

Senate Floor Action for May 10, 2017

Local Government Agreements (SB 10): Allows local governments to enter into agreements with their lenders, so the state can pay the local government's pledged revenues and tax receipts directly to their lenders, to avoid default on loans. Will go into effect if and only if the entire budget reform package of bills is passed and signed into law.

Local Government Debt (SB 41): Allows local governments to enter into agreements with their lenders, so the state can pay the local government's pledged revenues and tax receipts directly to their lenders, to avoid default on loans. Not tied to the passage of other bills in the budget reform package.

Minority Business Act (SB 262): Adds new language to The Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Adds new reports needed to be submitted by vendors, including diversity reports. Requires the report for all vendors under penalty of losing State contracts for one year. Allows for an appeal process. Requires State agencies and higher education institutions to review all current contracts looking at diversity. Creates a utilization plan to be submitted by vendors certified under BEP to demonstrate how they have met their diversity goals.

Deaf Interpreter Licensure (SB 325): Extends the sunset date for the Interpreter of the Deaf Licensure Act for 10 years, from Jan. 1, 2018, to Jan. 1, 2028.

Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund (SB 518): Establishes that \$2 million from the Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund will be used by DCEO to provide grants to the Illinois Green Economy Network for education and training for renewable energy and energy

efficiency. The Illinois Green Economy Network will also be allowed to use the money for operation and services.

Wage Increases (SB 955): Increases wages to \$15 per hour for front-line personnel of state-funded developmental disability residential and day training programs and service coordination agencies (Includes, but not limited to, intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled, community integrated living arrangements, developmental training programs, employment and other residential and day programs for persons with developmental disabilities supported by state funds).

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.

School Report Card Attendance (SB 1532): Provides that the State Report Card for schools must contain data on average daily attendance. Defines average daily attendance. Effective July 1, 2019.

Lead Reduction Program (SB 1774): Establishes a second phase of this program in the communities identified as a priority by the Department of Public Health because of the high risk for childhood lead poisoning.

ILGA in Spanish (SB 1869): Requires the Legislative Information Systems to create a Spanish-language version of its website. The Spanish site shall at least contain: weekly schedule of floor sessions of both chambers; list of committees and their members; synopsis of all bills and legislative and gubernatorial actions; rules of both chambers; and the Illinois Constitution and US Constitution.

Animal Welfare (SB 1882): Provides that a pet shop operator, dog dealer, or cattery must purchase animals from those in good standing with the USDA.

House Bills passed by the Senate

Elective Abortions Coverage (HB 40): Removes provisions under the State Employees Group Insurance Act and the Illinois Public Aid Code that prohibit coverage for elective abortions.

Fund Transfers (HB 3012): Allows Waukegan CUSD 60 to make a one-time transfer of \$3.9 million in funds, remaining from excess bond funds accumulated prior to July 1, 2000, into the district's Operations and Maintenance Fund. Under current law, the district is unable to make this transfer. Waukegan CUSD 60 plans to use the funds to provide air conditioning in their schools.