Liens (HB 4911): Authorizes Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Facilities to file liens under the Health Care Services Lien Act. Adds Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Facilities to the Definition of Health Care Provider which authorizes them to

file liens under the Health Care Services Lien Act.

APN Collaborative Agreement (SB 3116): "Grandfathers" Advanced Practice Nurses who have an existing collaborative agreement with a Podiatric Physician allowing them to continue to provide services under future collaborative agreements in response to a new law that would have restricted podiatric physicians from entering into a new collaborative agreement with nursing staff. This legislation allows for current collaborating APRN's to continue their work with a podiatrist.

Bone-Marrow Registry (SB 3062): Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and disseminate information about a bone-marrow registry that includes information about the need for bone-marrow donations, the population that would benefit from donations, how to join a bone-marrow registry, and how to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone-marrow registry. The information may be disseminated in print, electronically, or any other manner.

CCAP for DCFS Open Intact Family Services (HB 4885): Provides that families with children under the age of five who have an open intact family services case with the DCFS must be eligible for child care assistance under the DHS child care assistance program (CCAP). Provides that eligible families will remain eligible for child care assistance six months after the child's intact family services case is closed, regardless of whether the child's parents or other relatives as defined by rule are working or participating in employment or education or training programs. Requires DHS to adopt rules to protect the privacy of families who are the subject of an open intact family services case,



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and to offer families the opportunity to receive an Early Intervention screening and other DHS services.

CCAP Eligibility Level (HB 5599): Codifies the 185 percent FPL CCAP Eligibility Level in Statute. Regarding DHS' Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), beginning in FY19, the specified threshold for working families must be no less than 185 percent of the then-current federal poverty level (FPL) for each family size. Seeks to codify the current CCAP eligibility level of 185 percent FPL, so that future changes to eligibility could only be made through a change in statute and not a change in Administrative Rule. The current FPL level for CCAP eligibility is 185 percent FPL.

Child Dental Examination Requirement (HB 4908): Requires children in ninth grade to have a dental examination before May 15th of the school year, and is applicable to public, private and parochial schools.

CILA Settings (HB 5537/PA 100-0602): Eliminates language regarding the development of a state plan for the allocation of CILA settings and capacity as the language contradicts the current person-centered approach to individual planning.

Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program (HB 5109): Beginning on July 1, 2019, creates the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program Act. Creates the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Provides that the program shall provide loan assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible mental health and substance use professionals

practicing in a community mental health center in an underserved or rural federally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. Provides that the Commission shall award a grant to each qualified applicant for a maximum of four years; specifies grant amounts and eligibility requirements. Requires the recipient to complete a separate 12-month period working in a community mental health center in an underserved or rural federally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area for each grant awarded.

Community Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act (SB 3041): Amends the County Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act. Changes the title of the Act to the Community Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act. Makes the Act applicable to counties, municipalities, and townships, rather than just counties, so that now townships and municipalities can seek to provide the same facilities or services to residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities that counties already have to do.

DD Facility Visits Transparency Initiative (HB 5636): Seeks to increase transparency by requiring the designated agency that administers the State Plan to protect and advocate for the rights of persons with DD (Equip for Equality is the current designated agency) to submit an annual, public report to DHS detailing how many visits the designated agency made, which facilities were visited, and the nature of the visit. Adds CILAs to the facilities the designated agency has access to.

Dental Medicaid Reimbursement (SB 2491): Authorizes licensed dental hygienists working under the supervision of a dentist and



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employed by a federally qualified health center (FQHC) to be reimbursed for dental services provided to Medicaid recipients at the FQHC encounter rate.

Direct Support Person Credential Pilot Program (HB 4665): Requires the DHS Division of DD to Implement a Direct Support Person Credential Pilot Program. Creates a direct support persons credential pilot program within the Division of Developmental Disabilities at DHS to assist and attract persons into the field of direct support and to assist them in obtaining a credential in their field of expertise. Under the MC/DD Act and the ID/DD Community Care Act, provides a CNA shall lose his or her certification if he or she goes 24 consecutive months without performing “nursing or nursing-related services.”

Diversion from Institutionalization Homes Program (SB 2424): Requires DHS to create the Diversion from Facility Based Care Program consisting of at least six homes in various locations to serve individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are at risk of institutionalization. Outlines housing and regulations associated with the program.

Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Rewrite (HB 4795): Makes changes to provide the foundation for subsequent policies and rules that will enhance and support efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and other substance use disorders and the resultant changes that are created for medical and community-based organizations that provide intervention and treatment. Managed care organizations and primary care providers need clear guidance on when licensure is required and this will help to ensure a standardized approach to intervention and treatment.

DPH Flu Vaccine (HB 2984): Specifies that DPH employees may decline the offered influenza vaccination if it is 1) medically contradicted, 2) counter to their religious beliefs, or 3) the employee has already received the vaccination.

Early Mental Health (SB 2951): Creates the Early Mental Health and Addictions Treatment Act and requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to create two pilot programs for Medicaid beneficiaries. The first pilot program provides community-based services for treatment of mental health conditions in youth and young adults. The second pilot program is the Assertive Engagement and Community-Based Clinical Treatment Pilot Program to treat youth and young adults with substance use disorders.

Electronic CILA Annual Assessment (HB 5463): Provides that each individual living in a CILA is required to receive an annual assessment to screen that individual for any health issues or risks. Beginning July 1, 2019, each resident must receive their annual client assessment via a web-based electronic screening tool. Requires the electronic screening tool to replace the current paper-based assessment.

Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force (SB 1453): Provides for additional members to the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force; and provides additional responsibilities for the Task Force with regard to the post-secondary transition of youth with disabilities to employment, post-secondary education and training, community living, and other adult activities.



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EMS Personnel (SB 3255): Permits Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and Physician Assistants (PAs) to practice within the Illinois EMS System as emergency medical services (EMS) personnel for pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency care and non-emergency medical transports if they meet the following requirements: have unencumbered licenses, have the approval of the EMS Medical Director, and have completed the supplemental education prescribed by the Department of Public Health that covers extrication, telecommunications, EMS System standing medical orders, the procedures and protocols established by the EMS Medical director, and pre-hospital cardiac, medical, and trauma care.

FOIA Mental Health Records (SB 3217): Amends the Freedom of Information Act so that in exemptions, includes records requested by a person committed to a Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health institution or facility.

Food Handling Regulations (HB 5011): Specifies that a food-service sanitation manager certificate issued prior to Jan. 1, 2018, will remain valid until its expiration date. This allows certain individuals who only retained this certificate to use what is a now defunct DPH-issued certificate in lieu of retaking the food-service sanitation manager training.

Free HPV Vaccinations for Uninsured (SB 2866): Requires the Department of Public Health to provide free human-papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations to male children younger than 18 who lack insurance or who are not entitled to receive free-HPV vaccinations from their insurance providers. The change will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. It further requires the Department of Public Health to provide all

students entering sixth grade--not just female students--and their parents or legal guardians information about the link between HPV and cervical, vulvar, vaginal, penile, anal, and oropharyngeal (throat) cancers and the availability of vaccinations.

Health Care Violence Prevention (HB 4100): 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. This legislation is in response to an incident on May 13, 2017 when an inmate from the Kane County Jail, receiving medical treatment at the Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva, took two nurses captive during an hours-long standoff that ended when a regional SWAT officer fatally shot the inmate.

Health Facilities Planning Act (HB 4645): Extends the repeal date of the Health Facilities Planning Act from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2029. Retains the state's Certificate of Need (CON) program, which proponents say helps to ensure public accountability surrounding health care facilities' plans to add or discontinue services and facilities or to change ownership. The CON program also promotes community input and allows for transparency.

Health Facilities Planning Board (HB 4892): Specifies that with regard to the Health Facilities Planning Act, exemption holders, as well as permit holders, may be fined \$10,000 per month for failing to meet the Health Facilities Review Board's reporting requirements. Deletes the requirement that a



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Board member attend every public hearing. Deletes the requirement that monthly reports are posted on the Board's website. Makes other changes.

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

Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Day (SB 2254/PA 100-0622): Designates May 17th of each year as Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day. This day is to encourage the people of Illinois to help increase public awareness of this particularly aggressive form of cancer affecting children.

Mammography Report (HB 4392): Requires mammogram providers to include a statement similar to the following in the report they send to patients with "dense breast tissue." Mammogram providers may update the language to reflect advances in science and technology as long as they: 1) notify patients about the impact of dense breast tissue on mammogram accuracy and 2) encourage patients to discuss the issue with their health-care providers.

Managed Care Rights (SB 3290): Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to send nursing homes the monthly patient credit files that it currently sends to managed-care organizations. Currently, nursing homes and managed-care organizations are operating off of different patient credit files, leading to extra work and confusion for both. This seeks to streamline the reimbursement process so both nursing homes and MCOs are operating off the same information regarding patients' financial obligations.

Mandated Reporter Training (SB 2516):

Provides that on and after January 1, 2019, the mandated reporter requirement form that is signed by a new employee at the time of hiring must include information about available mandated reporter training that is provided by DHS.

MCO Auto Enrollment Restrictions (HB 4736):

Prohibits HFS from auto-enrolling the following populations into an MCO: children who receive in-home shift nursing (individuals in this category are known as Nursing Personal Care Services (NPCS)); children made eligible for services under a 1915(c) waiver for MFTD children. Any child in the two categories above who are currently in an MCO shall be given the option to disenrollment and receive services.

MCO Drug Formulary (HB 4146): Establishes criteria that must be followed if an MCO plans to remove a drug from its formulary and prohibits discontinuing a drug for an enrollee whose provider indicates a medical necessity.

MCO Pharmacists to View the PMP (HB 4650):

Gives licensed pharmacists employed by Medicaid health plans the ability to view the PMP when they are concerned about a Medicaid member's medication.

MCO Pharmacy Formulary (HB 4096):

Requires Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) that provide services under the Code to use a pharmacy formulary that is no more restrictive by drug class than HFS' preferred drug list (PDL). In addition to, prohibits HFS from adopting any rules or policies that prohibit an MCO from: Covering additional drugs that are not listed on the Department's PDL; submitting all covered drugs listed on HFS's PDL and additional as qualified encounters to be used for appropriate



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purposes; or Removing from the MCOs PDL, any prior approval requirements, step therapy, or utilization control. The bill also requires HFS to develop a standardized format for all MCOs PDL by Jan. 1, 2019, and to allow MCOs six months from the completion date of the standardized format to comply with the new PDL format. Also, requires HFS to establish, no later than Jan. 1, 2019, the Illinois Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory Board to have the authority and responsibility to provide recommendations to HFS regarding which drug products to list on the PDL.

MCO Regular Reports (SB 2447): Provides that in order to preserve quality of data and ensure productive oversight of Medicaid MCO's, all regular reports required to be collected by HFS from MCO's must be collected through a secure electronic format as designated by HFS. Requires HFS to consider concerns raised by the contractor about potential burdens associated with producing the report. Authorizes ad hoc reports to be collected in alternative manners.

Medical Marijuana as Opioid Alternative (HB 336): Expands the medical cannabis program. Creates the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program, permitting individuals who are physician-certified as having a medical condition where an opioid has been or could be prescribed to purchase medical cannabis without applying to the medical-cannabis registry program.

Medicaid Disenrollment from MCO (HB 4383): States that Medicaid Disenrollment from MCO under contract with HFS must be in accordance with specified federal requirements whenever a contract is terminated between a Medicaid managed care health plan and a primary care provider that results in a disruption to the

Medicaid enrollee's provider-beneficiary relationship.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Eligibility (HB 4771): Provides: provisional eligibility for Medicaid long-term care applicants who have not received final determination within the timelines set by the federal government.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Eligibility (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.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Redetermination (SB 2913): States that subject to federal approval, HFS must implement ex-parte renewal (passive redetermination) for Medicaid long-term care redetermination of eligibility by January 1, 2019. Mandates that the state must expedite the eligibility processing for individuals who have received full Medicaid benefits in the community for a specified period of time by July 1, 2019. Mandates that the Medicaid long-term care application and enrollment process must include the provision of training and step-by-step written instructions. Mandates that DHS use the same notification standards for all phases of the application process. Mandates that DHS institute policies that permit applicants/their representatives/LTC facilities to speak directly to the department by phone. Forbids DHS from requesting hard copies of any forms.

Medicaid Omnibus (SB 1851): Creates the Child Welfare Medicaid Managed Care. Implementation Advisory Group to advise DCFS on the transition and implementation of managed care for DCFS. Creates a single form



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for post authorization for non-emergency ambulance rides. Requires HFS to create and implement one form within 75 days. Nursing home and ambulance providers shall accept one form 90 days after HFS creates it. HFS shall collect data on form appeals and denials. Provides for a 75% rate payment for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility bed holds for up to 20 days a year (\$1 million). Increased rates for Medically Complex for the Developmentally Disabled (MCDD) Facility. Sets a three tiered exceptional rate structure. Provides criteria for qualification for each tier. Reimbursement calculations for services provided by MCDD facilities are the responsibility of HFS instead of DHS. Begins April 1, 2019. (\$5 million in FY19). Provides for a temporary inpatient psychiatric stay per diem rate for lockouts beyond medical necessity. Rate begins on the 11th day beyond medical necessity and is repealed within six months of the effective date. Creates a MCO rate transparency process for the development of new and adjusted capitated base rates for Medicaid Managed Care. Provides for Hospital Assessment gap payments in the event that the new Hospital Assessment Program or a federally approved bridge of the current assessment are not in place on July 11, 2018.

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.

Medicaid Reimbursement for Telepsychiatry APNs (SB 2446): Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reimburse psychiatrists and federally qualified health centers for mental health services provided by advanced practice registered nurses certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing who provide services via telepsychiatry. Currently, only psychiatrists and federally qualified health centers qualify for reimbursement for telepsychiatry services.

MH/DD Facilities Public Posting Requirements (HB 5558): Adds to the provision that requires mental health and developmental disability facilities to publicly post a summary of the rights relevant to the services delivered by that facility by also requiring that the contact information for the Guardianship and Advocacy Council (GAC) and Equip for Equality must also be included on the public posting.

Network Plans (SB 3491/PA 100-0601): Amends the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act to clarify that dental, vision, and limited health service organizations with a network plan are exempt from the Act. Prohibits the Department from establishing a minimum provider to beneficiary ratios for vision or dental providers who provide services under dental-specific or vision-specific benefits. Also provides a hold harmless for network plans in the event a provider submits inaccurate or incomplete information.

Non-REAL ID (HB 4424): Provides that every original, renewal, or duplicate non-Real ID identification card issued to a person who has reached his or her 65th birthday shall be permanent. Provides that every original, renewal, or duplicate non-Real ID Person with a Disability identification card issued to a person



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with a Disability shall expire 10 years after issuance. Under current Illinois law, an individual applying for an ID has an option to get a REAL-ID compliant ID, which cannot be permanent, or to receive a non-REAL ID compliant ID, which can be permanent. This bill makes the corresponding changes to allow for that option to be fully implemented. Removes an obsolete \$2 search fee that is no longer utilized.

Nursing Home Vaccine Information (HB 4440): Requires the Department of Public Health to provide nursing homes with information about all the vaccines recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The language specifies that the information include information about the risks associated with shingles and pre-cautionary steps one can take to avoid the illness.

Pediatric Sexual Assault Care (HB 5245): Adds various provisions concerning requirements for hospitals and pediatric health care facilities in relation to pediatric sexual assault care.

Pharmaceutical Disposal Task Force (SB 2524): Creates the Pharmaceutical Disposal Task Force to coordinate a state-wide public information campaign to highlight the benefits and opportunities of properly disposing pharmaceutical products.

Physician Assistant Ratio (SB 2904/PA 100-0605): Increases the "5-to-1 ratio" in which a physician assistant (PA) may collaborate with a physician to 7-to-1. Provides that a physician may exceed this ratio when the services are provided in a federal primary care health professional shortage area with a Health Professional Shortage Area score greater than or equal to 12. Provides that entering into an

excessive number of written collaborative agreements resulting in an inability to adequately collaborate and repeated failure to adequately collaborate shall constitute grounds for disciplinary actions for both the physician and PA.

Physical Therapy Referrals (HB 4643): Provides for limited duration direct access to physical therapists while providing public protection through a time limits (must demonstrate measurable and functional improvement within 10 visitor 15 business days and continuous improvement or a referral to a physician is required). Currently a patient needs to be referred by a physician before receiving treatment from a physical therapist.

Power of Attorney for Mental Health Treatment (SB 2609): Authorizes psychotropic medication and electroconvulsive therapy to be administered over the objection of the recipient if the recipient has not revoked the power of attorney or declaration for mental health treatment.

Prefilled Epinephrine Syringe (SB 2889): Provides that a health-care practitioner may prescribe epinephrine pre-filled syringes for authorized entities. Pharmacists may dispense epinephrine pre-filled syringes to authorized entities. These prescriptions are valid for two years.

Prescription Drug Task Force (HB 4707): Creates the Prescription Drug Task Force. The task force shall study prescription opioid abuse in Illinois, study the over-prescription of opioids, such as Hydrocodone and Oxycodone, recommend whether prescriptions should be restricted and recommend other



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legislation to reduce opioid addiction and abuse.

Prescription Monitoring Program (HB 4907):

Specifies that licensed prescribers may designate a non-licensed individual to check the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database. Pharmacists, however, must designate a licensed designee. Adds a dentist to the PMP peer-review subcommittee.

Prescription Monitoring Program Database (SB 2952):

Specifies that licensed prescribers may designate a non-licensed individual to check the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database. Pharmacists, however, must designate a licensed designee. Overhauls both the Advisory Committee and the Peer-Review Subcommittee. Provides for the replacing of current members after January 1, 2019. Expands the peer-review subcommittee. Modifies the scope of the peer-review subcommittee. Permits the GA to appropriate compensation. Mandates that the PMP and DPH continuously review the data collected by the PMP and DPH to find at-risk individuals for opioid addiction. The PMP must review the data on all patients released from medical facilities with a sport or accident injury and must follow up with the prescribers and dispensers if a controlled substance is prescribed.

Procurement Expenditure Exemptions (HB 4745):

Exempts procurement expenditures that are made for the implementation of timely newborn-screening services from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code.

Public Health Rules (SB 2541):

Requires the Department of Public Health to develop rules and revise the Child Health Examination form with respect to the developmental screening

and the social and emotional screening of school children by Jan. 1, 2019.

Refurbished Durable Medical Equipment (SB 3048):

For purposes of promoting environmental responsibility, meeting the needs of the recipient, and achieving cost savings, authorizes HFS and MCO's to use refurbished durable medical equipment (DME) except for prosthetic and orthotic devices as well as customized equipment. Requires the DME to be available and compliant with the following: Less expensive than the same new equipment including shipping; Able to withstand 3 years of use; Are cleaned, disinfected, sterilized and safe in accordance with FDA regulations that govern the reprocessing of medical devices in a health care setting. Also, clarifies that an enrollee must have a Certificate of Medical Necessity; provides that the refurbished DME must be provided through the State's assistive technology programs reutilization program using staff with Assistive Technology Professional Certification; requires the reutilization program staff to confirm that the recipient is not already in receipt of the same equipment from another provider and that the refurbished DME equally meets the needs of the recipient. Clarifies that the recipient's choice is not limited to refurbished DME; and clarifies that there are no additional prior authorization conditions placed on enrollees or MCO's.

Registry for Recovery Residences (HB 5288):

Requires DHS to develop and maintain an online registry that is available to the public for recovery residences that operate in Illinois to serve as a referral resource for individuals seeking continued recovery assistance. Encourages non-licensed recovery residences to



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register with DHS. Recovery residences are peer-run homes for individuals transitioning into sober living that do not provide any DHS licensed or funded services.

Respite Care Services Report (SB 2469): Requires the Dept. of Aging to include an estimate of the demand for respite care services over the next 10 years in its annual respite care service report to the Governor and GA.

Sepsis Review Task Force (SB 3532): Creates a Sepsis Review Task Force to study sepsis early intervention and prevention.

SNAP Benefits for Low-Income Students (SB 351/PA 100-0620): Provides that part-time, low-income students enrolled in a vocational or technical education program at a community college are eligible to receive SNAP benefits. Currently, students who are not full-time are not SNAP eligible.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Screenings (SB 456): Adds spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) to the newborn screening test panel. This requires all newborns to be screened for SMA starting Jan. 1, 2020, or within six months of the Department of Public Health developing the test and acquiring the necessary equipment.

Supportive Living Facility Certificate Consideration (HB 4223/PA 100-0583): Authorizes Supportive Living Facility Certification to include consideration for a mixed use facility. This legislation is necessary for the continuation of a project that is currently underway that would re-purpose the former Ravenswood Hospital into a supportive living facility with an independent living facility.

Task Force on Behavior Health Education Center Task Force (HB 5111): Creates the Behavioral Health Education Center Task Force to study the possibility of creating a Behavioral Health Education Center intended to eventually provide psychiatric support and increase the number of behavior-health professionals, particularly in rural or underserved areas.

Telehealth Act Expansion (HB 5070): Expands the definition of “health care professional” in the Telehealth Act to permit dentists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, physical therapists, clinical social workers, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and hearing-instrument dispensers to provide telehealth care to patients within the scope of their practices.

US Armed Forces Mental Health Professionals (HB 4936): Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules to allow a person who has completed a psychiatric training program certification from the United States Armed Forces with at least one year of experience in a mental health setting to be recognized as a mental health professional for programs authorized or funded by DHS under the direction of a licensed mental health professional.

Higher Education

Academic Records (HB 5021): Provides that, in the event an institution of higher education proposes to discontinue its operations, the chief administrative officer of the institution shall submit a plan to the Board of Higher Education for permanent retention of all academic records of the institution.



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AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program (SB 2927):

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

Basic Skills Test Prohibition (SB 2693):

Prohibits universities from using the test of basic skills as a prerequisite to admittance into teacher preparation programs. Aimed at reducing teacher shortage.

Black History Course Requirement (HB 4346):

Requires every public institution of higher education and community colleges to offer a course studying the events of Black History.

Children of Disabled Police, Fire, and Corrections Employees Grants (HB 4467):

Provides that grants for tuition and mandatory fees for children of police, fire, or corrections officers that are killed or become permanently disabled in the line of duty shall apply to that child regardless of whether they were born before the disability occurred.

College Credit Card Marketing and Debt Task Force (HB 4710):

Creates the College Student Credit Card Marketing and Debt Task Force to study issues pertaining to student's credit card debt, credit card issuance, credit card solicitation to those between the ages of 18 – 21, and other issues pertaining to young people and credit card access, use and debt.

Credit Hour Transfer (SB 2354): 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. Upon completing 30 credit hours, college students that expect to

transfer to a public university are required to make a reasonable attempt to meet with an academic adviser at their own public institution of higher education. Eliminates and IBHE rule regarding tuition waivers to allow universities to offer better financial aid packages to students.

DCFS Youth Post-Secondary Tuition And Fee Waivers (HB 5122):

Increases access to post-secondary education for foster youth in care by providing tuition and fee waivers at any community college, university, or college maintained by the State of Illinois for eligible youth include those who are not chosen for the current DCFS scholarship program, those that the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility for, youth who aged out of care at 18 or older, youth formerly under care who have been adopted and were the subject of an adoption assistance agreement, or who have been placed in private guardianship and were the subject of a subsidized guardianship agreement.

Dual Credit Access (SB 2838): Seeks to improve access to dual credit coursework for Illinois students. Requires community colleges to enter into a dual credit agreement if a high school district within their boundaries requests it, and other changes.

Dual Credits (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.

Education Loan Pilot Program (SB 2559): States that each public institution of higher education that receives student loan information for a



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student enrolled at that institution shall provide to that student or their parent/guardian with estimates of the total amount of education loans taken out by the student or parent/guardian, the potential total payoff amount of the incurred loans, the monthly repayment amounts a similarly situated borrower may incur for the amount of loans the student or parent/guardian has taken out at the time the information is provided. Also, they shall provide the percentage of the borrowing limit the student or parent/guardian has reached at the time the information is provided and any financial resources available to the student or the parent/guardian.

Four-Year MAP Renewal (HB 5020): Creates a four-year MAP renewal prioritization at all institutions of higher learning in Illinois.

Graduate Student Unionization (SB 2546): Allows all graduate student workers to unionize and bargain collectively with their public employers, State Universities and colleges. Currently only teacher assistants are extended collective bargaining rights.

Grant Recipients FOIA Exempt (SB 3138): Protects the private information of grant applicants and recipients, by stating the personal identity and address of a scholarship, grant, or financial assistance applicant or recipient under the Higher Education Student Assistance Act is exempt from FOIA.

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. Requires the State Board of Education to administer a voluntary survey for students taking the SAT.

Public Community College Act (SB 2905): Makes various changes to the Public Community College Act in reference to outdated language. Repeals statutory language which no longer applies. Fixes statutory references. Makes technical changes to reflect current practices.

Recommendation for Recognition Appeals (SB 3220): Allows a not-for-profit institution or an institution of higher education that is denied initial recommendation for recognition by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board to appeal the denial to the State Board of Education, as provided for in rules adopted by the State Board of Education. Also, allows a for-profit institution that is denied initial recommendation for recognition by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board to appeal the denial to the State Board of Education, as provided for in rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

Schools Instructing Manufacturing Grants (HB 4858): Allows local school districts and community colleges to apply for and receive grants for acquiring land, construction of facilities, and purchasing equipment, dedicated solely to the instruction of occupations in manufacturing. Modifies the term, "industrial development agency" to include local school districts and community colleges.

UIC Lease (SB 2362): Adds an exception to the 10 year lease provision for the University of



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Illinois at Chicago to allow them to enter into a lease for up to 30 years for an ambulatory surgical, which will include both retail space and clinical services, 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.

Underrepresented Student Bridge Program (HB 5696): States that subject to appropriation, a public university may establish a bridge program for underrepresented students. The bridge program shall be open only to State residents. The program shall include testing, counseling, guidance services, courses, tutoring, and supplemental financial assistance. The goal of the program is to attract students who have the potential to succeed, despite poor preparation and limited financial resources, and keep these students in Illinois.

Insurance

Child Hearing Aid Mandate (HB 4516): Mandates coverage for hearing instruments for children younger than 18.

Education Advisory Council (SB 2513): Creates an educational advisory council to the Department of Insurance for the purposes of reviewing and making recommendations regarding continuing education courses, course materials, curriculum, and credentials of instructors.

Emergency Opioid and Addition Treatment Access (SB 682): Specifies that insurance companies/MCOs cannot require prior notification of specified inpatient and

outpatient substance-use-disorder treatment. It establishes procedures for insurance companies to terminate coverage of substance-use-disorder treatment. It provides for discharge notifications to be provided to insurance companies. It makes other changes.

Federal Waiver ACA Reduction (HB 4165): Prohibits the state from applying for federal waivers that would reduce or eliminate any protections under the Affordable Care Act, if it was in effect on January 1, 2017. Specifically, any protections for pre-existing conditions and essential health benefits.

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.

Insurance Merger (HB 5251): Creates a section in the Insurance Code regarding the merger of Illinois Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Guaranty Association and the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Company Guaranty Association. The goal is to have the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association law be functionally consistent with the laws governing other state guaranty associations.

Insurance Omnibus Bill (SB 1737): Addresses domestic stock company splitting, captive insurers, short-term health insurance plans a/k/a as “skinny” health plans, and workers compensation rate approval as part of an Insurance Omnibus bill.



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Mandated Senior Diabetes Consultations (HB 5351): Mandates insurance coverage for senior diabetes consultations to be given via telehealth, if the insurance carrier provides coverage for telehealth. Also amends the Public Aid Code to mandate the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to authorize senior diabetes consultations to be given in the seniors' home.

Mental Health (SB 1707): Provides a new and more expansive definition for "mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder or condition." Makes conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to all applicable insurance mandates regarding mental health coverage under the Insurance Code, State Employee Group Insurance, Counties Code, Municipal Code & School Code. Strikes out the definition for "serious mental illness" and "substance use disorder or condition." Prohibits prior authorization requirements, step therapy requirements, & makes changes to prescription drug formulary tiers for drugs prescribed for substance use disorders. Prohibits excluding coverage for court-ordered substance use disorder treatment, including medicine, counseling & wrap around treatments. Specifically outlines how DOI and DHFS are to enforce State and federal mental health parity laws and regulations. Provides DOI and HFS to issue a joint report and conduct an educational presentation to the General Assembly, no later than August 1st of every year. Creates a mental health parity working group for the purposes of providing recommendations on health plan data reporting that break out data on mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder benefits and data on other medical benefits. Also requires insurers to submit a report by July 1, 2020 on treatment and denial of treatment for mental and substance use disorders.

Provides the Auditor General will take a review of compliance by DOI and HFS with mental parity sections of the Insurance Code.

Out-of-State Vehicle Liability Insurance (HB 4472): Requires a person operating a vehicle that is registered in another state on Illinois highways must be covered by a liability insurance policy. The operator must also carry evidence of insurance in the vehicle.

Recovery Insurance Coverage (HB 5868): Provides that an insurance policy or managed care plan may provide coverage for recovery housing for persons with substance use disorders who are at risk of relapse so long as certain conditions are met. Provides that based upon the needs assessment certain coverage may be provided. Allows insurers to rate each recovery housing provider and publish the report. Authorizes the Department of Insurance to implement any necessary rules.

Short-Term, Limited-Duration Health Insurance Coverage (HB 2624): Limits short-term, limited-duration health insurance coverage (STLD) to 6 months and prohibits renewals of a STLD policy for 12 months, beginning the day after the contract ends. As well as, provides any health insurance company issuing short-term, limited-duration health insurance coverage must first receive approval from the Department of Insurance before issuing any short-term, limited-duration coverage policy. Furthermore, delivers that the issuer must include in the contract and any associated materials, a statement explaining the short-term, limited-duration coverage is temporary, the coverage may not cover all the health care needed by the individual, and could leave the individual with high medical bills.



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Stage 4 Cancer Drugs (HB 4821): Prohibits insurers from limiting or excluding coverage for a drug used to treat stage 4, metastatic cancer by requiring an insured to first try to successfully respond to another drug or prove history of failure to the drug.

Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card (SB 2851): Makes changes to create the definition of "dental plan." Provides benefit cards for health benefit plans offering dental coverage or dental plan will include a statement explaining whether the plan is subject to regulation by the Department of Insurance.

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

Worker's Comp and Unpaid Bills (SB 904): Allows medical professionals to collect interest on late medical claims by filing a claim for this interest in circuit court. Requires employers and insurers to pay interest to providers at the rate of 1% per month for services rendered on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act if the bill is not paid promptly. (While this interest provision has been in law since 2005, medical providers have not had a mechanism to collect). Requires workers' compensation insurance companies to send an Explanation of Benefits to medical providers explaining why they have denied the authorization of medical care or what additional information they need to make a decision on that care. Mandates workers' compensation insurers to use electronic billing for workers' compensation claims starting January 1, 2019. Allows the

Director of DOI to institute an administrative fine on employers and insurers who fail to comply with electronic billing rules.

Local Government

Animal Control Act Fines (SB 2313): Makes changes to the Animal Control Act that provides for public safety fines resulting from incidents with animals be deposited solely in the County's respective Animal Control funds.

Brownfields Redevelopment Fund Name (HB 5242): Corrects an erroneous name of a fund from the South Suburban Increment Fund to the South Suburban Brownfields Redevelopment Fund in two locations throughout the Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment and Intermodal Promotion Act. Also clarifies that the Managing Partner's authority is subject to the laws and rules of the State and the government of Cook County.

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 2019 and thereafter, those previously who filed audit reports in full accrual must continue to do so (and cannot switch to cash flow accounting). This is a response to a recent determination by the Comptroller that all local governments must use full accrual (GAAP) accounting or face fines and be considered delinquent on required audit reporting.

Cemetery Transfer Notice (SB 3009): Provides that a notice of vacancy on a cemetery board of



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trustees will be provided to the township supervisor rather than the presiding county board officer. Advice and consent of the township board is required to make an appointment.

Chicago Foreign Fire Insurance Board (HB 5197): Requires the City of Chicago to create a Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The Board would be responsible for managing the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund and appropriating of the funds for the benefit of the fire department. Use of funds and other operational parameters are specified.

Cook County Foreclosure Sales (HB 5176): Provides that the required Cook County newspaper advertisement for foreclosure related sales be published in a newspaper different from the paper used for the legal notice of the same property and be published in newspaper that is itself published in the township in which the real estate is located.

Cook County Overpayments (SB 1979): States that in provisions concerning refunds for erroneous assessments or overpayments in Cook County, establishes a \$5,000,000 (currently, \$2.5 million) annual cap on the amount of taxes and interested refunded per year.

Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund (SB 2376): Creates the Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund 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.

Director for Municipal Water/Sewage Agency (SB 3086): Allows the director of any Municipal

Joint Action Water Agency established after this bill becomes law to be an appointed member (rather than elected) official of a member unit of government. Allows the director of a Municipal Joint Sewage Treatment Agency to be an appointed official (rather than elected) of a member municipality or county.

Disconnect FPD Territory (SB 2598): Allows a home rule municipality to detach property from a fire protection district if the municipality gives fire protection service to at least 80% of territory within municipal corporate limits. Also states that any loss in assessed valuation of the remaining property will not impair the fire district to fully provide its remaining service; that the disconnected municipal territory will remain liable for its share of bond debt; and an economic impact analysis must be conducted before a municipal disconnection of fire district territory. Provides petition and hearing processes by which the disconnection is to be carried out.

Dissolution of Drainage Districts (SB 2459): Gives Lake County the ability to dissolve the Seavey Drainage District and gives the Lakes Region Sanitary District the ability to dissolve itself by entering an agreement with Lake County.

Dissolving DuPage County Election Commission (HB 5123/PA 100-0628): Intends to give DuPage County statutory authority to dissolve the DuPage County Election Commission.

Drone Regulations (SB 3291): Seeks to address the growing concern about the use of drones for recreational purposes. Specifies that to the extent state law doesn't conflict with federal laws, rules or regulations, drone regulation is under the purview of the state and notes that



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no local governments can regulate drones *except* for in the City of Chicago.

Flood Control Commission (SB 3134): Flood Control Commission for Collar Counties to study flood control practices and conduct a survey of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. Requirements for membership, duties and a final report are provided.

Fire Protection District Boards (SB 2629): Allows for members of a fire protection district board to satisfy the Open Meetings Act by participating in training under the Act by an organization that represents fire protection districts. Several units of local government already have this ability.

Government Entity Billing (SB 544): Anticipatory trailer bill for House Bill 4594 of the 100th General Assembly which creates the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. Makes definitional changes, allows for billing of certain government entities by circuit clerk for civil filing fees, clarifies civil case debt collection fees, and makes changes on reduced circuit court clerk civil case fees for certain units of local government and school districts.

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

Lawsuits Against Counties (HB 4711/PA 100-0595): Provides that lawsuits are not authorized against the county or its officials for their administration of the zoning code, concerning a property owner's or county's authority to seek legal action in the circuit court to abate, correct

or restrain code violations, unless the county owns the offending property.

Liquor License Exemptions (SB 2421): Provides exemptions to the 100-foot liquor license rule for a number of elections in Chicago.

Liquor License Local Control (SB 2436): Provides that a local liquor control commissioner may grant an exemption to the 100ft prohibition if a local rule or ordinance authorizes the exemption.

Local Government Caps (SB 2328): Raises the cap for architecture, surveying, and engineering projects under \$40,000 (currently \$25,000) to be exempt from certain public notice, evaluation and selection procedures.

Local Government Electronic Notification (HB 4822): Allows a unit of local government to establish a process to allow people to select an electronic notification delivery system, such as email or other electronic means, for governmental mailings that are being sent by United States mail. This works toward a framework that would save local governments money, and also hopefully increase public awareness and participation in government and programs.

Metro East Sanitary District Commission (SB 2368/Vetoed): Provides that the mayor of the largest municipality in the county having the greater EAV of the district shall be an ex officio commissioner of the Metro-East Sanitary District's Board of Commissioners.

Midlothian Park District Debt Limit (SB 2589): Allows the Midlothian Park District to increase the debt limit to up to \$13 million in bonds that



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were approved by referendum on March 20, 2018, during the general primary election.

Mosquito Abatement District Dissolution (SB 2543): Provides a more expedient dissolution process for mosquito abatement districts from among the board of trustees.

New Harmony Bridge (SB 2804): Creates the New Harmony Bridge Authority Act, the New Harmony Bridge Interstate Compact Act, and the New Harmony Bridge Bi-State Commission. The authority is created to inherit control of the New Harmony Bridge. If there is an agreement between the Authority and a similar authority in Indiana then the Bi-State Commission would inherit control.

Non-Resident Library Fee Eliminated for Commercial Renters (SB 2488): Extends public library services to individuals that rent/lease commercial property in a taxed public library service area, but may personally reside in an untaxed public library service area.

Paramedics Health Insurance (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.

Paramedics in IPLRA (HB 126): Includes paramedics employed by a unit of local government into the definition of “fire fighter” under the Public Labor Relations Act, and has been introduced in order to clarify specifically in statute that these paramedics are security employers and thus do not have the right to strike but get an ADR process similar to fire fighters.

Police Citation Quotas (SB 3509): Removes the exemption that applies only to Chicago in the section of law prohibiting municipalities from instituting police citation quotas statewide and use of those quotas from assessment of job performance.

Predictable Recorder Fee Schedule (HB 4765): Requires counties to implement a predictable recorder fee schedule eliminating surcharges based on an individual document. Guidelines and limits for fees for various types of documents are provided. This bill would allow the Cook County Board to establish a predictable fee schedule that is similar to the one that was passed in 2017 for every other county in Illinois.

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.

Public Fund Investment Length of Maturity (HB 4573): Extends the length of maturity in which the obligations of corporations, which are invested by a public entity, reach their threshold. Public entities may invest in obligations of corporations if the obligations mature not later than **3 years** (currently 270 days) from the date of purchase. The bill aims to allow local governments to increase their return on the investments that statute currently provides for.



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Public Water District Act Amendment (HB 4253): Permits the appointing authorities of a Water District Board to remove a trustee for misconduct, official misconduct, or neglect of office.

Publication of Severance Agreements (HB 4242): Requires local governments, school districts, community college districts, or other local taxing bodies to publish information about any severance agreement with an employee or contractor who was found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual discrimination.

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.

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.

Radiation Waste Fees Exemption (SB 3017): Exempts local governments from certain radium waste fees in the statutes.

Reports of Damaged Property (SB 3212): Provides that nothing in the Illinois Income Tax Act prohibits the disclosure of information by officials of a county or municipality involving reports of damaged property or the owners of damaged property if that disclosure is made to a township or county assessment official in connection with the natural disaster credit. Also amends the Freedom of Information Act. Repeals a Section providing that nothing in the Act prohibits the disclosure of information by officials of a county or municipality involving reports of damaged property or the owners of damaged property if that disclosure is made to a township or county assessment official in connection with the natural disaster income tax credit.

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.

Stormwater Commissions (HB 4748): Provides that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is to emphasize the use of cost effective solutions to flooding problems. Provides that a stormwater management planning committee may make grants to units of local government, non-for profit organizations, and landowners if certain conditions are met. Also, allows all Illinois counties to set up stormwater commissions that can adopt plans and ordinances as well have access to a fee schedule and a 0.2 percent of EAV property tax levy if certain conditions are met. Ten counties that fit a provided definition of "urbanized area" may do so automatically while all other counties may do so by front-door referendum.



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Tax Lien Notice (SB 2958): Codifies existing practice by stating that the notice of tax lien must also include the county or counties where the real property of the debtor to which the lien will attached is located. Also provides that a tax lien that is filed in the registry must be attached to all of the existing and after-acquired real and personal property of the debtor.

TIF Extension Caseyville/Posen (HB 4129): Creates TIF extensions for Caseyville, Illinois, and Posen, Illinois, an additional 12 years.

TIF Extension Edwardsville/Granite City (SB 2445): Creates a TIF extension for the city of Edwardsville and Granite City.

TIF Extension Hanover Park (HB 4536): Extends the TIF for Hanover Park, Illinois, for an additional 12 years.

TIF Extension Litchfield (SB 424/PA 100-0609): Provides for a TIF extension for Litchfield, Illinois (Montgomery County) for an additional 12 years.

TIF Extension Madison City (HB 4507): Includes a TIF extension for Madison City, IL. Places into statute that Keystone Steel & Wire company is eligible for exemptions under ROTA for 2010-2012. IDOR Audited Keystone and found that they never applied for the tax incentives under DCEO for these years.

TIF Extension Marion (SB 2303): Provides an extension for the City of Marion TIF for an additional 12 years. Re-enacts provisions creating the Tax Increment Financing Reform Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall report the findings of the study examining current Tax Increment Financing laws in this

State to the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2018 (rather than April 1, 2018).

TIF Extension Monmouth (SB 2304): Creates a TIF extension of 12 additional years for the City of Monmouth.

TIF Extension Normal (HB 1910/PA 100-0591): Creates TIF extensions for Normal, Illinois, for an additional 12 years.

TIF Extension Springfield (SB 2569): Creates a TIF extension for Springfield, Illinois.

TIF Extension Table Grove (HB 4118): Extends the life of the TIF for the Village of Table Grove to 35 years.

TIF Extension Village of Dalzell (HB 4853): Extends the TIF District in the Village of Dalzell from 23 to 35 years.

Township Electors Property Management (SB 2940): Allows the township electors to delegate the power to purchase, lease, or sell property to the township board for up to a 12-month period. As well as, the Township Board may specify properties being considered for purchase, lease, or sale.

Township Officers (SB 2299): Prevents all elected and appointed township officials from simultaneously holding any other employment with the township in which they are elected. Exempts volunteer firefighters from the prohibition.

Township Payout Attestation (SB 2923): Requires that if a Township Supervisor issues a payout, the township clerk shall attest to all moneys paid out.



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Volunteer Emergency Worker (SB 2471): Redefines the definition of “volunteer emergency worker” to mirror federal law.

Pensions, Health and Other Benefits

Chicago Fire Pension Fund Participation (HB 5342): Allows an alderman or member of the Chicago city council to participate in the Chicago Fire Article of the Pension Code, rather than the Chicago Municipal Article. To qualify a person must not participate under the Chicago Municipal Pension Fund.

Chicago Municipal Pension (HB 4811): Amends the Chicago Municipal article of the Pension Code to stipulate that the physical examination to prove disability may occur at a longer interval of time as determined by the fund’s board of trustees, rather than every year. Additionally, makes numerous technical changes to the Chicago Municipal and Laborers’ Pension Funds.

Cook County Pensions, Remittance of Benefit (SB 2578): Amends the Cook County Article of Illinois Pension Code. Provides for the direct pension annuity and benefit remittance to a nursing home, mental institution or hospital for those participants that are cared for by a medical facility. This is only applicable in situations where the annuitant doesn’t have a guardian, family or other caretaker to help with personal business.

Members Benefits Fund (HB 5682): Provides that the Department of Veterans’ Affairs may make expenditures from a members’ benefits fund, subject to approval by the Director of Veterans’ Affairs, for recognition and appreciation programs for volunteers who assist the Veterans Homes.

Paramedics and Fire Fighters in PEDA (HB 5221): Includes full-time paramedics and fire fighters who perform paramedic duties in the definition of eligible employee under the Public Employee Disability Act. The PEDA is a one year benefit that entitles those with “line of duty” injuries who can’t work their full pay, no reduction in pension credits or sick leave accumulation.

Pension Board Staff Racial Makeup (HB 4412): Provides that all pension boards in Illinois shall make its best efforts to ensure that the racial and ethnic makeup of the System’s senior administrative staff represents the racial and ethnic makeup of the System’s membership.

Pension Trustee Ethics Training (HB 4661): Provides that for an elected or appointed trustee under the Downstate Police or Downstate Firefighter Article of the Code, fulfillment of certain trustee training requirements satisfies certain ethics training requirements, so they do not need an additional eight hours of training.

Police Pension Double Dipping (SB 3119): Tightens limitations on participation by former police chiefs who seek to participate in IMRF after earning a pension from the same municipality in a downstate police pension fund by prohibiting participation by former police chiefs who return to the same municipality as a police advisor or in another, similar position. Amends the Downstate Fire Pension Fund. Allows a firefighter to no longer have annual evaluations for duty disability caused by PTSD if they have signed documentation from two medical professionals and are over the age of 45 and approval of a super-majority of the board.



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Service Credit Reconsideration (HB 5177):

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code, and mandates the board reconsider an application for credit for performing specified safety or investigatory work for Cook County, the State of Illinois or the Federal Government that was submitted before April 1, 2008, and was denied.

SURS Retirement (HB 4684): Enhances SURS' ability to obtain delinquent employer payments that are owed under the law by intercepting them through the State Comptroller and/or the county treasurer for the county in which the employer is located.

SURS/TRS Calculations (SB 2954/PA 100-0624):

With regard to TRS and SURS, removes the full-time equivalent calculation requirement for purposes of calculating the normal cost of an employee's pension. By removing the full-time equivalent requirement it will ensure that TRS/SURS is charging the employer normal cost on earnings that are actually paid to an employee and that actually count towards his or her pension.

SURS/TRS Defined Contribution (HB 5137):

Allows TRS and SURS to create an optional Defined Contribution (DC) plan as soon as practical after the effective date of the legislation so that any active members who wish to choose the DC plan can participate in the DC plan. Under the DC plan, employee and employer contributions would be collected into an account to be invested.

TRIP/CIP Retirement Opt-in (SB 3046): Allows members of the Teachers Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) and community college members of the College Insurance Program (CIP) have the ability to opt-in to their

respective retirement insurance program during an annual enrollment period or under other arrangements allowed by CMS.

Public Safety

Adult Protective Services (HB 4847): Clarifies that Adult Protective Services may investigate instance of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of an eligible adult who lives within programs and facilities operated, licensed, certified, or funded by the Department of Human Services when the alleged abuse happens outside of the facility, or the alleged financial exploitation is perpetrated by an individual who is not an employee of the facility where the adult resides. The Department believes this will close a gap of jurisdiction for investigating abuse of adults living in facilities who also visit the outside community.

Concussion Information (HB 4226): Requires the Department of Public Health to develop, publish and disseminate a brochure to educate the public on the effects of concussions in children and how to look for warning signs. Requires schools to provide the brochure free of charge to parents/guardians of children who may have sustained a concussion regardless of where the concussion may have taken place. Provides that the State Board shall (as opposed to may) adopt rules to administer concussion oversight teams, including rules governing the informal or formal accommodation of a student who may have sustained a concussion during an interscholastic athletic activity.

Pedestrian & Bike Safety (HB 4799): Requires districts to educate students of traffic safety for walking and biking.



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Rear-facing Car Seat (HB 4377): Requires children under the age of two to be secured in a rear-facing child-restraint system. Children over 40 pounds or taller than 40 inches are exempted.

Travel Hazard (HB 5195): Provides that school districts may provide free transportation for any pupil residing 1.5 miles from school, when conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard to the safety of the pupil due a course or pattern of criminal activity. The board will determine what constitutes a serious hazard in accordance with guidelines determined by local law enforcement.

State Government

21 Star Flag (HB 2571): Provides that for the period spanning December 31, 2017, through December 31, 2018, a United States flag bearing 21 stars shall be flown at the Illinois State Capitol Building in celebration of Illinois' bicentennial as the 21st state to join the union.

Abolish Farmers Market Task Force (SB 3195): Abolishes the Farmers' Market Task Force, which had not met in two years.

Advance Deposit Wagering (SB 3452/PA 100-0627): Extends advanced deposit wagering authorization for two years.

AFSCME Back Wages (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.

Amusement Ride Safety (HB 4677): Clarifies that monies from the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act violations go into a special fund, and not GRF. This is clean-up language to clarify current law.

Bright Start 529 Plan (HB 4751): Makes changes to Illinois' "Bright Start/Bright Directions," enlarging the program and modifying aspects of it in partial conformity with the nationwide policy changes enacted in the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) in December 2017. The bill also adds language relevant to transfers of funds from 529 accounts to ABLE accounts, rollovers between accounts within the College Savings Pool, and payouts resulting from the beneficiary's death or disability.

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.

Budget Late Penalty Appropriations (HB 5814): Beginning July 1, 2019 the Governor's introduced budget shall include a separate line item request appropriating moneys to each state agency for estimated costs for each fund under the State Prompt payment Act and estimated costs for each fund under the Insurance Code for late payment penalties. Provides that late interest penalties under the Prompt Payment Act and State Employees Group Insurance Act are subject to a maximum 2% aggregate amount for transfers between line-items. Requires GOMB to report annual estimates of late payment penalties. Further amends the State Prompt Payment Act and



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provides that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, interest may not be paid under the Act when: a Chief Procurement Officer has voided the underlying contract for goods or services under the Illinois Procurement Code; or the Auditor General is conducting a performance or program audit, and the Comptroller has held or is holding for review a related contract or vouchers for payment of goods or services in the exercise of duties under the State Comptroller Act.

Budgeting for Results Mandate Reform (SB 1936/PA 100-0621): Eliminates numerous statutory mandates considered by agencies considered outdated, duplicative or unduly burdensome on agency operations.

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.

CDB Building Code Info (SB 2620): Requires the Capitol Development Board (CDB) to maintain on its website information about building codes published by all State agencies. The CDB would also be required to post notices and links to the register for proposed changes to building codes by the various state agencies.

Child Death Investigation Task Force (SB 3223): Moves language creating the Child Death Investigation Task Force to a different Act to reflect a change in funding.

CILA Fire Inspection Mandate (HB 5551/PA 100-0593): Requires the State Fire Marshal to provide necessary fire inspections to comply with licensing requirements, and authorizes the Fire Marshall to enter into an agreement with

another state agency to conduct the inspection if qualified personnel are employed by the state agency. Provides assurance that a local authority with jurisdiction is authorized to conduct local code inspections.

Civil Service Commission Clarifications (SB 2707): Gives the Commission an option to seek more information rather than have an employee automatically reinstated. Clarifies that the Civil Service Commission can remand cases back to the hearing officer for purposes of taking additional evidence or soliciting additional argument. Further clarifies that the Commission gets an additional 60 days after remand in order to make a determination.

CMS Purchasing Leased Properties (SB 3143): Requires CMS to include an analysis of leases of state buildings where a 3rd full year of the lease has passed and the lease provides a purchase option in addition to the current requirements for the annual purchase/lease report. Adds clarity to whether or not it would be prudent to purchase buildings that are currently being leased.

Coal Extraction (SB 2899): Amends the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act. Provides that the Act does not apply to the extraction of coal as an incidental part of a federal, State, or local government-financed highway or other construction under rules adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Codifies DoIT (HB 5611/PA 100-0611): Codifies the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) Act as established by Executive Order 2016-001. In addition to the creation of the “new” Department, the legislation creates the Illinois Information



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Security Improvement Act, and the Office of the Statewide Chief of Information Security Officer.

Community Agency Investigators (SB 3179):

Requires the OIG to ensure that every person authorized to conduct investigations at community agencies receive ongoing training in the following categories of the Illinois Administrative Code: Standards and licensure requirements for CILA's; Administration of medication in a community setting; minimum standards for certification of developmental training programs; OIG investigations of alleged abuse or neglect in state operated facilities and community settings.

Cybersecurity Compliance Audit (HB 5547):

Requires the Auditor General, as part of his annual compliance examinations for State agencies, to review the agencies' cybersecurity programs and practices and issue a report on the findings.

DCEO Reporting Requirements (SB 1461/PA 100-0603): Requires the report DCEO makes to the General Assembly with regard to the film production services tax credit must include any vendor who provides goods or services totaling \$10,000 or 10% of the Illinois production spending, whichever is less, and requires the accredited production to report to the best of their ability whether a vendor is a minority, female or person with a disability-owned business, in addition to current requirements.

Demographic Labor Trends (SB 2637): Changes the date the Department of Labor has to report on its website demographic trends in the State's Building Trades Apprenticeship Program from March 1 to March 31 of each year.

Deposit of State Moneys Act (SB 2661): Allows custody and safekeeping of securities to be held in a bank or depository trust company in any state within the United States, rather than only in New York. Allows the acceptance of investment grade corporate bonds as eligible collateral for the protection of public deposits. Authorizes the State Treasurer to purchase bonds issued by counties or municipalities without limitations on price. Finally, allows the investment of up to 5 percent of the College Savings Pool Administrative Trust Fund, the Illinois Public Treasurer Investment Pool (IPTIP) Administrative Trust Fund, and the State Treasurer's Administrative Fund in common or preferred stocks of publicly-traded corporations, partnerships, or limited liability companies organized in the United States, with specified restrictions.

Design-Build Repeal Date (SB 3561): Changes the repeal date for various sections relating to the design-build delivery method in construction from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2023.

DNR Land Transfer (SB 2696): Transfers several tracts of property from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to the Fox Waterway Agency for \$1.

Emailing Service of Documents (SB 2644):

States that after a hearing notice, an agency may require an attorney representing a party to provide one or more email addresses at which they shall accept service of documents from the hearing. Specifies documents that are NOT allowed to be sent by email.

End Stage Renal Disease Act Repeal (HB 5069):

Repeals the End Stage Renal Disease Facility (ESRDF) Act, which DPH argues is redundant and imposes unnecessary burdens on dialysis



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facilities, since ESRDFs must already comply with federal regulations.

Enterprise Zone Scoring (SB 2667): Removes DCEOs initiative dealing with Enterprise Zone scoring procedures. Instead provides that an Enterprise Zone applicant's plan for participation by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities is included in a list of qualifying factors.

Equal Rights Amendment (SJR CA 4): Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. The ERA provides that "equality of rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex." The ERA takes effect two years after the date of ratification by 3/4ths of the states. Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in 1972 and gave 7 years for 3/4th of the States to pass the amendment. 35 states passed the amendment before the original deadline. In 1978, the deadline was extended until 1982. Five states moved to rescind their ratification of the amendment. No other states ratified the amendment before the 1982 deadline. There are currently measures before both the US House and the US Senate to remove the deadline for passage of the ERA. This is part of the "Three State Strategy" for passage of the ERA. The proponents believe that passage of the ERA by three more states will provide the requisite number of states for approval of the amendment and despite the previously imposed deadline, passage will be valid and it will become a part of the US Constitution.

Fair Contracting Practices Task Force (HB 4420): Removes language that says that CMS shall have no hand in guiding the direction/results of the Fair Practices in

Contracting Task Force; Changes the date the Task Force files its final report to December 31, 2019 rather than December 31, 2017.; Changes the repeal date of the Act to January 2, 2020 rather than January 2, 2019 to give the task force more time to complete its work. Requires the Task Force Report to be filed electronically. Amends the Protection of Individuals with Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System Task Force Act; Changes the date by which the Task Force shall submit its Report from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Changes the Act repeal date from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2020. Requires the Task Force Report to be filed electronically.

Fire Chief Training Requirements (SB 2619): Makes changes to update and clarify current training requirements as well as add alternative training requirements to become a fire chief. The City of Chicago is exempted.

First 2018 General Revisory (HB 5447): Combines multiple versions of Sections amended by more than one Public Act. Renumbers Sections of various Acts to eliminate duplication. Corrects obsolete cross-references and technical errors. Makes stylistic changes. This is a revisory bill that contains both combining revisories and technical revisories. The combining revisories in this bill consist primarily of material combining and revising laws enacted during the first year of the 100th General Assembly. Public Acts 99-920 through 100-534 were considered in preparing these combining revisories. The technical revisories in this bill address a wide range of technical problems.

First Responder Mental Health Awareness Day (HB 4345): Designates the third Friday of each May of each year as "First Responder Mental



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Health Awareness Day,” to be observed throughout the State as a day to honor firefighters, police officers, and other first responders who have lost their lives due to and suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and other mental health issues.

Flue Gas Desulfurization Task Force (HB 4135): Extends the date by which the Flue Gas Desulfurization Task Force Act shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly from Dec. 31, 2017, to Dec. 31, 2018.

Food Waste Plan (SB 2606): States that state agencies that enter into contracts for food should have a policy in place to ensure food is not wasted. Seeks to begin a discussion on how to reduce food waste while helping those in need and reducing landfill waste.

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (HB 4689): Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act to make minor clean-up/clarifying changes.

Grant Transparency (SB 2540): Advances changes to improve accountability in the state’s grant process, including a prohibition on governors transferring money from appropriated to non-appropriated funds. In addition, the bill creates a mechanism to allow the Comptroller to stop payments in cases where there are serious issues or concerns about a particular grant program or recipient.

Healthy Local Food Incentives Program Sunset Date (HB 4568): Repeals the sunset clause for the Healthy Local Food Incentives Program, which is set to expire June 30, 2019.

Homeless Prevention Scratch-Off (SB 211): Creates a Homelessness Prevention scratch-off

with the net revenue from the game to be deposited into the Homelessness Prevention Revenue Fund. The money will be used to fund grants for homelessness prevention and assistance projects.

Human Rights Commission (SB 20): Makes several changes to the Human Rights Commission intended to give alleged victims of sexual discrimination or harassment enough time to come forward with these sensitive and difficult claims by extending the time allowed for a case to be filed from 180 days to 300 days. Requires the Commissioners to publish a decision within 180 days of the decision, which must be posted within 14 calendar days after publication of the decision by the Commission (currently within 120 days). Also makes changes to the composition of the Human Rights Commission, their pay and authority.

Human Services Statutory Clean-up (HB 5031): Provides clear direction for the state human service agencies to follow and prevent unnecessary audit findings. Repeals the statutory language for the Cross-agency prequalification and master service agreements. The requirements that remained in this repealed section of statute conflict with the requirements of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) and are no longer required.

ICC Collateral Recovery Clean-Up (SB 3504): Amends the Collateral Recovery Act of 1934 by adding clean-up language from the Illinois Commerce Commission. The language does not substantively change the Act, but addresses drafting errors in current law.

IDOL Apprenticeship Report Date (HB 5595): Pushes the annual report date back to March 31



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from March 1 of each year for the report compiling demographic trends in the state's building trades apprenticeship programs, with particular attention paid to race, gender, ethnicity and national origin of the apprentices in labor organizations and other entities.

IDNR's User Advisory Committee (HB 5027): Repeals the provisions calling for a User Advisory Committee within the Illinois Geographic Information Council, which is under the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

IEPA Referrals to Attorney General (SB 3156): Amends the Environmental Protection Act, within 30 days of any Compliance Commitment Agreement (CCA) taking or effect or is amended, the IEPA shall publish a copy of the executed CCA on their website. IEPA shall keep all CCA's entered on or after the effective date of this legislation.

Illinois Council on Women and Girls (HB 5544): Creates the Illinois Council on Women and Girls specifically dedicated to issues specific to women. Some issues including advancing civic participation, addressing legal protections and recourse of sexual harassment in the workplace, preventing and protecting women from domestic violence, promoting increased access to reproductive healthcare, and protecting transgender women.

Illinois Finance Authority Loan Expansion (SB 43): Authorizes the use of funds from the Industrial Project Insurance Fund, the Illinois Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund, and the Illinois Farmer and Agribusiness Loan Guarantee Fund, to be used to make direct loans or purchase loan participations under Sections 801-40i and 801-40(r) of the Illinois Finance Authority Act. The Illinois Finance Authority

believes this will allow the Authority to better utilize funds under its control to maximize the benefits for the State.

Illinois Fire Protection Training Act Update (SB 3304/PA 100-0600): Makes a variety of technical changes requested by the Illinois Office of the Fire Marshal to update terminology, definitions, and current practices. Changes the reimbursements for fire fighter training costs from prior fiscal year to prior calendar year. Updates terminology and definitions used in the statute that are technical in nature.

Illinois Home Grown Business Opportunity Act (SB 3285): Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop an economic plan to assist businesses and municipalities located next to the State border. Provides for specific strategies the economic plan shall include.

Illinois Innovation Board Additions (SB 3222): Adds two representatives to the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board who are appointed by the Governor. These representatives are to be from community-based organizations that provide or support competitive, integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.

Illinois Liquor Control Commission Reorg (SB 3022): Removes the ILCC from its reorganization under the Department of Revenue (DOR). The ILCC (along with other Boards and Commissions) was merged with the DOR by Governor Blagojevich under Executive Order 2003-9. Allows the Governor to appoint an Executive Director for the ILCC, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. Current law allows the Executive Director (listed as Secretary in statute) to be selected by the six



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Commissioners and Chairperson (Director of Revenue). Requires DOR to conduct quarterly audits of tax delinquency audits, as opposed to the current practice of monthly audits.

Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program (HB 4923): Makes changes thought to lead to better returns on the Trust Fund's investments by allowing for investment in conservative funds and establishing other investment strategies through analytical measures. Also establishes changes to audits on the program, which would be conducted on a fiscal year basis rather than calendar year so that information corresponds correctly.

Illinois State Police Scratch-off (HB 5513): Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, or as soon as is practical, creates a special instant scratch-off game to benefit Illinois State Police memorials. Requires that the net revenue from the game be deposited into the Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund.

Immigration Enforcement (SB 35): Requires the Attorney General to publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement as to state funded schools, state funded medical facilities, public libraries, driver's license facilities, and the courts. Mandates government agencies to purge any questions regarding citizenship or immigration status on their forms other than those required by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order within 60 days after the effective date of the Act.

Internal IDNR Management (HB 5686): Advances necessary amendments to outdated statutes to conform to Executive Order Number 1 (2017), which abolished the Historic Preservation Agency and transferred its powers,

and functions to the Department of Natural Resources.

Internet Based Economic Interest Statements (HB 4395): Provides that those who file Statements of Economic Interests at the local level with their county clerk, candidates will be able to file electronically, if electronic filing is available. For those who file Statements of Economic Interests at the State level with the Secretary of State, candidates will have to file on paper. The Ethics Officer for each caucus of the General Assembly will certify to the Secretary of State whether the members of that caucus will file electronically or on paper. The Secretary of State has not yet implemented electronic filing, but this will ensure that the ethics officers for each caucus have the opportunity to review SOEIs before filing as is required by statute.

ISP Facility Improvements (HB 128): Directs money owed to the State from any sale of the land to the Capital Development Board for improvements at Illinois State Police facilities.

Ivory Ban (HB 4843): Bans the import and sale of most ivory and ivory products in Illinois; exempts antique guns and knives that are over 100 years old, and also exempts musical instruments containing ivory that were produced before 1975. Allows the Department of Natural Resources to set rules for allowing the sale or transfer of ivory if it is for educational or scientific purposes.

Legislative Ethics Commission (HB 138/PA 100-0588): Calls for an independent search committee to determine candidates for the Legislative Inspector General role, with members of the committee to be composed of retired judges or former prosecutors.



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Additionally, the measure offers the option of hiring a full-time Legislative General, which until now has been a part-time position. A full-time LIG will increase accessibility and guarantee an LIG is available to quickly vet and act on all complaints filed with the office. Will also allow the Legislative Inspector General to begin an investigation into allegations of sexual harassment without first receiving approval of the Legislative Ethics Commission. However, at each Legislative Ethics Commission meeting, the LIG will inform the Commission of each investigation opened that involves allegations of sexual harassment. Requires enhanced reporting regarding the types of matters brought to both the Executive and Legislative Inspector Generals, as well as enhanced reporting by the Legislative Ethics Commission regarding the number of cases where the Legislative Ethics Commission does not publish reports and situations when the Legislative Ethics Commission refuses to allow an Inspector General to proceed with a complaint. Identifies appropriate processes for Legislative Ethics Commission Members to recuse themselves; authorizes the sharing of information about complaints and the investigation process with complainants; improves transparency with regard to allegations and investigations by violation category; and allows for the Legislative Ethics Commission to develop training on topics pertaining to sexual harassment, discrimination and workplace civility, which may be approved to meet the sexual harassment training requirement. Moreover, the bill addresses concerns with regard to the Executive Ethics Commission, authorizing the Executive Inspector General to develop and post online information about the complaint and investigation process, as well as identifying legal limitations on their ability to share information with a complainant or subject of an

investigation. Tackling issues of harassment inside the Statehouse, the legislation will also allow the Secretary of State Inspector General to enforce the prohibition on sexual harassment that is applicable to lobbyists, and provides for suspension or revocation of lobbyist registration for a sexual harassment violation.

LRB Revisory and Trailer Bill (SB 564): Makes various technical changes in various forfeiture provisions in the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act, the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Criminal Code of 2012, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act, and the Illinois Securities Law of 1953. The amendment also reorganizes the money laundering Article of the Criminal Code of 2012 but does not make substantive changes. Finally, the amendment adds some applicability provisions making the changes in Acts and laws by Public Act 100-0512 apply only to seizure of property on and after July 1, 2018. Some of this was inadvertently left out as Public Act 100-0512.

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board Term Limits (SB 427): Provides that a person may not be appointed more than three terms to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board (currently, two).

Monarch Butterfly Month (HB 4735): Designates the month of May as "Monarch Month" to be observed throughout the State as a month to honor the Monarch Butterfly. Declares the Fifth day of March of each year as the Day of the Horse, to be observed throughout the State as a day to encourage



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citizens to honor and celebrate the role of equines in the history and character of Illinois, and to recognize the benefits of the equine industry to the economy, agriculture, tourism, and quality of life in Illinois.

Non-Judicial Foreclosure (HB 2723): Amends the Conveyances Act. Inserts the non-judicial foreclosure provisions of the Timeshare Act that was repealed in its entirety by P.A. 100-534. Provides definitions that were previously included in the now repealed Timeshare Act. Defines "Timeshare instrument," "Timeshare interest," "Timeshare period," "Timeshare plan," and "Timeshare property."

Order of Protection Status (SB 2826): Updates the order of protection status under the Human Rights Act to reflect new types of protective orders that have been created over time.

PACE Bond Financing (SB 2773): Enables local units of government to permissively use IFA for bond financing of Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") projects on privately-owned commercial, industrial, non-residential, agricultural, or multi-family (of 5 or more units) real estate, lowering the costs of such projects and creating clean energy jobs across the State.

Parking Decal Application (SB 2285): Allows the Secretary of State to issue a one-time decal or device (valid for up to 6 months) to any non-resident of Illinois who is displaced due to a national disaster as declared by the federal government. As well as, proof of residency in Illinois and proof of disability must be provided to SOS, and individuals who do not have an ID number or driver's license number to use a valid ID number issued by a branch of the U.S. military or a federally issued Medicare or

Medicaid ID number to apply for a person with disabilities parking decal.

Peoria County Property Sale (HB 4319): Allows property previously transferred to Peoria County from the Department of Corrections to be sold. States that if Peoria County sells the property, 10 percent of the proceeds will be paid to the State of Illinois.

Pest Control Act Extension (SB 2864): Extends the repeal date of the Structural Pest Control Act from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2029.

Plain Language (SB 3139): Require use of "plain language" in legislation and public docs (where practicable) and revives the defunct Plain Language Task Force.

Prairie Wind Trail Land Transfer (SB 2520): Changes the date of accepting transfers of land associated with the Prairie Wind Trail Property by the Department of Natural Resources to December 31, 2018 from August 18, 2017. This gives one land owner adjacent to the Prairie Wind Trail Property an opportunity to send a request to receive consideration by IDNR to have some of the property deeded to them.

Procurement Notices (SB 1901): Removes the requirement that the Capital Development Board (CDB) is to use a request for proposals for construction management procurements, and replaces it with language that requires no less than a 14-day advance notice published in the Board's procurement bulletin setting forth the projects and services to be procured.

Procurement/EDGE Credit Sexual Harassment Policy (SB 405): Requires state contractors and bidders to file a copy of their sexual harassment



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policy with CMS. Requires taxpayers who claim an EDGE Tax Credit to file an annual report with DCEO detailing the taxpayer's sexual harassment policy. Adds language tying the new requirement into existing law to eliminate concerns from the Chief Procurement Officer/CMS/Secretary of State's Office.

Prohibits Appointment of Auxiliary State Policemen (SB 3263): Prohibits the Director of State Police from appointing auxiliary State policemen after the law goes into effect.

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (HB 1853): Allows the State of Illinois to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and sets forth the provisions of the Compact. Allows for telepsychological practice across state lines and temporary in-person services in which the psychologist is not licensed to practice psychology. Facilitates the exchange of information between Compact States regarding psychologist licensure, adverse actions, and disciplinary history.

Reconsideration of Abuse Findings (SB 3237): Authorizes a facility, victim or employee to request that the OIG reconsider abuse findings or recommendations. Provides that a request for reconsideration must be subject to a multi-layer review and must include at least one reviewer who did not participate in the investigation or approval of the original investigative report. Following the review process, the OIG must make the final determination on the reconsideration request. Requires the investigation to be reopened if the reconsideration determination finds that additional information is needed to complete the investigative record.

Repeals the Family Assistance Program (SB 2835): Repeals the statutory language for the Family Assistance Program (FAP). The last individual enrolled under the FAP aged out of the program on October 19, 2017. This was a GRF-funded cash stipend that was not eligible for federal matching dollars and the program is no longer accepting new applicants. These services are now being provided through the Children's Waiver with more comprehensive options and matching federal dollars.

Route 66 Centennial Commission (HB 66): Creates a 20 member Route 66 Centennial Commission to plan and coordinate commemorative events throughout the State to celebrate 100 years of Route 66.

SOS Omnibus (HB 5056): Advances various changes suggested by the Secretary of State to improve existing law and to clean up areas of the Illinois Vehicle Code: Provides that the owner of a junk vehicle is not required to surrender the vehicle's certificate of title under certain circumstances. Allows SOS to alternate numeric and alpha characters on specialty plates to increase the issuance of certain plates without redesigning/issuing plates. Permits funeral home plates to be personalized. States any first division vehicle that has a gross weight of 8,000 pounds or more and is used for commercial purpose shall be subject to inspection by IDOT.

State Employee Springfield Location (HB 4295): Requires the Director of CMS to direct the relocation of all State employment positions and direct all new State employment positions under the Personnel Code to Sangamon County, if those positions are not required by their nature or function to be located in a specific geographic area. Also, requires the Director to



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determine a geographic location for each State employment position and, if it is other than Sangamon County, the reason for it to be in that geographic location.

State Facility Workplace Violence Reports (SB 3075): Requires State Operated Facilities under DCFS, DHS and Corrections to submit quarterly reports regarding incidents of workplace violence. Specifies what must be included in the reports and the responsibility of the agencies to inform employees of reporting procedures.

State Fair Board of Advisors (SB 3072): Reduces the number of appointed members to the State Fair Board of Advisors to 15, down from 20. Changes the term for members from 2 years to 3 years. Staggers the terms of members so that only five members at a time are appointed each year.

State Hospital Residents ID (SB 2903): Requires the Secretary of State to issue a standard Illinois Identification card to a person upon conditional release or absolute discharge from the custody of DHS. If the individual has identifying documentation authorized by the Secretary of State (certified copy of his or her birth certificate, social security card, etc.), this legislation will allow IDHS to document the person's address after release in lieu of traditional required documentation, which an individual being released from a state hospital will not likely have. If the individual does not have identifying documentation, this legislation will allow IDHS to document the person's date of birth, social security number, and address after release for issuance of a temporary 90 day Illinois ID card.

State Vehicle Oil Changes (HB 4213): Requires any state-owned motor vehicle requiring

maintenance in the form of an oil change will have such maintenance performed according to the applicable CMS policy, which considers the manufacturer's suggested oil change frequency for that vehicle's particular make, model, and year. The Dept. of Revenue was cited in an audit for not completing oil changes on state vehicles every 3,000 to 5,000 miles even though modern vehicles can travel much longer between oil changes. This is an attempt to reduce costs by changing oil as recommended by the manufacturer.

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

Statutory Clean-up and Clarification (HB 5019): Advances clean-up and clarification language in statute regarding veterans reference, the naming of online database managed by the Comptroller and withholding requirements under federal law.

Task Force on State Contracting with Private Nonprofit Human Service Providers (SB 2662): Creates a legislative Task Force on State Contracting with Private Nonprofit Human Service Providers to study State contracting with private nonprofit human service providers and the challenges faced by those providers. Additionally, to develop recommendations on how to improve the contracting relationship and partnership between state departments and private nonprofit human service providers so they work effectively and efficiently.

Technology Development Account funds (SB 3205): Enables the State Treasurer to allocate up to 5 percent of the State Portfolio into the State's Technology Development Account for the purpose of providing capital to technology



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businesses seeking to locate, expand, or remain in Illinois. The Treasurer's office currently is authorized to allocate up to 3 percent into the TDA. The Treasurer may make investments from this account to help attract, assist, and retain quality technology businesses in Illinois.

Tourism Fund Extension (HB 4990): Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may make grants from the Tourism Promotion Fund until July 1, 2022. Currently, July 1, 2020. Also provides that a report by DCEO concerning convention center and sports facility grants must be provided electronically.

Tourism Funds (HB 4757): Provides that with regard to a grant program for local tourism and convention bureaus, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may reserve up to 3 percent (rather than 10 percent) of total local tourism funds available for costs of administering the program to conduct audits of grants, to provide incentive funds to those bureaus that will conduct promotional activities designed to further the Department's statewide advertising campaign, to fund special statewide promotional activities, and to fund promotional activities that support an increased use of the State's parks or historic sites.

Treasurer Administrative Charge (SB 2857): Allows the State Treasurer to charge an administrative charge for the investment and safekeeping of funds the Treasurer's office handles. This would lessen the dependence of the State Treasurer's Office on the General Revenue Fund.

Treasurer Business Owner Goals (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.

Treasurer Purchasing (SB 2921): Authorizes the State Treasurer to purchase real property located in the City of Springfield during FY 2019, which the Treasurer deems necessary to properly carry out the duties of the office. Authorizes the Treasurer to enter into contracts relating to construction, reconstruction, or renovation projects for such buildings or lands, as well as equipping, operating and maintaining the grounds, buildings, and facilities. Authorizes the Treasurer to enter into agreements regarding the use and occupancy of the grounds, buildings and facilities in accordance with the Treasurer's Procurement Rules and the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the authority of the Treasurer to purchase property is subject to the appropriation of necessary funds by the General Assembly. Adds the purposes for which State Pensions Funds may be used to include the acquisition of land and buildings for use by the State Treasurer's Office, as well as the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair and maintenance costs of such lands and buildings in FY 2019 and thereafter.

Treasurer Voucher Purchase (SB 2858): Allows the State Treasurer's Office to purchase vouchers held for payment by the Comptroller, thus becoming the "creditor" and receiving the interest penalty. The State would then pay the Treasurer's Office back for the voucher, plus interest under the Prompt Payment Act. The Treasurer's Office would receive a reduced interest amount of either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the Federal Funds Rate,



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or an "equivalent market established variable rate." The Comptroller and the Treasurer's Office are directed to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to establish which market variable rate to which the interest rate for the investments should be tied.

UED Budget Repeal (SB 2919): Repeals a Section requiring the Department of Revenue to submit an annual Unified Economic Development Budget to the General Assembly. Changes the reporting of the budget to the third preceding calendar years rather than each fiscal year.

Vendor Payment Program (SB 2585/PA 100-0590): Allows the State Treasurer's Office to become a qualified purchaser in the Vendor Payment Program. This would allow the Treasurer to purchase vouchers help for payment by the State thus becoming the "creditor" of sorts. The State would then pay the Treasurer's Office back for the voucher, plus interest under the Prompt Payment Act. The treasurer's Office would receive a reduced interest amount of 0.3% per month as opposed to 1% per month. Currently, CMS has control over the administration of the Vendor Payment Program; concerns were raised about ceding authority to other constitutional officers.

Vendor Prompt Payment (SB 3560): Codifies the Vendor Payment Program established under the Illinois Administrative Code. Provides that any contract executed under that Program prior to June 30, 2018 shall remain in effect until those contracts have expired, and that existing contracts shall comply with the additional reporting requirements of this amendatory Act. Sets forth criteria for information that CMS is required to collect for each person with a direct or indirect financial interest in a qualified

purchaser. CMS shall file the information with the Comptroller's Office and make it publicly available.

Youth Budget Commission (HB 5202): Creates the Youth Budget Commission with the goal of producing an annual youth first scan, which will be used to advise the Governor and the General Assembly, as well as State agencies, on ways to improve and expand existing policies, services, programs and opportunities for adolescents. The Commission is subject to appropriations.

Taxes, Fees, Credits, Revenue and Financial Institutions

Angel Investment Credit Cleanup (HB 5214): Makes changes concerning the Angel Investment Credit, and changes the definition of "applicant" and "related member" to clarify the people ineligible to receive credit under this program; specifically, more clearly excluding people with existing ownership interests. Also clarifies that "set-aside" credits that are not utilized within the first three quarters of the year may be utilized by investors in any eligible company beginning in the fourth calendar quarter, and also clarifies that all credits not claimed in the first three quarters may be "rolled over" to the final calendar quarter.

Banking Records (SB 3182): Corrects a discrepancy in the law in which banks are not permitted to charge for the time and effort their employees put into complying with such requests, so that banks can be reimbursed for the cost of data required to be produced pursuant to a subpoena, warrant, summons or other court order.

Bookkeeping Requirements (SB 3141): Provides that any person who fails to keep books and



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records or fails to produce books and records for examination by the IDOR is liable to pay to the Department a penalty of \$1,000 for the first failure and a penalty of \$3,000 for each subsequent failure. Adds protection language for tax-payers subject to the new penalties imposed for failure to keep books and records; provides that such penalties shall not apply if the taxpayer shows that they acted with ordinary business care and prudence.

Credit Union Revisions (HB 5497): Amends the Illinois Credit Union Act and makes numerous technical changes regarding Credit Unions, the following changes include: 1. Lowers the threshold for a law enforcement officer to access a credit union member's financial records without prior notice or consent. A supervisor or manager of a law enforcement authority can provide a 1 page letter stating the reason immediate access to the financial records is necessary. The letter doesn't need to be specific and uses the "reasonable suspicion" standard instead of "probable cause."

Debt Collection (SB 1246): Protects money held in the Illinois College Savings Pool and money invested in ABLE accounts by making them exempt from judgment, attachment or distress from rent. This enables people with disabilities to pay for medical expenses and other costs of living while paying down debt, and similarly protects 539 college savings accounts so kids still have access to college savings while their families pay down debt.

Fee Collection (SB 585): Provide uniformity to the various fees collected on tax sales and to clarify that fees are to be charged for subsequent taxes.

Financial Institution Definition (HB 4541):

Updates the definition of "Financial Institution" to now include savings banks and credit unions established under the laws of the United States, Illinois, or any other state, with the intent of making it clear that municipalities have the option to borrow from credit unions and savings banks, which will enable municipalities to have borrowing options that best suit their needs.

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.

Hunger Relief Fund Checkoff (SB 2868): Creates an income tax checkoff for contributions to the Hunger Relief Fund.

Income Tax Standard Exemption Amount

Formula (SB 1437): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Extends the current standard exemption amount formula ($\$2,050 + \text{CPI}$) to taxable years ending on or before December 31, 2023. If the current formula, first implemented for tax year 2013, is not extended, the exemption will roll-back to the flat \$2,000 rate that was active from 2000-2012.

Installment Sales Contract (SB 3392/PA 100-

0626): Updates the "installment sales contract" definition to state that "it doesn't include a financing arrangement that for religious or cultural reasons doesn't allow the imposition or collection of interest and that is offered by a person, partnership, association, limited liability



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company, or corporation doing business under and as permitted by any law of this State or the United States relating to banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions."

Life Care Facility Homestead Exemption (SB 3093): Provides that "Life care facilities" should be added to the provisions of the General Homestead Exemption, which would make the language consistent with the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption.

Limiting Liabilities (HB 5047): Amends the Presumptively Void Transfers Article of the Probate Act of 1975 and includes a civil union partner within the scope of the term "family member" and includes a transfer on death instrument within the scope of the term "transfer instrument." States that if the property in question is an interest in real property, a bona fide purchaser or mortgagee for value shall take the subject property free and clear of the action challenging the transfer instrument if the transfer to the bona fide purchaser or mortgagee for value occurs prior to the recordation of a lis pendens for an action challenging the transfer. Sets forth conditions under which a financial institution or similar entity is not liable for distributing or releasing property when the transfer is challenged. Liability does not attach for a transfer of property if the distribution occurs before the holder's registered agent receives notice that a complaint has been filed. Specifies that the notice must include a copy of the complaint.

Mining Sales Tax Exemption Extensions (HB 4415/PA 100-0594): Extends the exemption for coal and aggregate exploration, mining, off-highway hauling, processing, maintenance, and reclamation equipment sunsets on June 30,

2023 (currently, August 15, 2018). This exemption seeks to help Illinois mining companies compete on a level playing field with companies in other states. Every state surrounding IL has similar sales tax exemptions for mining equipment. Extending this exemption allows mining companies some certainty over future equipment costs, making IL a more attractive state to invest and grow jobs.

Oil and Gas Interest Receipts (HB 4920): Follows up to a previous statute with clarifying language to PA 100-0519, which adjusted how receipts from oil and gas interests are allocated when ownership is divided between a life tenant and a remainder beneficiary. HB 4920 makes technical corrections to certain definitional issues that could cause confusion on whether the changes applied to the correct type of ownership interest. The goal of this change is to reduce the accounting and tax reporting burdens on those who own legal life estates and remainder interests.

Property Tax Notices (SB 3085): Adds that a tax collector will no longer publish delinquent or forfeited property taxes for a property that is exempt from taxation under the Code.

Rivers Edge Redevelopment Zones (SB 3527/PA 100-0629): Creates an income tax credit equal to 25% of the qualified expenditures incurred by a qualified taxpayer undertaking a qualified rehabilitation plan of a structure that is located in Illinois and is defined as a certified historic structure—however, IDNR shall not issue more than \$15 million per year, and no more than \$3 million for a given rehabilitation plan. Provides that the taxpayer (much like the existing program) must apply to



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IDNR; makes the credit carry-forward for 10 years, allows for a five-year recapture period.

Spousal Transfer Wooded Acreage (SB 2274): Provides that a transfer between spouses does not disqualify wooded acreage from the provisions for the assessment of un-transferred wooded acreage.

State Banking Board (SB 748): Adds an “at large member” from a Savings bank to the State Banking Board. Provides for an alternative member from a Savings bank whose role is to attend a meeting if sitting member is unable to attend. Also repeals the Board of Savings Banks and the Residential Mortgage Board.

State Contract Funding (SB 2297): Allows a Rescue Squad District to levee a special tax for providing ambulance service at a max rate of .4 percent of the equalized assessed value, if it is approved by referendum. Fire protection districts were given this authority five years ago.

Urban Agriculture Zones (HB 3418): Allows municipalities to create urban agriculture zones and offer tax incentives to businesses associated with qualified agricultural products. Municipalities would also be allowed to authorize local utilities to offer wholesale or reduced rates for businesses in urban agriculture zones.

Veterans Homestead Exemption (SB 2306): Provides that the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities shall be prorated if the person qualifying for the exemption does not occupy the qualified residence as of January 1 of the taxable year.

Transportation, Infrastructure and Vehicular Regulation/Safety

Back-up Vehicular Lights (SB 2511): Provides that a back-up lamp equipped on a motor vehicle must emit a white or amber light without glare.

Cell Phone Ban Exemption (SB 3024): Adds a first responder in their personal vehicle en route to an emergency to the list of exemptions to the cell phone use while driving ban.

Child Support Driver’s License Suspension (HB 3920): Advances a penalty reduction for driving on a suspended or revoked driver’s license for failure to comply with an order to pay child support or to comply with a visitation order, as well as for unpaid parking tickets. Only after someone racks up three or more tickets without paying any fees associated with the citations will they be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor driving while suspended or revoked.

Covered Farm Vehicle Designation (SB 3241): Allows second division vehicles in the 8,000 lbs. or less category that are specialty plated to receive the Covered Farm Vehicle (CVF) designation on the vehicles registration card. Vehicle owners requesting to receive the CFV designation must pay an additional \$10 surcharge to receive the designation.

Desert Storm License Plate (SB 2225): Creates Operation Desert Shield/Storm license plates to be available to any Illinois resident who has earned the Southwest Asia Service Medal from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Emergency Vehicle Sirens (HB 5632): Requires that in Chicago an ambulance or rescue vehicle must operate a siren and lamp or lamps only



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when it is reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof while responding to an emergency call or transporting a patient who presents is in a need for immediate medical intervention. Also requires the Secretary of State to include information on the “Dutch Reach” method in their Rules of the Road publication. Also requires the Secretary of State to include questions concerning safe driving in the presence of bicycles in their question pool for the written portion of the driver’s license examination.

IDOT ID Special Permit Language Change (SB 3028): Removes language for the application for special permits (weight, height, length) from IDOT by paper. IDOT has moved to an electronic application system.

Intercity Rail Services (HB 5206): Allows the Illinois Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with any state, state agency, or units of local government (currently any neighboring state) for the purpose of leasing any locomotive, passenger rail cars, and other rolling stock equipment or accessories. Funds gained would be placed in an escrow account for future rail costs.

Multi-year Vehicle Registration (HB 4259): Allows the Secretary of State to offer owners of first and second division vehicles, under 8,000 pounds, the option to register their vehicle for one or two years, and trailers up to five years. The owner would pay a one-time fee based on the amount of years they choose.

Rules Of The Road (HB 5143): Requires the Secretary of State to include information on the “Dutch Reach” method in their Rules of the Road publication. The “Dutch Reach” method

involves checking the rear view mirror, checking the side-view mirror, then opening the door with the right hand. Also requires the Secretary of State to include questions concerning safe driving in the presence of bicycles in their question pool for the written portion of the driver’s license examination.

Tollway Agenda Posting (SB 2291): Requires the Tollway to post an agenda for each Board of Directors meeting on the Tollway’s website and at headquarters building at least two business days in advance of the meeting. Any agenda must set forth the general subject matter of any issue that will be the subject of final action and include specific details concerning contracts for projects more than \$100,000.

Tow Truck Plate Penalty (SB 3010): States that any person that does not attach a “tow truck” plate to the front and rear of their towing vehicle or attach a “tow truck” plate to a towed vehicle when required is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

Two-Year Restricted Permit (SB 3148): States that a restricted driving permit may be issued for two years rather than one year.

Vehicle Safety Test (HB 4944): Provides that property carrying vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds be subject to a safety test at an official testing station at least every 12 months, rather than six months.

Veteran and Military Affairs

Combat Action License Plates (HB 4576): Provides for the issuance of Combat Action Ribbon or Combat Action Badge license plates.



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Department of Military Affairs Omnibus (HB 3040): Advances an initiative of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs to clean-up language and modernize various aspects of the Military Code.

G.I. Bill of Rights Day (HB 4954): Provides that the 4th day of November of each year is designated as "G.I. Bill of Rights Day," to be observed throughout the State as a day in recognition of the landmark legislation that provided benefits to World War II veterans, and would serve as the basis of future legislation to extend benefits to all who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

Gold Star Family Day (SB 3192): Changes Gold Star Family Day designation to the day before Gold Star Mothers' Day (last Sunday in September) allowing for a Gold Star Weekend remembrance/observation.

Illinois Department of Military Affairs Capital Improvements (HB 4849): Intends to ensure that the IDMA is within full compliance of the Master Cooperative Construction Agreement and federal fiscal law as it pertains to the distribution of funds for the purposes of capital improvements and rehabilitation construction costs. Provides that all moneys received from the transfer or exchange of any realty under the control of the Department of Military Affairs, and all funds received from the federal government under terms of the federal Master Cooperative Agreement related to constructing and maintaining real property between the Department and the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for Illinois shall be deposited into the Illinois National Guard Construction Fund. States the moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively by the Adjutant General for rehabilitating existing facilities and

other capital improvements. Removes the provision that expenditures from the fund shall be subject to written release by the Governor.

Illinois National Guard Member Priority (HB 4288): Allows members of the National Guard from any state to be eligible for a veterans preference; however, Illinois National Guard members will be given priority over any other state.

Medical Records for Homeless Vets (HB 4848): Mandates that health-care facilities and practitioners provide a free copy of a homeless veteran's medical records if the records are being requested by either the veteran or an authorized person, entity, or organization for the purpose of supporting a claim for veterans' disability benefits.

Missing High Risk Military Person (HB 4212): Provides that the definition of "high-risk missing person" includes a person who is a veteran or active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who is believed to have a physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.

Provisional Educator Endorsement (SB 2658): Makes a provisional educator endorsement for service member or spouse good for three years.

Quincy Veterans' Home (HB 5683/PA 100-0608): Provides that if the Department of Veterans' Affairs purchases a nursing home in the city of Quincy for the purpose of housing veterans, then that housing will fall under the purview of the Department.



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Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation (SB 3128/PA 100-0610): Creates the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation Act. Provides that the CDB and the DVA may use design-build contracting in projects for the Quincy Veterans' Home. Includes procedures for small projects, and for the submission of proposals for the award of contracts. Provides that the State construction agency shall comply with federal regulations to remain eligible for federal aid for the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, or rebuilding of the Quincy Veterans' Home. The Office of the Governor, CDB, and IDVA must provide the General Assembly with un-redacted copies of all correspondence with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs related to securing funding for the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, or rebuilding of the Quincy Veterans' Home. Provides for the deposit and use of federal funds received as reimbursement for capital improvement project expenses. The Board may not impose fees for contracts awarded under the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act. Exempts procurements under the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act from certain provisions of the Code.

Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights (SB 3547): Consolidates all Illinois laws providing employment protections to Illinois service-members into one new Act to modernize state military service-member employment rights law to ensure existing protections are relevant to a modern operational reserve force with greater training requirements and routine participation in on-going military missions worldwide.

Service Members' Leases (HB 4317/PA 100-0616): Provides that if a service member who has entered into certain residential leases is

killed in action or while on active duty, then the immediate family or dependents of the service member may terminate the lease.

State Universities Civil Service Amendment (HB 3185/PA 100-0615): Removes duplicate language concerning examinations and allows for the waiver of examination requirements for additional positions. Also, provides that employees in positions covered by the State Universities Civil Service Act who, while in good standing, leave to engage in military service during a period of hostility shall be given credit for seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces.

Veteran ID Designation (HB 4332): Provides that, for purposes of issuing an identification card with a veteran designation, the acceptable forms of proof an applicant includes: a Department of Defense form DD-2 (Retired), an identification card issued under the federal Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015, or a United States Department of Veterans Affairs summary of benefits letter.

Veteran Volunteer Appreciation (SB 3191): Allows the Department of Veterans' Affairs to make expenditures from the Members benefits funds of Illinois Veterans' Homes for recognition and appreciation programs for volunteers who assist the Veterans' homes.

Veterans Home Report (HB 5784): Requires that the Department of Veterans' Affairs submit a biannual report to the General Assembly about the health and welfare of residents at the Veterans' Homes. The report shall include: the number and nature of complaints made by residents or their next of kin; information on any epidemic reported at a veterans home; the number and information on cases of



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communicable diseases. Effective July 2nd, 2018.

Veterans Home Spouse Admission (SB 3193):

Provides that a non-veteran spouse shall have the same priority as a veteran of admission to a veterans home if the spouse and his or her veteran spouse are admitted at the same time to live together at the veterans home.