

Senate Committee Action May 30, 2017

Criminal Law

Law Enforcement Sexual Assault (HB 270):

Provides that allegations of sexual assault by a police officer while performing his or her duties shall immediately be reported to the police officer's supervisory or command personnel and an independent law enforcement agency.

Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting (HB 303):

Reforms the 3 most commonly used forfeiture laws: the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act, Article 36 of the Criminal Code, and Article 29B of the Criminal Code (money laundering).

Early parole for under 21 offenders (HB 531):

Creates a mid-sentence parole consideration system with the Prisoner Review Board for inmates who were 20 or under at the time of the commission of the offense and were given lengthy sentences.

Repeat gun offenders (SB 1722): Combines elements of the City of Chicago's "mandatory minimum" firearms bill and drug penalty reductions based on recommendations of the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform.

Education

Adult Learner Diploma (HB 2527): Amends the School Code creating a program approval process for adult learners to earn a high school diploma.

Elected Chicago School Board (HB 1774): Provides for an elected Chicago School Board.

Deny Enrollment-Truant (HB 3784): Deletes language referring to schools being able to deny enrollment to students aged 17 or older based upon grade point average. Provides that truant minors cannot receive punitive action that includes out of school suspensions, expulsions, or court action for truancy unless support services have been provided to the student. Provides for when the school can expel a truant minor for truancy.

Accelerated Placement (SB 1223): Requires school districts to have a policy that allows for accelerated placement. Sets forth both required and optional components of the policy. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to determine data to be collected regarding accelerated placement and a method of making the information available to the public. Defines "accelerated placement".

Executive

Per Diems, COLAS (HB 643): Establishes the fiscal year 2018 mileage reimbursement rate and allowance for lodging and meals to be \$111 per day and mileage for automobile travel to be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.39 per mile. (Same as FY2012 settings) Beginning July 1, 2017, eliminates the FY18 COLA for members of the General Assembly, State's Attorneys (excluding county supplements), elected executive branch constitutional officers, and certain appointed agency employees (example - directors and deputy directors).

Procurement Practices (SB 8): The goal is continue the ongoing effort to eliminate barriers to vendor participation, competition, cost savings, and efficient procurement practices. Also, SFA 5 makes the bill no longer connected to any other pieces of the "Grand Bargain."

Illinois Complete Count Commission Act (SB 100):

Provides that the Secretary of State is chair of the commission (instead of the Governor and Mayor of Chicago both co-chairing the commission) Further increases the Secretary of State's role in appointing members and administering the commission and reduces the Governor's role. FA#1: Creates the Illinois Complete Count Commission Act. Creates the 26 member Illinois Complete Count Commission to develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy that encourages full participation in the 2020 federal census.

Automatic Voter Registration (SB 1933): This bill establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration for the Secretary of State's Office. Application for Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State; and Application for Non-Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State;

Under the proposal, people will automatically be registered to vote when they visit secretary of state's offices and several other state agencies. People must meet certain conditions and are allowed to opt out. Proponents say it will modernize the state's voter registration system and increase participation in elections.

Gaming

Fantasy and Internet Gaming (SB 208): Creates the Fantasy Sports Contest Act & Creates the Internet Gaming Act to regulate paid fantasy games and internet gaming.

Maximum Bets and Payouts (SB 209): Makes changes to the Video Gaming Act as follows: Changes the maximum bet from \$2 to \$4; Changes the maximum payout from \$500 to \$1,199; Prohibits any cash award for the maximum wager on a jackpot, progressive or otherwise from exceeding \$10,000.

Licensed Activities and Pensions

IMRF Pension Code Changes (SB 701): States that compensation for automobile use cannot be used as pensionable Salary. Only applies to new participants in these 3 Funds. Requires an employer to pay the present value of the increase in pension resulting from an increase in earnings greater than 6% or 1.5 times the increase in the consumer price index for any of the 12-month periods used to determine final rate of earnings, excludes earnings increases resulting from payments for unused vacation time, but only for payments for unused vacation time made in the final 3 months of the final rate of earnings period.

Clinical Social Work Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 768): Extends the regulatory sunset date for the Clinical Social Work Practice Act to January 1, 2028. Provides for language updates to match current practice and creates conformity with other practice Acts that the Department administers. Clarifies that all provisions administered by the Department are subject to the provisions in the Clinical Social Work Practice Act.

Acupuncture – Dry Needling (SB 898): It clarifies the conditions under which properly educated and

trained physical therapists may perform dry needling procedures. To the benefit of Illinois consumers, the use of micro-filament needles by properly trained physical therapists using dry needling techniques will be within their treatment modality.

Accountants Equivalency (SB 899): Eases restrictions currently in place on CPA firms that practice within Illinois, but have a principal that is not located within the state. Provides for the appointment of a CPA Coordinator and lays out the duties and responsibilities of the position. Also provides that a CPA firm or sole practitioner shall comply with Department rules and notify the peer review administrator within 30 days of accepting an engagement for services requiring a license and to undergo peer review within 18 months after the end of the period covered by the engagement.

Licensing on Criminal Convictions (SB 1688): Requires license applications to provide the same clarification about applicant's not being obligated to report sealed conviction as currently required of employment application. It clarifies current law and policy on the use of criminal records for occupational licensure. When met with an applicant with a prior conviction, it requires agencies to consider a number of factors to determine if the prior conviction will impair the applicant's ability to engage in the licensed position. In the event of a denial based on a prior conviction, it requires agencies to provide a written notice identify the convictions that formed the basis of the denial and a summary of the appeal process or the latest that an applicant may apply. It creates a data tracking requirement for all agencies but one. It expands an existing remedy for disciplinary records of IDFP's enforcement actions to include an actions for which the underlying basis was a conviction antedating licensed practice, arrest or convictions that were expunged, sealed or dismissed or convictions or arrests unrelated to or not arising from the licensed practice.

Telehealth Act (SB 1811): Creates the Telehealth Act which authorizes licensed health care professionals in Illinois to practice telehealth services. Clarifies that telehealth services are limited to the professional's scope of practice under their license, and that telehealth services are to be provided under the same standard of care as in person services. Additionally, amends the Medical Practice Act to clarify that telemedicine (telehealth) can be practiced in the state

of Illinois and clarifies that physicians can provide services to existing patients while either the physician or patient are traveling. Broadens definitions to include mental health professionals and changes telehealth definition of telehealth to ensure continuity with the Insurance Code.

Public Health

New Birth Certificates for Gender Transition (HB 1785): Provides changes concerning the issuance of new birth certificates for those who have undergone gender transition treatment.

Admission Documents in MEDI (SB 1544): Requires long term care facilities to submit new admission documents through the Medical Electronic Data Interchange (MEDI) or the Recipient Eligibility Verification System (REVI) or directly to the Department of Human Services within 45 calendar days (Rather than 15 days) of the facility receiving the applicant's required prescreening information.

State Government

Removal of School Bus Signs Post-Sale (HB 3293): Provides that whenever a school district or religious organization, or a school bus vendor or school bus company with a main source of income from contracting with a school district or religious organization for transportation services in connection with the school district or religious organization, must discard a school bus through sale or donation to an individual or entity. The individual or entity shall immediately remove, cover or conceal the "SCHOOL BUS" signs, flashing lights, and paint the bus a different color.

Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship (SB 1029): Creates a program allowing for nonprofit land conservation organizations to apply for grants for land stewardship. Grant program draws out of the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund and can only be used for eligible lands.