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## Bills that passed the Senate May 2, 2018

**Immigration Safe Zones Act (SB 35):** Prohibits law enforcement from assisting federal immigration enforcement operations in or around schools, medical facilities, libraries, driver's license facilities, or courts.

**Workers' Rights (SB 2213):** Provides that a State agency may not amend their rules to be less stringent in its protection of workers' rights or safety than standards established under federal law in existence as of Jan. 1, 2017.

**Stolen Vehicles (SB 2339):** 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. If a minor is detained for vehicular hijacking, aggravated vehicular hijacking, or possession of a stolen motor vehicle, they must be taken before a judicial officer within 40 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and court-designated holidays, for a detention hearing to determine whether he or she shall be further held in custody. If the minor is held in detention the court can order a psychological evaluation to determine if the minor is a risk to himself, herself, or others.

**Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund (SB 2376):** Creates a new State Fund: the Cook County Water Infrastructure Fund. The fund is created 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.

**Expands Medicaid Dental Coverage to Preventive Services (SB 2429):** Requires by July 1, 2018, dental coverage to be provided to all adults eligible for Medicaid. Requires HFS to reimburse the adult preventive services at the rate set forth in the Memisovski v. Maram Consent decree for targeted dental services that are provided to children. Dental services must include diagnostic, preventive, corrective, periodontal disease treatment and carries disease treatment.

**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.

**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.

**Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act exemption (SB 2562):** Amends the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act. Adds an additional exemption to the Act allowing a law enforcement agency to use a drone to prepare for or monitor safety and security at a large-scale event if drone usage is limited to legitimate public safety purposes and the drone is not equipped with tear gas canisters, stun gun technology, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or fire a projectile from a drone.

**P.E. Mandate Waivers (SB 2572):** Requires students in grades K-12 to take P.E. for a



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minimum of 150 minutes per week (as opposed to a minimum of three days per five-day week).

**Gun Buyback Program for Retirees (SB 2640):**

Allows a retiring State Police Officer/SOS Police Officer, Investigator, 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.

**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.

**Fox Waterway Agency Property Transfer (SB 2696):**

Transfers several tracts of property from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to the Fox Waterway Agency for \$1.

**PACE Amendment (SB 2773):**

Amends the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (PACE), and 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 five or more units) real estate, lowering the costs of such projects and creating clean energy jobs across the State.

**Opioid Prescribing Training (SB 2777):**

Mandates that controlled-substances prescribers complete 10 hours of continuing education on safe opioid-prescribing practices prior to renewing their prescription registration.

**Health Benefit Card Statements (SB 2851):**

Amends the Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card Act to make changes to the definition of “health plan benefit” and strikes out current language that would exempt dental insurance from the definition. Provides benefit cards for health benefit plans offering dental coverage will include a statement explaining the plan is fully insured and subject to Illinois law.

**Department of Agriculture Program Repeals (SB 2875):**

Repeals a number of programs that are no longer functioning, and transfers the responsibility of some to other programs to make administering them easier for the Department. The programs effected include: Anhydrous Ammonia Security Grants Program, the Dairy Statistics Act, the Forever Green Illinois Program, the Illinois AgriFIRST Program Act of 2001, The Illinois Food, Farms, and Jobs Act, and the Local Food, Farms, Jobs Act Labeling & Certification Program and additionally repeals the Trichinosis Control Act.

**Tourism Promotion Fund (SB 2899):**

Reduces the amount of tourism funds that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and local tourism groups can reserve for administrative purposes from 10 to 3 percent.

**Long-Term Care Medicaid (SB 2913):**

Specifies that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall serve as the lead agency in expediting the eligibility-determination and enrollment process for Medicaid. Specifies that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, and the Department on Aging “take all necessary steps to” meet federal timeframes. These steps include the simplification of the financial eligibility verification process for patients who have had a full Medicaid case



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active for six or more months and who have not transferred assets within the past five years.

**Repeals UED Budget (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.

**Employer Pension Contributions (SB 2954):** Provides that if an employer fails to transmit required contributions to the pension system for more than 120 days after the payment of those contributions is due, the Board may certify to the State Comptroller the amount of those delinquent employer contributions and the State Comptroller shall deduct the certified amount from State funds to the employer and remit the amount deducted to the system.

**Brewers/Winemakers Product Sales (SB 2970):** Allows wine makers and brewers to sell their own products and other brewer's products in their taprooms. (Currently, a taproom can only sell the wine or beer that they manufacture).

**Grants for Schools Instructing Manufacturing Trades (SB 3033):** 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. This bill also lowers the maximum number of community colleges needed to support the application for grants. In addition, it modifies the term "industrial development agency" to include local school districts and community colleges.

**State Insurance – Enrollment (SB 3046):** Provides that on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act, eligible TRS benefit recipients, TRS dependent beneficiaries,

community college benefit recipients, and community college dependent beneficiaries may elect not to participate in the program of health benefits under the Act.

**IEPA Referrals to Attorney General (SB 3156):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act, this forces the IEPA to refer violations to the Attorney General's Office and State's Attorney, even if the IEPA is negotiating an agreement with the violator which may resolve the issue. Strips many due process provisions that allow an alleged violator to resolve the matter with the IEPA.

**LGBT History Curriculum Mandate (SB 3249):** Mandates LGBT history instruction, LGBT curriculum and non-discriminatory and accurate textbooks. As well as, provides that textbooks authorized under the textbook block grant program must be non-discriminatory as to any characteristics under the Illinois Human Rights Act and must include the roles and contributions of all people under the Illinois Human Rights Act.

**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.

**Notary Public SOS Investigation (SB 3443):** Amends the Illinois Notary Public Act so 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



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their notary public seal to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

**CILA Fire Inspection Mandate (SB 3535):**

Requires the State Fire Marshall to provide necessary fire inspections to comply with licensing requirements. 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.

**Transferring Property to Bensenville (SB 3543):**

Transfers 12 acres of property from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to the Village of Bensenville. Also, includes approximate acreage and requires that fair market value be paid for the land.

**Government Severance Pay Act (SB 3604):**

Creates the Government Severance Pay Act and sets severance pay conditions for government employees. The intent is to prevent “golden parachute” scenarios that have received significant media and public attention in recent years when outgoing government employees receive costly severance packages in exchange for leaving their position early.