

Senate Committee Action February 6, 2018

Education

Electronic Waiver Notification (SB 650):

Provides that applicants for mandate waivers can notify the interested parties of their intent to seek the waiver or modification electronically or in writing.

Judiciary

Epi-Pen Physician Liability (SB 2226): Amends the State Police and the Illinois Police Training Acts, and creates no civil or professional liability for physicians who provide standing prescriptions of epi-pens to police departments.

Common School Land Sales (SB 2246): Allows township commissioners or trustees of schools that have title to school land to sell that land to a government entity by resolution. The resolution will include that the land is surplus, a description of the land, and the terms of the sale. Also, allows a purchaser of common school lands to obtain a copy of a certificate of purchase or patent by filing appropriate affidavit with the Secretary of State or the county superintendent.

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.

Public Health

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 January 1, 2020, or within 6 months of the Department of Public Health developing the test and acquiring the necessary equipment.

Smoking Age to 21 (SB 2332): This legislation would set the legal age to buy or use tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products at 21 years of age.