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## Agriculture and Natural Resources

- HB 5933 - Removes provisions giving the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council responsibility to develop, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, a label and certification program
- SB 2975 - Creates an agriculture education teacher grant program subject to ISBE appropriation

HB 4318	Department of Agriculture may sell at cost, to qualified applicants, signs designating an agribusiness that has been operated for 100 years or more
HB 5790	Allows the Dept. of Agriculture to designate "Bicentennial Farms"
HB 5933	Removes provisions giving the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council responsibility to develop, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, a label and certification program
SB 1228	Allows raw milk to be sold in certain circumstances
SB 2975	Creates an agriculture education teacher grant program subject to ISBE appropriation
SB 3130	Clarifies and further amends what laws apply to seed distribution in Illinois

## Budget

- HB 4167 - Provides funding for MAP grants
- SB 2038 - Authorizes federal pass through spending; appropriates money for ISAC, IEMA and IDOT

HB 4167	Provides funding for MAP grants
SB 2038	Authorizes federal pass-through spending; appropriates money for ISAC, IEMA and IDOT
SB 2043	Provides funding for MAP grants
SB 2059	Appropriates funds for public universities, MAP grants and community colleges at reduced level
SB 2303	Requires excess balances in certain funds to be transferred to GRF by Aug. 31

## Business and Economic Development

- HB 5898 - Expands the types of businesses that may organize as a worker cooperative under Illinois law
- SB 2797 - Raises the number of gallons a craft distiller license allows a distiller to manufacture

HB 4361	Makes changes to membership interest, officer appointment and electronic signature rules for LLCs
HB 4449	Allows the Secretary of State to administratively dissolve a corporation if it fails to elect and maintain at least three directors
HB 4614	Clarifies the deadline by which a currency exchange licensee must file annual reports
HB 5755	Changes the procedure for amending articles of incorporation of a credit union
HB 5898	Expands the types of businesses that may organize as a worker cooperative under Illinois law
HB 6125	Allows the sale of alcohol within a restaurant or lobby coffee house in Chicago located within 100 ft of a church or school





HB 6225	Allows small businesses that partner with outsourcing companies to maintain its own workers' compensation insurance
SB 0042	Allows health care workers convicted of certain felonies to petition to have their licenses reinstated after five years
SB 0462	Specifies requirements for receiving hearing instrument dispenser license
SB 2138	The Snow Removal Liability Limitation Act does not apply on public roads
SB 2241	Ensures companies building over railroad right-of-way properly reimburse rail company or land management
SB 2604	Provides for renewal of assumed business names every 5 years in counties with a population of 4 million or more
SB 2797	Raises the number of gallons a craft distiller license allows a distiller to manufacture
SB 2982	Allows contractors without a roofing contractor license to work on residential homes
SB 3095	Ends the importation of alcohol distributor's licenses
SB 3104	Makes the failure of reporting apprenticeship reports a violation for entities subject to the State Construction Minority and Female Building Trades Act

## Civil Law

- HB 4648 - Provides procedures and requirements for access and control of digital assets of persons who are deceased, disabled or subject to terms of trust
- SB 2783 - Considers unclaimed property abandoned after five years
- SB 3034 - Creates a one-year pilot program for jurors to donate their jury service compensation to the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center

HB 3898	The intended parent is the legal parent of any resulting child and may seek a court order confirming the existence of a parent-child relationship
HB 4562	Increases civil penalties for civil rights violations related to real estate transactions
HB 4648	Provides procedures and requirements for access and control of digital assets of persons who are deceased, disabled or subject to terms of trust
HB 4648	Regulates the disposition of online accounts and digital assets of the deceased
HB 5472	Expands the definition of "victim" under the Crime Victims Compensation Act
SB 2433	Extends the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act to 2027, includes rules for out-of-state and foreign license applications as well as other technical changes
SB 2783	Considers unclaimed property abandoned after five years
SB 2804	Allows employees to revoke a wage assignment at any time by submitting written notice to a creditor
SB 3034	Creates a one-year pilot program for jurors to donate their jury service compensation to the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center
SB 3162	Creates a \$7 e-business fee for circuit court clerks for costs associated with electronic filing



## Consumer Protection

- HB 1260 - Classifies online logins, biometric data and health info as protected information; updates how groups notify the public of a data breach
- SB 2261 - Caps fees on vehicle impounding

HB 1260	Classifies online logins, biometric data and health info as protected information; updates how groups notify the public of a data breach
SB 1120	Makes it a felony if over \$500 in rental equipment is not returned within 3 days after the rental period has expired
SB 2261	Caps fees on vehicle impounding
SB 2343	Limits police use of stingray devices to track cell phones
SB 2989	Requires application forms for winery shipper's license to include all addresses from which applicant intends to ship wine, including third-party manufacturers

## Criminal Law

- HB 5771 - Certain mandatory natural life sentencing provisions apply only to a person who has attained the age of 18 years at the time of the offense
- HB 6200 - Limits rates for telephone usage by inmates and prohibits payment of additional fees to phone companies that provide those services
- SB 2228 - Decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of cannabis

HB 0114	Requires DCFS to file case plans every six months after a minor has been appointed to a guardian; requires DJJ to promptly notify the court of critical incidents
HB 1437	Requires the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to report number of persons arrested and released without charging and their race/ethnicity
HB 2569	The court must explain various consequences to a defendant before he or she puts in a guilty plea
HB 4360	Allows school districts to hire people with prior drug convictions if they occurred at least seven years in the past
HB 5017	Allows people with juvenile records to petition for their expungement at any time and requires automatic expungement under certain circumstances
HB 5613	Creates the Law Enforcement Information Technology Task Force
HB 5771	Certain mandatory natural life sentencing provisions apply only to a person who has attained the age of 18 years at the time of the offense
HB 5781	Allows police officers and coroners to dispose of unused meds found at the scene of death after consulting law enforcement investigating the death
HB 5805	Allows charges to be brought against perpetrators of financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability within seven years of the last crime
HB 6010	Adds throwing or dropping an object from an overpass onto a vehicle to the definition of criminal vehicular endangerment
HB 6037	Allows courts to consider a defendant's serious mental illness as a mitigating factor for sentencing



HB 6109	Establishes a pilot program for the Supreme Court to begin accepting petitions for temporary orders of protection electronically
HB 6190	Adds traffic offenses and Class 4 felony violations of the Controlled Substances Act to the "Rocket Docket" and extends the program to June 30, 2019
HB 6200	Limits rates for telephone usage by inmates and prohibits payment of additional fees to phone companies that provide those services
HB 6291	Prevents minors from being committed to the Dept. of Juvenile Justice for certain controlled substances violations
HB 6324	Requires SPAC to provide analysis and research to assist in the administration of criminal laws
HB 6325	Makes changes to the way judges sitting on the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council are selected
SB 0210	Bans the sale of "bath salts" and allows local governments to revoke a retailer's license if a violation occurs
SB 0211	Allows a photocopy of currency used in an undercover investigation to be used as evidence in court instead of the currency itself
SB 0212	Allows money seized from controlled substances to be used for public drug prevention and detection education
SB 0392	Expands the mandate of the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission to any claims of police torture that allegedly occurred in Cook County
SB 2221	Makes the process of DNA profiling sexual assault evidence more efficient
SB 2228	Decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of cannabis
SB 2252	Requires police to accept currency for cash bail or bail deposits
SB 2282	Allows parolees to interact with other people under court supervision without prior approval while engaging in volunteering, worship or other community activities
SB 2465	Bars IDOC from seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred during incarceration
SB 2777	Prohibits minors from being committed to DJJ facilities for committing crimes that are not felonies or for certain non-violent felonies
SB 2870	Allows electronic monitoring of criminals for drug-related and alcohol offenses
SB 2876	Adds criminal offense of money laundering to list of offenses that can be joined into one count of an indictment, rather than prosecuted separately
SB 2880	Allows for remote CCTV testimony for minors, persons with disabilities in criminal sex assault cases
SB 2885	Makes refunds in cases of reversal of conviction subject to availability of funds
SB 2907	Increases the threshold amount for property damage for a misdemeanor or felony from \$300 to \$500
SB 2947	Redefines emergency medical services personnel in statutes concerning bodily harm
SB 3096	Requires AG, IL LETS and ISP to develop guidelines on reporting sexual assault and sexual abuse to law enforcement agencies
SB 3106	Expands the definition of people with intellectual disabilities in the criminal code when hearsay exceptions are provided
SB 3164	Changes prison terms for people without prior convictions if convicted of a Class 3 or 4 felony





# Education

- HB 5729 - Requires public high schools to adopt a model of college and career expectations to help prepare them for college
- SB 2393 - Requires districts to offer breakfast after the bell at schools with 70 percent low-income students
- SB 2840 - Allows regional superintendents to waive fees for homeless students wishing to take the High School Equivalency Test

HB 0119	Allows CPS to create a committee to approve or reject decisions that a students should repeat a grade; prohibits a CPS student with a learning disability from being held back or barred from graduating simply because he or she failed a minimal competency test due to his or her disability
HB 3199	Requires charter schools to follow the same truancy laws as traditional public schools
HB 3239	Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code by allowing 17 year olds to run for election as a community resident of a Local School Council (LSC)
HB 4343	Changes yearly reporting date for Attendance Commission
HB 4352	ISBE adopts state definition of dyslexia as opposed to international definition of dyslexia
HB 4365	All IHSA-member schools that have athletic trainers on staff must submit monthly reports on concussions sustained by student athletes during school-sponsored events
HB 4367	Reestablishes reading instruction advisory group that was abolished in 2015 for purposes of completing that group's work by Dec. 31, 2016
HB 4606	Creates an appeal process for students found in violation of residency requirements
HB 4983	Creates the Global Scholar Certification Program for students who show global competency to receive a certificate upon graduation
HB 4996	Requires school boards to appoint a liaison for students in custody of DCFS
HB 5025	Brings salaries for chief administrative officers and their assistants at suburban Cook County intermediate service centers in line with salaries of regional superintendents
HB 5529	Allow school boards to continue to transfer surplus life safety taxes into their Operations and Maintenance Fund for building repair work until June 30, 2019
HB 5556	Extends the date by which the chief executive officer of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) must submit a draft of the revised Educational Facility Master Plan for public comment from January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2016
HB 5720	Creates the Task Force on Computer Science Education to analyze the current state of computer science education and make recommendations
HB 5729	Requires public high schools to adopt a model of college and career expectations to help prepare them for college
HB 5894	Makes changes concerning adult education Area Planning Councils
HB 5901	Requires principals to report information to the State Board of Education regarding student assessments; requires the information to be available to the public and family members of students



HB 5918	Provides that a charter shall be granted for 5 school years and may be renewed in incremental periods not to exceed 10 school years; makes changes regarding the use of start-up grants and loans from the Charter Schools Revolving Loan Fund
HB 6044	Makes changes to obsolete and duplicative language in the School Code
HB 6131	Requires driver education teachers instruct students on proper actions to take during a traffic stop
HB 6136	Creates the Advisory Council on At-Risk Students
HB 6181	States that, if a teacher earns more than the required number of professional development hours during a renewal cycle, the teacher may carry over any hours earned from April 1 to June 30 of the last year of the renewal cycle
HB 6252	Allows an elementary school district to withdraw from its special education joint agreement program under certain circumstances
HB 6299	Allows support personnel to maintain any benefits they may have accrued if their position is terminated and then are rehired
HB 6333	Allows ISBE to create an asthma emergency action plan in schools
SB 0238	Allows the legislature to spread out over time the additional funding that is required to the Early Childhood Block Grant
SB 1582	A K-12 student with an Individualized Education Plan with staff/student ratio of 1:5 attending specific academies named in bill may be bussed for any curriculum-related activity
SB 2393	Requires districts to offer breakfast after the bell at schools with 70 percent low-income students
SB 2440	Allows a person with at least 4 yrs of teaching or school support experience to receive a Professional Educator License with a principal endorsement until June 30, 2021
SB 2469	Creates the State Global Scholar Certification Program to recognize public high school graduates who have achieved global competence for college and career
SB 2743	Bars yoga teacher training from state regulation as a business
SB 2823	Allows a school board to hire a real estate broker to sell a structure renovated or built by students as part of a school project
SB 2840	Allows regional superintendents to waive fees for homeless students wishing to take the High School Equivalency Test
SB 2970	Makes changes concerning the use of assessments for the gifted and talented children education funding
SB 2975	Creates an agriculture education teacher grant program subject to ISBE appropriation
SB 3301	Requires all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative Gen Ed. Codes must be transferable as part of the Gen. Ed. Core Curriculum Package





## Elections

- HB 4391 - Prevents felons from being eligible of holding a local elected office
- HB 6167 - Allows 17 year olds to vote in consolidated election primaries if they will be 18 by the consolidated election
- SB 0250 - Establishes guidelines for the State Board of Elections and State Agencies to implement an automatic voter registration system

HB 4391	Prevents felons from being eligible to hold a local elected office
HB 6167	Allows 17 year olds to vote in consolidated election primaries if they will be 18 by the consolidated election
SB 0248	Requires political committees that make independent expenditures of at least \$1,000 to file a disclosure report before an election
SB 0250	Establishes guidelines for the State Board of Elections and State Agencies to implement an automatic voter registration system
SB 0322	Interstate redistricting compact
SB 1265	Changes congressional special elections time frame to accommodate military personnel serving overseas
SB 1529	Changes congressional special elections time frame
SB 2468	Allows election authorities to tabulate fractional cumulative votes for Peoria

## Environment and Energy

- HB 6182 - Creates Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and sets fees for universal special license plate decals associated with program
- SB 2920 - Makes changes to the composition of the Commission on Environmental Justice

HB 6182	Creates Roadside Monarch Habitat Fund and sets fees for universal special license plate decals associated with program.
SB 2882	Allows issuance of decals, specialty plates for roadside Monarch Butterfly habitats
SB 2910	Amends IL Noxious Weed Law to make the provisions within the act "allowable" instead of "required"
SB 2918	Provides that if specified notice is submitted then an employer may request that the unused portion of a terminated licensee's pesticide applicator or operator license term be transferred to a newly certified or re-certified individual
SB 2920	Makes changes to the composition of the Commission on Environmental Justice



# Ethics

- HB 4379 - Requires non-home rule units of local government, school districts and community college districts to regulate travel expenses
- HB 6030 - Requires pension and retirement systems to implement a process to identify deceased annuitants; info in vital records shall be made available at no cost to all pension funds for administrative purposes
- SB 2701 - Prohibits elected officers from receiving pensions unless they can prove they work a minimum number of hours

HB 3262	Requires all notices of emergency procurements, along with public hearing documents, to be included in the online Procurement Bulletin
HB 4379	Requires non-home rule units of local government, school districts and community college districts to regulate travel expenses
HB 4391	Prevents felons from being eligible to hold a local elected office
HB 6030	Requires pension and retirement systems to implement a process to identify deceased annuitants; info in vital records shall be made available at no cost to all pension funds for administrative purposes
SB 2155	Requires State Community College board to create an advisory committee for oversight
SB 2156	Overtime, living allowances and other types of extra payments to employees of colleges or universities do not count as part of base compensation for purpose of calculating pension
SB 2159	Limits contract lengths for college and university presidents and chancellors to four years and limits severance packages to one year salary plus benefits
SB 2260	Changes reporting requirements for Treasurer reporting warrants to Comptroller
SB 2701	Prohibits elected officers from receiving pensions unless they can prove they work a minimum number of hours





## Family

- HB 4641 - Makes it easier for birth parents surrendering children for adoption to voluntarily provide medical information and other background information for the benefit of the adoptee and his or her adoptive parents
- SB 0730 - Allows families with one child collecting child support to receive the first \$100 (\$200 for two children) in a month without that money being used to determine the amount of the family's assistance grant

HB 3898	Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act
HB 3982	Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services create guidelines and worksheets for the purposes of calculating child support guidelines
HB 4425	Creates procedures to coordinate with federal regulations if children of military parents suffer child abuse
HB 4447	Requires certain forms related to parentage to include full tax ID or Social Security number of the parents
HB 4590	Adds to list of adoption disclosures: reasons the birth parents stated for placing the child for adoption; how and why the adoptive parents were selected; and whether the birth parents requested or agreed to post-adoption contact
HB 4641	Makes it easier for birth parents surrendering children for adoption to voluntarily provide medical information and other background information for the benefit of the adoptee and his or her adoptive parents
HB 4697	Provides protections for owners or beneficiaries of a land trust
HB 5551	Expands definition of "fictive kin" to include an individual who has been the foster parent of a ward of the state for at least one year
SB 0730	Allows families with one child collecting child support to receive the first \$100 (\$200 for two children) in a month without that money being used to determine the amount of the family's assistance grant
SB 0786	Improves notification requirements for guardianship hearings
SB 2512	Ensures the parent, guardian or responsible relative of abused minors relay contact information for the minor's living relatives to DCFS

## Gaming

- SB 2357 - Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act, concerning annual reports for the business enterprise program

HB 0335	Any licensee may conduct and supervise the pari-mutuel system of wagering
HB 0940	The governing body of any county or municipality within this State may establish a system for the licensing of organizations to operate raffles
HB 2557	Allows a bingo licensee to conduct special permit bingo games at the same location as its regular bingo games
SB 2357	Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act, concerning annual reports for the business enterprise program
SB 2397	Provides that the Quality of Life scratch-off game shall be discontinued on December 31, 2025 (rather than December 31, 2017)



# Health

- HB 4462 - Allows state police, local police and other entities to administer epinephrine and be trained on how to administer it
- HB 5594 - If defendant needs opioid abuse or addiction treatment, court shall require them to participate in prescribed drug treatments under care of licensed physician
- HB 6086 - Adds length of time children are on the PUNS list as a criteria for prioritizing services
- SB 2931 - Raises the wages for home health care workers to \$15 from \$13. Such workers must have standardized training, annual in-person training, State must contribute to fund to provide health insurance to such workers

HB 4388	Changes the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act to permit a limited number of ambulance patients to be transported to a Freestanding Emergency Center
HB 4462	Allows state police, local police and other entities to administer epinephrine and be trained on how to administer it
HB 4554	Requires insurance companies to cover certain HIV drugs upon federal approval
HB 4935	Amends provisions that require hospitals to perform hearing screenings on all newborns to account for babies born outside hospitals, babies transferred to another hospital and babies for whom a hearing test is not medically advisable
HB 4964	Requires a health care facility to provide notice about closure of a facility for 5 consecutive days in a newspaper that they would usually use to advertise events
HB 5009	Deals with licensure for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities
HB 5530	Provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, a public entity shall not enter into a contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror if the bidder's or offeror's contract terms prohibit the public entity from donating food to food banks, including, but not limited to, homeless shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens
HB 5576	Mandates insurance companies provide coverage for all contraceptive drugs approved by the FDA
HB 5593	Substance abuse programs licensed by DHS must provide educational info on opioid treatment options, including use of medication for opioid addiction and overdose, how to administer naloxone.
HB 5594	If defendant needs opioid abuse or addiction treatment, court shall require them to participate in prescribed drug treatments under care of licensed physician
HB 5602	Changes the Nursing Home Care Act; if DPH fails to provide a written explanation as to why evidence was insufficient to refute a informal dispute resolution (IDR) finding the receipt will be cited for the dispute and no penalty can be imposed
HB 5736	Changes the repeal date of the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act from July 1, 2016 to Oct. 1, 2019
HB 6027	Creates the Healthy Local Food Incentives Program and increases the purchasing power of Illinois residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables
HB 6086	Adds length of time children are on the PUNS list as a criteria for prioritizing services
HB 6287	Provides that no egg shall be offered for sale for consumer use 45 days or more after candling
HB 6333	Allows ISBE to create an asthma emergency action plan in schools
SB 0010	Medical marijuana pilot program extension





SB 0466	Provides that if federal rules require the state to pay costs of 3-D mammograms then state insurers do not have to convert 3-D mammograms and state will not pay for coverage
SB 1564	Ensures patients receive information about treatment options, regardless of medical provider's religious beliefs
SB 2300	Requires landlords to notify potential tenants of lead hazards and reduce the hazard before leasing apartment
SB 2331	Clarifies that Medicaid managed care entities include business associates; allows the entities and business associates to communicate directly with clients regarding care coordination activities
SB 2355	Insurers who grant access via an assignment or lease to a dentist's services to another insurer must notify the dentist within 30 days of such assignment or lease
SB 2403	Requires hospitals to implement procedures to prevent sepsis
SB 2459	Allows use of video conferencing equipment in hearings concerning use of psychotropic medicine or electroconvulsive therapy
SB 2704	Clarifies the definitions of clinical observation and medical monitoring for EMS personnel
SB 2734	Creates a board to advise the Director of Public Health and make recommendations to the dept and gov regarding maternal and child health matters
SB 2900	Expands the role of Physician Assistants and Advance Practice Nurses throughout various Acts, by allowing them to perform many duties, or hold positions normally reserved only for physicians or those similarly situated
SB 2929	Requires DHS to determine Medicaid eligibility for long-term care services even if the applicant passes away, guaranteeing payment to nursing home centers offering services pending Medicaid coverage
SB 2931	Raises the wages for home health care workers to \$15 from \$13 (Such workers must have standardized training, annual in-person training; State must contribute to fund to provide health insurance to such workers)
SB 2944	Requires health organizations to file an RBC report depending on their company action level
SB 2985	Removes language prohibiting a genetic counselor from providing genetic counseling without a referral
SB 3082	Defines "amputations"
SB 3335	Allows EMTs to administer epinephrine if they've successfully completed training
SB 3336	Requires pharmacies to report when a pharmacist is terminated for actions that may have threatened patient safety to the state



# Higher Education

- HB 4330 - Requires state higher education institutions to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as the equivalent of two years of foreign language taken during high school; also requires state higher education institutions to establish criteria to translate a seal into course credit
- HB 5561 - Establishes a pilot program allowing community colleges to enter into partnerships with local school districts to offer tuition-free classes to high school students

HB 4330	Requires state higher education institutions to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as the equivalent of two years of foreign language taken during high school; also requires state higher education institutions to establish criteria to translate a seal into course credit
HB 5561	Establishes a pilot program allowing community colleges to enter into partnerships with local school districts to offer tuition-free classes to high school students
HB 5566	Expands P-20 Council's duties to make higher education affordable
HB 6302	Changes the definition of "eligible institution" in the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act
SB 0232	Allows certain students to be classified as residents of a community college district without meeting the 30-day requirement (mainly those under DCFS legal guardianship)
SB 0579	Allows student trustees to vote on the employment or compensation of the President or Chancellor, as well as other election of officers
SB 2155	Requires State Community College board to create an advisory committee for oversight
SB 2156	Overtime, living allowances and other types of extra payments to employees of colleges or universities do not count as part of base compensation for purpose of calculating pension
SB 2157	Requires community college trustees to take professional development training
SB 2158	Prevents community college boards from making personnel decisions within a 45 day "lame duck" period; allows for emergencies
SB 2159	Limits contract lengths for college and university presidents and chancellors to four years and limits severance packages to one year salary plus benefits
SB 2174	Requires board members of public universities to complete professional development leadership training
SB 2204	Allows university student trustees to only use one of several factors to prove residence
SB 2505	Allows IB scores of 4 or higher to satisfy degree requirements by all public colleges and universities; students may receive college credit



# Housing

- HB 4595 - Gives distressed homeowners until Dec. 31, 2016, to apply for Making Home Affordable assistance (program expired at the end of 2015)
- SB 3079 - Expands inspection standards for mobile homes

HB 1056	Requires licensure for dealers of manufactured homes and community-based manufactured homes
HB 2642	Written notice of vehicle storage fees must be provided to the lienholder on the vehicle
HB 4595	Gives distressed homeowners until Dec. 31, 2016, to apply for Making Home Affordable assistance (program expired at the end of 2015)
HB 4658	Makes minor changes to the Condo & Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Act, which will provide training and education to unit owners and associations regarding dispute resolution
HB 6285	Requires mobile home park owners to accept rent payments even if a violation fine has been issued
SB 2271	Makes various changes to the Comprehensive Housing Planning Act
SB 2354	Expands the topics the board of managers may discuss in closed executive meetings related to condominiums
SB 2358	Requires that any assignment of a developer's interest be received in writing and recorded before it is effective
SB 2359	Prevents a condominium instrument from changing the ability of the board of managers to execute bank documents by a majority vote
SB 2450	Puts a 5-year limit on changes made to the Mechanics Lien Act regarding when it is necessary to fix by contract the conditions of obtaining a lien
SB 3079	Expands inspection standards for mobile homes





# Human Services

- HB 4351 - Sets a threshold DON score for home care and supportive living services in order to prevent seniors who need assistance from losing eligibility
- SB 2536 - Requires annual training and new provider training for the Child Care Assistance Program, requires the state to provide health insurance to qualified home child care providers
- SB 3007 - Makes foreign-born human trafficking and torture victims eligible for TANF and medical assistance while they prepare their asylum and visa applications

HB 4257	DHS must issue upon request a card certifying that the holder has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder
HB 4351	Sets a threshold DON score for home care and supportive living services in order to prevent seniors who need assistance from losing eligibility
HB 4826	Regional elder abuse investigation teams must meet at least four times a year rather than six times a year
HB 4966	Addresses licensing of a foster care home where there are quality of care concerns
HB 5665	Requires DCFS to actively promote opportunities for children in out-of-home care to participate in extracurricular, cultural and social activities
HB 6213	Establishes a Medicaid provider directory and makes it publicly accessible
SB 0320	Creates the Mental Health Opportunities for Youth Diversion Task Force
SB 2321	Defines "special activity programs " under the Childcare Act; sets parameters for exemptions for child care providers
SB 2332	Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to adopt rules for clinical social workers
SB 2340	Changes TANF regulations so that child support does not count so greatly against grant assistance
SB 2407	Mandates DHS award Teen REACH grants (subject to appropriations)
SB 2524	Provides free State IDs to wards of DCFS and foster children who are 16 to 19 years old
SB 2536	Requires annual training and new provider training for the Child Care Assistance Program, requires the state to provide health insurance to qualified home child care providers
SB 2906	Requires DHS to treat high school participation as a core activity for TANF recipients
SB 3007	Makes foreign-born human trafficking and torture victims eligible for TANF and medical assistance while they prepare their asylum and visa applications
SB 3080	Requires MCOs to comply with provider information requirements



# Labor

- HB 6162 - Allows employees to use personal sick leave benefits for absences due to an illness, injury, or medical appointment of an employee's direct family members
- SB 2613 - Allows employees to take up to 2 weeks of unpaid bereavement leave to mourn the death of a child
- SB 3163 - Prohibits employers from requiring non-compete clauses for low-wage employees

HB 0580	AFSCME arbitration bill; prevents a strike or lock out
HB 1285	Eliminates the Social Security Offset
HB 1288	Creates a Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights
HB 1380	Any party to a collective bargaining agreement who fails to comply with the agreement shall pay the prevailing party all the reasonable costs of attorney fees
HB 4036	Employers must provide updaid leave to victims of domestic or sexual violence (or their family members)
HB 4999	Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to authenticate or access a personal online accounts
HB 5104	IDOC may not let bids for contracts that would have the effect of reducing the number of department employees, whose employment is related to the provision of medical or mental health services, lower than the number of department employees on Jan. 1, 2016
HB 5913	Requires licensed plumbers to complete 4 hours of continuing education each year
HB 5945	Changes the word "alien" to "undocumented immigrant" when referring to someone not legally admitted to the US
HB 6162	Allows employees to use personal sick leave benefits for absences due to an illness, injury, or medical appointment of an employee's direct family members
SB 1683	Allows the director of Labor to deal with workplace safety inspections of places of business, and authorizes the director to require the testimony of witnesses and production of evidence under oath during inspections
SB 2531	Requires public economic development corporations that receive state money to include a board member from a labor council that represents employees in the construction trades, employees in the public and private sector and minority groups
SB 2600	Creates membership requirements for certain commissions
SB 2613	Allows employees to take up to 2 weeks of unpaid bereavement leave to mourn the death of a child
SB 2964	Prevents prevailing rate of wages from being less than similar work that's covered under collective bargaining agreements
SB 3005	Requires park districts to determine if a prospective employee has been convicted of specified minor crimes
SB 3163	Prohibits employers from requiring non-compete clauses for low-wage employees



## Local Government

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HB 1052	Allows neighborhood associations to declare private roadways public and transfer them to the proper highway commissioner
HB 1191	Would allow Will County to use quick-take proceedings to acquire dedications and easements for reconstruction of the I-55 interchange and Weber Road corridor
HB 4371	Provides that moneys remaining after the business affairs of the authority have closed up shall be paid proportionately to the township or townships in which the water authority is situated or to the county or counties in the case of any area of the authority that is located outside of a township, (in the introduced bill, paid to the county)
HB 4379	Requires non-home rule units of local government, school districts and community college districts to regulate travel expenses
HB 4423	Creates a tax increment allocation financing extension for an Oak Forest ordinance
HB 4492	Changes the name of the North Shore Sanitary District to the North Shore Water Reclamation District; Also, allows the new board to establish rates or charges for the treatment and disposal of sewage and surface ground water
HB 4522	Provides that municipalities may fix, charge, and collect fees not exceeding the reasonable cost of the service for all services rendered by a volunteer municipal fire department or a volunteer firefighter
HB 4536	Increases the contract amount that requires competitive bidding from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for park districts, conservation districts and downstate forest preserve districts
HB 4603	Requires public defenders to report to their county boards once per quarter instead of once a month
HB 4604	Changes the name of the fee from "Public Hunting Grounds for Pheasants" to "Public Hunting Grounds for Game Birds"
HB 4630	Grants access to a newly elected official of a public body to minutes and oral recordings of closed meetings that occurred prior to taking office, even if they were confidential
HB 4688	Requires owners of water supply companies to comply with recommended fluoride levels; be in compliance with recommendations by US Dept. of Health and Human Services
HB 5584	Allows the Round Lake Sanitary District and the Fox Lake Hills Sanitary District to dissolve with Lake County picking up responsibility for carrying out duties of the districts
HB 5610	No fire protection district will be required to assume responsibility for the fire protection of any municipality which discontinues its fire department unless the fire protection district's board of trustees has agreed to do so





HB 5611	Empowers fire chiefs to enforce State Fire Marshal rules under the Fire Investigation Act
HB 5660	Amends Public Construction Bond Act. Provides that verified notice shall be deemed filed on the date personal services occur or the date when (rather than where) the verified notice is mailed
HB 5683	Closes a loophole in the statute that prevents people from filing a lawsuit if the Public Access Counselor issues a non-binding opinion
HB 5696	Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act by updating the definition of "technological means"
HB 5775	Brings certain paternity acknowledgment/denial forms into compliance with federal data requirements
HB 5884	Allows municipalities to invest up to \$250k in public funds in not-for-profit community development financial institutions
HB 6041	Restores the percentage of legal voters residing within the fire district territory that are required to petition for dissolution of a fire protection district
HB 6261	Allows county's board of health to enter into contracts with various entities to provide public health services outside of a board of health's own jurisdiction in order to protect the public health
SB 0185	Certain counties must have at least 11 associate judges
SB 0399	Allows alcoholic liquors to be delivered and sold at retail in any building owned by a public library district. It must be approved by the board of trustees.
SB 2186	Requires school districts and boards to comply with any valid local government zoning ordinance that applies to the district
SB 2227	Requires DCEO to create bi-annual reports on mandates
SB 2767	Expands the county's enforcement of judgments to apply to unpaid taxes or fees left after an administrative hearing
SB 2833	Allows rulings related to violated county codes to be enforced by hearing officers
SB 2994	Requires counties to provide a report detailing how to consolidate or dissolve any local public entity by the end of the year
SB 3284	Allows specified counties to hold administrative hearings for county or local government ordinance violations under certain circumstances



# Pensions

- HB 6030 - Requires pension and retirement systems to implement a process to identify deceased annuitants; info in vital records shall be made available at no cost to all pension funds for administrative purposes
- SB 2701 - Prohibits elected officers from receiving pensions unless they can prove they work a minimum number of hours
- SB 2896 - Allows the IMRF Board to collect wrongfully paid out pension benefits from employers who failed to notify the Board to suspend payments from a returning employee

HB 4259	Prohibits members of certain organizations from being considered employees for purposes of collecting a pension benefit through IMRF, SURS or TRS
HB 5684	Requires public hearing for pension spikes for Tier 1 IMRF employees
HB 6021	Amends IMRF, state universities and downstate teacher pensions regarding survivor benefits
HB 6030	Requires pension and retirement systems to implement a process to identify deceased annuitants; info in vital records shall be made available at no cost to all pension funds for administrative purposes
HB 6298	Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund board has subpoena power for determining certain employer payments, disability claims, etc.
SB 0440	Clarifies firefighter pension benefits for Tier II retirees, surviving spouses, children and parents, including minimum surviving spouse annuity
SB 0777	Chicago pension fund fix
SB 2439	Allows certain IMRF police officers and firefighters to receive Sheriff's Department benefits
SB 2584	Requires new hires at CPS to apply to receive pension benefits one year prior to drawing them
SB 2701	Prohibits elected officers from receiving pensions unless they can prove they work a minimum number of hours
SB 2817	Limits purchasing pension service credits for certain former positions for Cook County workers
SB 2819	Authorizes Cook County to make contributions to the pension fund in addition to property tax levy
SB 2896	Allows the IMRF Board to collect wrongfully paid out pension benefits from employers who failed to notify the Board to suspend payments from a returning employee
SB 2972	Allows retirees to choose separation benefits rather than retirement annuities if they would be less than \$100 per month



## Public Safety

- HB 3674 - Allows youth hunters to use crossbows during the first week of deer bow season, under adult supervision
- SB 2839 - Allows a community college's administration to suspend or expel a student for any act of sexual abuse regardless of whether the act occurs on or off campus
- SB 3096 - Requires AG, IL LETS and ISP to develop guidelines on reporting sexual assault and sexual abuse to law enforcement agencies

HB 1422	Updates security guard training requirements and some of their firearms rules
HB 3674	Allows youth hunters to use crossbows during the first week of deer bow season, under adult supervision
HB 3896	Moves up the timeframe DHS must send notification of the release of a sexually violent person
HB 4558	Clarifies that it is illegal to hunt or possess deer in Illinois except in accordance with state law
HB 6331	Provides that the State Police shall notify local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction of a revocation of a FOID card due to an existing order of protection
SB 0836	Makes changes to requirements for reporting developmental disabilities to the State Police for FOID purposes
SB 2213	Requires circuit court clerks to notify the State Police FOID department of any individuals determined to have a mental disability by the court
SB 2839	Allows a community college's administration to suspend or expel a student for any act of sexual abuse regardless of whether the act occurs on or off campus
SB 3003	Combines current provisions for deer, turkey, and combination hunter licenses to Illinois landowners
SB 3096	Requires AG, IL LETS and ISP to develop guidelines on reporting sexual assault and sexual abuse to law enforcement agencies

## Revenue and Taxes

SB 2517	Changes the date the chief county assessment officer has to return the assessment books to the board of review
SB 2612	Extends special property tax valuation formula of wind farms from 2016 to 2021
SB 3047	Changes the tax rate of products and associated therapies that are used for cancer treatment from 6.25% to 1%





## Seniors

- HB 5603 - Requires a recording device in a nursing home room be disabled if consent is not given
- HB 5805 - Allows charges to be brought against perpetrators of financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability within seven years of the last crime

HB 4648	Provides procedures and requirements for access and control of digital assets of persons who are deceased, disabled or subject to terms of trust
HB 4826	Regional elder abuse investigation teams must meet at least four times a year rather than six times a year
HB 5603	Requires a recording device in a nursing home room be disabled if consent is not given
HB 5764	Raises the minimum wage of homemakers in the Community Care Program
HB 5805	Allows charges to be brought against perpetrators of financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability within seven years of the last crime
HB 6021	Amends IMRF, state universities and downstate teacher pensions regarding survivor benefits
SB 2038	Authorizes federal pass-through spending; appropriates money for ISAC, IEMA and IDOT
SB 2972	Allows retirees to choose separation benefits rather than retirement annuities if they would be less than \$100 per month

## State Government

- HB 1490 - Creates the Commission on Young Adult Employment
- HB 3203 - Allows individuals who turned 35 while serving in the military and currently under the age of 40 to take an exam for a firefighter position
- SB 1523 - Allows Illinois' library systems to use funds from grants to pay for services provided to members of other library systems
- SB 2894 - Removes one-year limit on backdating a survivor benefit from the IMRF

HB 0538	Designates the pirogue — a long narrow canoe made from a single tree trunk — as the official state artifact
HB 0581	Sets deadlines on written notices for termination of contracts between a state agency and authorized service provider
HB 2822	Creates a human trafficking task force
HB 4326	Designates the Dept. of Corrections as operator of the Hardin County Work Camp in Cave-In-Rock, IL
HB 4369	Provides that a boating safety certificate is not required for boating races
HB 4370	Requires hospitals to report expenditures above a certain level and meet minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and small business requirements
HB 4445	Imposes a \$5 fee for a duplicate temporary Illinois identification card
HB 4517	Eliminates the Center for Comprehensive Health Planning



HB 4529	Abolishes the Illinois Building Commission, as the duties assigned are already being performed by the Capital Development Board
HB 4552	Adds State's Attorney's offices to the list of entities granted access to confidential records from Adult Protective Services
HB 5018	Designates the second full week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week, honoring 911 operators
HB 5527	Requires tax preparers to provide information on returns filed with the Department of Revenue
HB 5540	Updates and streamlines statutes
HB 5598	Allows the Department of Revenue to enter into tax collection agreements with any unit of local government
HB 5607	Allows US savings bonds to be declared abandoned after being unclaimed and unredeemed 5 years
HB 5756	Prohibits discrimination in the Illinois National Guard and clarifies duties of offices in the National Guard
HB 5808	Makes appointments to the Unmanned Aerial System Oversight Task Force
HB 5930	Requires IDES to monitor the employment progress of minorities and women in the workforce
HB 5931	Provides that the Dept. of Human Services raises the reimbursement levels toward a livable wage for personnel working with persons with developmental disabilities
HB 6083	Changes the statute of limitations for wrongful death claims
HB 6123	Requires National Guard members to undergo pre and post-deployment testing for depleted uranium
HB 6245	Managing brokers and brokers can earn more than 6 hours of continuing education credit in one calendar day
SB 0321	Extends repeal date of River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act
SB 0384	Allows public bodies to have closed meetings when discussing subjects protected by patient privacy laws
SB 0460	Allows experienced nurses to renew their Advanced Practice Nurse license even if they don't meet education requirements for national certification
SB 0571	Changes the effective date for Enterprise Zones
SB 0574	Creates the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council
SB 2255	Eliminates a property tax requirement for libraries to receive a state grant and eliminates an obsolete research program
SB 2260	Changes reporting requirements for Treasurer reporting warrants to Comptroller
SB 2268	Allows State Treasurer to accept contributions for ABLE accounts after the IRS has issued guidance or regulations
SB 2306	Requires HFS to create an algorithm to automatically assign Medicaid enrollees in a managed care entity
SB 2386	Makes the Developmental Disability Facility Advisory Board responsible for advising DPH
SB 2420	Limits total expenses of Secure Choice plans
SB 2522	Requires Illinois Power Agency to file annual report with the GA and ICC; makes Resource Development Bureau discretionary
SB 2532	Loosens standards for VA assignments to field offices to expand to vets who haven't served in a foreign conflict
SB 2533	Compels the executive director of a water reclamation district board to appoint an administrative services officer



SB 2585	Requires GOMB's annual economic reports to include 4 year forecast and include potential remedies for a budget shortfall
SB 2593	Allows the clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board to send a copy of an appellant's petition by email to the board of review
SB 2610	Establishes a new type of license for organizations providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities
SB 2657	Repeals a number of active funds that either did not receive state funding or are no longer relevant
SB 2677	Requires lis pendens to be filed with the Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation electronically
SB 2701	Prohibits elected officers from being considered as participating employees concerning pensions, unless certain conditions are met
SB 2739	Extends the repeal date of the Financial Reporting Standards Act
SB 2864	Allows Treasurer to post reports on website in lieu of providing Governor with hard copies
SB 2894	Removes one-year limit on backdating a survivor benefit from the IMRF
SB 2984	Makes changes to the Electrologist Licensing Act
SB 3071	Requires the State Board of investment to appoint a permanent custodian of the board
SB 3112	Prevents inmates from accessing information that could put victims, prison staff or other inmates at risk. Gives public body 21 days to respond to FOIA requests by inmates
SB 3166	Requires mortgagees to use the term "plaintiff" rather than "landlord" in court

## Transportation

- HB 5912 - Clarifies that a person riding a bicycle has all the rights applicable to a driver of a vehicle, including those regarding a vehicle's right-of-way
- SB 0637 - Makes changes to Illinois law to comply with federal REAL ID regulations
- SB 2835 - Requires vehicles to stop before passing or driving past a stopped school bus on a public school highway; Removes highways on public school property from the classification of non-designated highways

HB 0750	Removes limits on borrowing for constructing a new garage in NW suburbs and other capital projects for Regional Transportation Authority; Suburban bus board may borrow money to purchase new buses
HB 3797	Gets rid of the fee for registering a vehicle if the vehicle belonged to a deceased spouse
HB 4105	Allows motorcycles rear lights to be blue
HB 4315	Provides Route 66 license plates can be used on motorcycles with engines over 150cc
HB 4387	Changes the Illinois Aeronautics Act to require pilots to register their federal flying credentials with the state for a one time \$20 fee
HB 4477	Requires IDOT to make mobilization payments to contractors and subcontractors
HB 5402	Allows an individual to reclass their registration after receiving a special license plate without paying a replacement plate fee or registration sticker cost





HB 5649	Allows the Secretary of State to issue a version of the Illinois Fire Fighters' Memorial license plates for motorcycles
HB 5651	Allows vehicle owners to select their birthdays as the vehicle's registration expiration date
HB 5723	Provides that a person convicted of operating a vehicle without an insurance policy shall be guilty of a petty offense instead of a business offense
HB 5912	Clarifies that a person riding a bicycle has all the rights applicable to a driver of a vehicle, including those regarding a vehicle's right-of-way
HB 5958	Authorizes Dept. of Transportation to convey certain parcels of land in Grundy and Madison counties and authorizes DNR to convey certain parcels of land used for public purposes in Bureau and Stephenson counties
HB 6093	Makes changes to Illinois law to comply with the federal FAST Act, MAP-21 Act and SAFETEA-LU Act
SB 0140	Amends Limited Liability Company Act. Makes distinctions between membership interests, provides for appointment of officers, etc.
SB 0629	A video recorder may be operated in a contract carrier vehicle
SB 0637	Makes changes to Illinois law to comply with federal REAL ID regulations
SB 0805	Requires license plates to be clearly visible
SB 1482	Extends the repeal date of automobile insurance verification by the Secretary of State to Dec.31, 2016
SB 2431	Requires SoS to make a Chicago police memorial license plate for motorcycles
SB 2567	Gives the Secretary of State's Office more time to evaluate how to best create an online vehicle registration system
SB 2806	Raises the fine for violating railroad crossing laws
SB 2835	Requires vehicles to stop before passing or driving past a stopped school bus on a public school highway; Removes highways on public school property from the classification of non-designated highways
SB 2974	Creates permanent vehicle registration plates for \$8 one time fee for public school districts and community colleges
SB 3018	Changes the definition of an "essential part" of a "glider kit"; sets regulations for glider kits



# Veterans

- HB 4627 - Requires Illinois' public universities allow veterans to apply for admission while on active duty during the fall semester
- HB 5003 - Requires the chief judge of each judicial circuit to establish a veterans' and service members' court program
- SB 0324 - Allows veterans to apply and receive a state guarantee on a loan for a business

HB 4344	Allows a relative of a deceased military member to request an honorary sign around designated roads
HB 4389	Creates Gold Star Family Day to be the day after Gold Star Mother's Day
HB 4432	Allows students an excused absence from school to play "Taps" at a military funeral
HB 4433	Allows spouses of deceased military members to continue using military oriented special license plates
HB 4627	Requires Illinois' public universities allow veterans to apply for admission while on active duty during the fall semester
HB 5003	Requires the chief judge of each judicial circuit to establish a veterans' and service members' court program
HB 5756	Prohibits discrimination in the Illinois National Guard and clarifies duties of offices in the National Guard
HB 5938	Renames the Veterans' Home Nurses' Loan Repayment Act and the Nurse Loan Repayment Program
HB 6123	Requires National Guard members to undergo pre and post-deployment testing for depleted uranium
HB 6149	New universal specialty license plate for Illinois Veterans' Homes
SB 0324	Allows veterans to apply and receive a state guarantee on a loan for a business
SB 2167	Makes it a petty offense to impersonate a military veteran for financial gain
SB 2173	Allows reservists and national guard members without active duty service to receive veterans designated state IDs and driver's licenses
SB 2532	Loosens standards for VA assignments to field offices to expand to vets who haven't served in a foreign conflict
SB 2861	Creates a national guard military justice system
SB 3401	Assessments, mentoring, and treatment programs for veterans may be provided by a veterans assistance commission