

## Senate Committee Action May 3, 2017

### Local Government

**Library Financial Statements (HB 373):** Requires local library financial statements submitted to municipalities that provide the necessary amount to levy for the next fiscal year be submitted to the municipality 60 days before the tax is to be certified under the Property Tax Code.

**Firefighter Certificate (HB 616):** Standardizes appointment procedures between the three different entities in Illinois that hire firefighters: Fire protection districts, Civil Service Commissions, and Boards of Fire and Police Commissioners, by providing that firefighters selected from a register of eligible candidates would be awarded with a certificate of appointment upon the day of their swearing-in. Also provides that firefighters who were not awarded a certificate when originally appointed, would be able to obtain one by making a written request to the chairperson of their board of fire and police commissioners. Upon receipt of this written request, a certificate is to be awarded within 10 days.

**Park District Board (HB 776):** Provides that if a proposition to reduce a park district board from seven to five members is approved by referendum, the number of board members elected at the next election that is to be held at least 60 days after the date of approval is reduced by two.

**Dry Hydrant (HB 2382):** Defines "dry hydrant" as a fire hydrant that is installed to provide access to water from a lake, pond, or other body of water rather than water from a public or private water supply system.

**Tree Maintenance Products (HB 2423):** Gives a township road district the ability to deliver wood chips, mulch and other products resulting from tree maintenance by the district to district residents. Requires the district to provide adequate notice to the resident receiving such products.

**Township Brush Recycling (HB 2427):** Provides that a township may provide for the collection, transport, disposal, and recycling of brush, wood chips, and leaves within the unincorporated areas

of the township by ordinance without referendum approval.

**Notice Requirements (HB 2585):** Gives local governments and school districts the ability to use a secular newspaper having general circulation within that government and school district in complying with notice requirements.

**Fraudulent Filings (HB 3150):** Removes the June 1, 2018, repeal date of a law that gives counties the ability to establish procedures for investigating fraudulent filings.

**Joliet Port District (HB 3536):** Provides that at least one of the Governor's appointments and one of Will County's appointments for the Joliet Port District are to be residents of Romeoville.

**CJIA Inventory (HB 3879):** Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority may conduct an inventory of law enforcement agencies, county sheriff's offices, clerks of the circuit court, or circuit clerks in Illinois that operate using a predominately paper system.

**Stormwater Commissions (SB 1337):** Allows all counties to set up stormwater commissions. As well as, provides that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is to emphasize the use of cost effective solutions to water-quality problems. In addition to, that a stormwater management planning committee may make grants to units of local government, non-profit organizations, and landowners if certain conditions are met, and allow all Illinois counties to set up stormwater commissions that can adopt plans and ordinances, as well have have access to a fee schedule and a 2% of EAV property tax levy.

**Redevelopment Projects (SB 1415):** Changes the Tax Increment Funding Allocation Redevelopment Act within the Municipal Code. Also, removes "operating costs" from the definition of "redevelopment project costs" so that only capital costs are eligible for reimbursement.

**Public Notice Modernization (SB 2032):** Allows a school district or unit of local government to post certain required information on its website or data.illinois.gov instead of a local newspaper. Also, provides that before January 1, 2021 a school district

or unit of local government that publishes information on its website must post a notice in the newspaper or newspapers that is to provide the website address where all notice, agenda, or other information may be found.

## **Financial Institutions**

### **IL Student Assistance Commission (SB 1351):**

Creates the Student Loan Servicing Rights Act, and provides a student loan bill of rights includes provisions concerning payment processing, fees, billing statements, payment histories, specialized assistance for student loan borrowers, disclosures related to discharge and cancellation, income-driven repayment plan certifications. As well as, information to be provided to private education loan borrowers, cosigner releases, requirements related to the transfer of servicing, and requests for assistance, account dispute resolution, and appeals.

## **Labor**

### **Labor Relations-Stay on Appeal (HB 622):**

Establishes that the filing of an appeal in the Appellate Court to obtain judicial review of an order of the Illinois Labor Relations Board will not automatically stop the enforcement of the Board's order. Rather, the aggrieved party may apply for a stay after providing notice to the Board and the prevailing parties, and the Appellate Court may grant a stay after the aggrieved party makes a showing of good cause.

**Volunteer EMS/Firefighters (SB 1895):** Provides that volunteer emergency workers may respond to emergency phone calls or text messages so long as they're acting in their capacity as a volunteer emergency worker.

## **Government Reform**

### **Eliminates Township Collector in Sangamon**

**County (HB 3521):** Changes the Township Code to eliminate the township collector positions in all of Sangamon County beginning January 1, 2022.

## **State Government**

**Rounded Salaries in Comptroller Disclosures for State Employees (HB 623):** Specifies that

employees' salaries disclosed in the Comptroller's Annual Report shall be rounded to the nearest hundredth dollar. Requires the "Online Ledger" to be rounded to the nearest hundredth dollar for any previous year or monthly salary. Permits the Comptroller to list the unadjusted total salary amount paid to an employee for any previous year prior the rounded salary.

### **Cybersecurity Training for DoIT (HB 2371):**

Requires State employees under the Governor to annually undergo training by the Department of Innovation and Technology concerning cybersecurity, which includes phishing scams, spyware infections and identity theft, preventing and responding to data breaches.

**Fiscal Impact Statement Act (HB 2379):** Creates the Fiscal Impact Statement Act. a fiscal impact statement shall be filed for every executive order. Provides that the fiscal impact statement must contain a reliable estimate of changes in State expenditures or revenues due to the executive order. Provides for the filing and publication of the fiscal impact statement.

**State Fire Marshal Grants (HB 2551):** Permits the Office of the State Fire Marshal to administer any grants (previously only General Revenue Fund grants) to areas not located in a fire protection district or in a municipality which provides fire protection services, to cover the organizational expenses of forming a fire protection district. Allows the Office of the State Fire Marshal to appropriate funds for reimbursing members of the Committee instead of the Office of the Governor.

### **Emergency Services Loan Funds (HB 3108):**

Changes the Illinois Finance Authority Act and makes technical changes in sections about the fire truck revolving loan program, the fire station revolving loan program, and the ambulance revolving loan program. Also, provides that repayments of loans made under those programs (and interest made) may be retained by the Authority and used for the purposes for which they are authorized to be used.

**State Prompt Payment Act- Youth Services (HB 3143):** Expands Prompt Payment to cover a variety of youth services provided by a vendor

under a contractual grant agreement. The agreement would state the following:

- qualify on behalf of the state by virtue of an appropriation from the General Assembly for payment from state funds;
- receive interest for late payments.
- seek alternative financing options when the state is unable to provide timely payment. This allows Boards of Directors and financial lenders confidence in fulfilling their respective fiduciary responsibilities in decisions related to investment, borrowing, refinancing, extending lines of credit, managing liabilities, agency growth and restructuring plans, etc.

**Special Needs Services Expenses to the College Savings Pool (HB 3179):** Adds a section to the "qualified expenses" College Savings Pool for: expenses for special needs services, in the case of a special needs beneficiary, that are acquired because of enrollment or attendance; certain expenses for the purchase of computer or peripheral equipment, computer software, or internet access and related services.

**State Historical Library Clean-Up (HB 3234):** Modernizes the State Historical Library Act to reflect current preservation practices of historical records by removing references to specific photographic technologies.

**Adopt-a-Trail Program (HB 3455):** Creates the Adopt-A-Trail Program. The Department shall establish and maintain Adopt-A-Trail programs with individual or group volunteers in an effort to reduce and remove litter from trails and to provide other services. Programs available: Spring cleanups, accessibility projects, special events, trail maintenance, enhancement, or realignment, public information and assistance, training.

**State Agency Report- Security Breaches & Computer Tampering (SB 707):** Requires that any State agency that has been subject to a single breach or aggravated computer tampering to the security of its data to submit a comprehensive report to both the Attorney General and the General Assembly to disclose in specified ways any breach of the security of the system or data

following discovery or notification of the security breach.

**Free Translation Tool (SB 1869):** States that the Legislative Information System (LIS) will use a free translation tool to enable translation into multiple languages the information made available to the public through the Illinois General Assembly website.

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Day (SR 352):** Designates May 10, 2017 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and its work.

**Bluebird Project Day (SR 427):** Declare May 4, 2017 as "Bluebird Project Day" in the State of Illinois. Urges other schools to follow the efforts demonstrated by these students in doing similar efforts to strengthen and unify communities, beautify the environment, and build camaraderie across the State of Illinois. Suitable copies of this resolution will be delivered to Pontiac Township High School, Tri-Point High School, Prairie Central Grade School, Prairie Central High School, and Heartland Community College.

## Executive

**Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (IAPA) (HB 3222):** Changes the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (IAPA) making the following changes to JCAR operations:

- Amends the definition of "Rule" to include the prescription of standardized forms.
- Refines the definition of "emergency rule" to disallow the use of emergency rulemaking due to an avoidable administrative failure to properly enact a rule in accordance with statutory requirements. (Currently, An "emergency" means the existence of any situation that the agency finds reasonably constitutes a threat to the public interest, safety, or welfare)
- Rewrites the section of the Act that covers JCAR's scrutiny of existing and actively-enforced Illinois administrative rules. Amends the statute to mandate, in its place, that the Joint Committee evaluate

rules at its own discretion. (Under existing law, the Joint Committee is mandated to evaluate the rules of each State agency at least once every five years.)

**FOID Card to Possess Tannerite (SB 315):**

Requires a FOID Card to possess "pre-packaged explosive components" such as tannerite (a binary exploding compound that is placed on targets and explodes when hit by a bullet). In addition to, deletes requirement that the State Police run a background check before someone can purchase tannerite, and keeps a provision that makes it a Class 4 felony to sell "pre-packaged explosive components" such as tannerite to someone without a FOID card.

**County Clerk Board of Election Commissioners (SB 1592):** Allows counties to create a board of election commissioners within the office of the county clerk, and exempts existing city election boards from this bill.

**Automatic Voter Registration (SB 1933):**

Establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration for the Secretary of State's Office: 1. Application for Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State; and 2. Application for Non-Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State; This bill also establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration Agencies: 1. Application for a license, permit, program or service provided by a designated Automatic Voter Registration agency that collects or cross-references reliable personal information indicating citizenship status; and 2. Application for a license, permit, program or service provided by a designated Automatic Voter Registration agency that DOES NOT collect or cross-reference reliable personal information indicating citizenship status. This bill includes the Department of Human Services, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, The Department of Employment Security, The Department on Aging in the definition of "Designated Automatic Voter Registration Agency."

**Licensed Activities and Pensions**

**MWRD Annuitants (HB 164):** Opens a one-year window in Municipal Water Reclamation District that would allow certain annuitants who received a refund of contributions in lieu of a survivor benefit to repurchase those survivors benefits, with added interest, from the fund.

**State Universities Pensions (HB 299):** Concerning return to work by an affected annuitant, this measure provides that a person who becomes or remains an affected annuitant, except for any period on or after the effective date of the act except for any period on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act during which an annuitant received an annualized retirement annuity that is less than \$10,000.

**Firefighter Pensions (HB 618):** Amends the Illinois Pension Code to allow an active firefighter to transfer up to six years of police service into the fund.

**Roofing Industry Licensing Act Changes (HB 732):**

Allows an employee to perform roofing or waterproofing work to his or her employer's residential property without a roofing contractor license, if an employer-employee relationship exists. Limits an employee to only being able to perform roof repair (rather than roofing) or waterproofing work to his or her employer's commercial or industrial property without a roofing contractor license, if an employer-employee relationship exists.

**IMRF Changes (HB 815):** Allows certain police officers and firefighters who participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to participate in a more generous pension package reserved for some law enforcement officers (SLEP) in IMRF upon approval of the employing municipality.

**Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act Changes (HB 1772):**

Moves a requirement that an applicant must submit certification issued by the Illinois State Police that the applicant's fingerprinting software and equipment meets State Police specifications from the "fingerprint vendors" section to the "fingerprint vendor agencies" section of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act.

**Deaf Licensure Act Sunset Elimination (HB 1811):**

Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to remove the Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007 from the list of licensing Acts to be repealed on January 1, 2018, meaning that the act would no longer need to be extended and would function in perpetuity.

**Civil Administrative Code Technical Changes (HB 2408):**

Makes various technical changes aimed at aligning the Civil Administrative Code with various other Acts regarding IDFPR's e-license initiative as well as standardizing technology.

**SERS Clean Up (HB 2496):** Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code to make several technical corrections, clean-up language, and other substantive requests regarding disability application timelines of SERS.

**Injured Police Dogs (HB 2661):** Makes changes to the EMS Systems Act to allow emergency medical professionals to transport police dogs injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, so long as there are no persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time.

**Licensing Modernization (HB 2783):** Amends the Collection Agency Act to allow for the use of a third party, multi-state licensing system to modernize the process for collection agencies that are licensed through the state of Illinois.

**IMRF Board (HB 2966):** Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code to update the qualifications for the Board of Trustees to ensure that board candidates are vested, regardless of the tier in which they participate. Makes additional changes to correct incorrect terminology referenced in the accelerated payment statute.

**Land Surveyor Act Changes (HB 3322):** Changes references to "Land Surveyor-in-Training" to "Surveyor Intern" and makes conforming changes throughout the Act and makes changes concerning the practices that constitute the practice of land surveying. Also, provides that IDFPR shall issue a license to a person who is a graduate of an approved land surveying curriculum of at least four years who has passed

an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule, or is a graduate of a baccalaureate curriculum but has met certain requirements and passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule. As well as, makes changes to the minimum standards for enrollment as a Surveyor Intern.

**Home Medical Equipment and Services Provider License Act Changes (HB 3450):**

Extends the repeal of the Home Medical Equipment and Services Provider License Act to January 1, 2028, adds the definition of "email address of record" and allows IDFPR to send licensure information through either email or traditional mail. Additionally, states that IDFPR may consult with the board in adopting rules and clarifies provision related to board member compensation to allow members to be paid for his or her related expenses while engaged in the performance of their duties. Also, allows applicants to apply for licensure electronically and clarifies language related to findings and recommendations by the Secretary of the Department after a hearing on discipline of a licensee. Makes changes to clarify that board members shall be indemnified by the State for any actions occurring within their scope of services on the board. Adds new provisions regarding IDFPR's role in certifying a record to any court in a judicial review on behalf of the plaintiff and new provisions regarding confidentiality of applicant information.

**Podiatric Medical Practice Act Changes (HB 3452):**

Extends the repeal of the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987 to January 1, 2028. Adds the definition of "email address of record" and allows IDFPR to send licensure information through either email or traditional mail. Additionally, states that IDFPR may consult with the board in adopting rules and clarifies provision related to board member compensation to allow members to be paid for his or her related expenses while engaged in the performance of their duties. Also, allows applicants to apply for licensure electronically and adds new provisions regarding confidentiality of applicant information.

**Prescription Monitoring (SB 1607):** Provides that before issuing a prescription for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance, a prescriber or his or her designee shall access the prescription

monitoring program to determine compliance. Requires the prescription monitoring program to issue reports to the prescribing authority of potential "doctor shopping." Requires all electronic medical data available to interface with the prescription monitoring program by January 1, 2021.

**Animal Welfare (SB 1882):** Provides for the strongest statewide pet sourcing standard for Illinois while maintaining local control. Prohibits pet stores from acquiring dogs and cats from sources not licensed by the USDA. Requires pet stores to get copies of breeder inspection reports prior to purchasing a dog or cat from that breeder, and requires them to microchip all dogs sold.

## Insurance

**Credit Insurance Policies (HB 759):** Clarifies that financial institutions and their employees do not need to be licensed to enroll borrowers in credit insurance policies they market. As well as, provide that a financial institution performing enrollment and/or other administrative services for its group credit insurance policies or program shall be deemed in compliance with Section 500-20.

**State Group Health Adoption Definition (HB 817):** Defines the term "placement for adoption" under the Act, and for the purpose of "dependent" when that term is used in the context of the health and life plan. Makes conforming changes. Provides employer MAY make a Health Saving Account available to their employee. Removes language mandating amount employer must match.

**Vehicle Insurance Requirement (HB 3874):** Reinforces that no person shall operate, register, or maintain registration of a motor vehicle in this State unless the motor vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

## Revenue

**Cook County Applications for Judgement and Tax Sales (HB 155):** Extend the application for judgment and order of sale for taxes from 90 days after the second installment is due to May 1st. Also, provides the deadline for applications for judgment and order of sale will be April 1st of the next calendar year.

**TIF Extension (HB 465):** Creates a TIF extension to 35 years for the Village of Pearl City.

**Fire Protection District Special Tax (HB 743):** Provides clarity to the section regarding levying a special tax for the purposes of obtaining funds to pay for the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment.

**Definition of "Wooded Acreage" (HB 2813):** Makes changes to the definition of "wooded acreage."

**Homestead Exemptions in Cook County (SB 473):** Increases the exemption amounts of several homestead exemptions for Cook County only. Increases the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption in Cook County to \$8,000 for taxable years 2017 and after. The current exemption amount is \$5,000 in ALL counties. Provides to increase the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption maximum income limitation amount to \$65,000 (currently \$55,000) for taxable years 2017 and after, for all counties. Also provides the exemption amount, in Cook County, will be the greater of the amount calculated as provided in statute, or \$2,000. Increases the General Homestead Exemption amount to \$10,000 in Cook County for taxable years 2017 and after. The current exemption is \$6,000 for ALL counties.

**DuPage Hotel Tax Revenue Usage (SB 700):** States that at least 75% of revenue from the municipal hotel operator's tax in DuPage County municipalities is to be spent to promote tourism and conventions within the respective municipality. Would only apply during calendar year 2018 if passed by June 30th.

**Film Production and Live Theatre Tax Credit (SB 852):** Extends the Film Production and Live Theater tax credit programs until January 1, 2027.

**Levy Abatements (SB 1072):** Requires levy abatements to be included on tax bills.

**IDOR Technical Omnibus (SB 1285):** Provides if a taxpayer overpays on his or her return, the taxpayer may credit the excess payment for the following years or transfer the credit to a similar taxpayer under the act. Also, removes the

electronic posting mandate for the final and tentative multipliers.

**Rental Purchase Agreement and Occupation and Use Tax (SB 1434):** Provides a tax will be imposed at the rate of 6.25% on businesses engaged in renting merchandise under a rental-purchase agreement. Also provides a tax will be imposed at the rate of 6.25% on the privilege of using merchandise that is rented from a merchant.

**PACE Financing Districts (SB 1700):** Provides for communities to create PACE financing districts, so that commercial and industrial property owners within those districts can voluntarily pay for clean energy improvements through an assessment on their property.

**Privilege Tax (SB 1719):** Imposes a privilege tax on businesses providing investment management services.

**River Edge Program Tax Credit (SB 1783):** Extends the tax credit awarded for the restoration and preservation of historic structures in a River Edge Redevelopment Zone through January 1, 2022. The credits' sunset date is currently January 1, 2018.

**Angel Investment Credit (SB 2012):** Provides an extension for the angel investment credit until December 31, 2021. Makes several changes to the credit including creating a minimum investment threshold, changing reporting requirements, earmarking amounts to be awarded to female, minority, persons with a disability owned businesses, or businesses located in smaller counties.