



Senate Committee Action

This summary lists the bills that were reported passed by Senate Committees during the week of May 24-30. More information about these bills is available at the Illinois General Assembly Web site at <https://ilga.gov/>.

Agriculture

Pet Shops (HB 1711): Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that a pet shop operator may offer for sale a dog or cat only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control facility or animal shelter. Provides that an animal control facility or animal shelter that supplies dogs or cats to pet shop operators to be offered for sale shall not be a dog breeder or a cat breeder or obtain dogs or cats from a dog breeder, a cat breeder, a person who resells dogs or cats from a breeder, or a person who sells dogs or cats at auction in exchange for payment or compensation.

Behavioral and Mental Health

Resident Safety (HB 3786): Provides that if credible evidence in an investigation indicates that an employee of a facility for persons with mental health or developmental disabilities is the perpetrator of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation, then that employee shall be immediately barred from any future contact with residents of the facility.

Criminal Law

False Personation (SB 766): Expands the false personation offense to include these additional elements: 1.) Sending electronic communications by electronic mail referencing personal identifying information of another person with the intent to cause injury or damage or to defraud another person; 2.) Using the name or persona of another person without the person's consent to create a Web page or Web site or post or send messages on or through a commercial social networking Web site or other Web site; and 3.) Intending to cause others to believe that the person whose name or persona is being used authorized the use with the intent to harm, defraud, intimidate, or threaten any person.

Opioid Overdose Reduction (HB 3445): Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that specified violations of a provision concerning overdose and limited immunity must not serve as the sole basis of a violation of parole, mandatory supervised release, probation, conditional discharge, a person's pretrial release, or furlough, or any seizure of property under any State law authorizing civil forfeiture as long as the evidence for the violation was acquired as a result of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance in the event of an overdose.

Education

Website Accessibility Guidelines (HB 26): Provides school districts must require that the Internet Web site or Web service comply with Level AA of the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 or any revised version of those guidelines.

Feminine Hygiene Products (HB 156): Provides that a school district shall make menstrual (rather than feminine) hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in bathrooms of every school building that are open for student use in grades 4 through 12 during the regular school day (rather than in the bathrooms of school buildings).

Executive

Labor Activities (SB 1204): Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Allows for employees to participate in organized labor activities for health and safety reasons. Allows for educational employees to cease work, which would not be deemed as a strike or abandonment of employment, if the employees' exclusive bargaining representative determines that the workplace environment poses a health and safety risk due to abnormally dangerous conditions.

Chicago Local School Councils (SB 2042): Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Grants local school councils additional powers vis-à-vis the Chicago Board of Education. Provides for local school councils at public small schools, contract schools, and military schools. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education may establish criteria for students to be considered to serve as a student member.

Lottery Internet Programs (SB 2342): Allows the Illinois Department of Lottery to offer instant win games (commonly referred to as "scratchers") on the Internet. Creates a voucher program where a player would purchase a certain dollar amount at a retail location to be able to play online. Once the allotted amount is spent, they would have to return to purchase more "online play."

Election Day E-Learning (HB 4): Provides that a school district shall pay its contractors that provide custodial, transportation or food services to the school, their regular rate of pay for the days that e-learning is required due to the school being used as a polling place.

Pre-veterinary Emergency Care (HB 17): Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act and the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Permits EMS personnel to provide oxygen, bandaging, and basic first aid to a dog or cat with the intent of enabling the animal to be treated by a veterinarian if the EMS personnel have received commensurate training and are authorized to provide such care by their employer.

State Agency Certification (HB 132): Requires the Business Enterprise Program, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, to accept minority-owned and women-owned business certifications by the City of Chicago, Cook County, or other entities approved by the Business Enterprise Council, provided that the certifying entities have more stringent

certification requirements than those required under the Business Enterprise Program.

Personal Needs Allowance (HB 292): Provides that residents of Community Integrated Living Arrangements who are eligible for Public Aid shall retain all earned income, beginning July 1, 2021. Expands the program for no-bid contracts with not-for-profit agencies that provide employment for persons with significant disabilities to not-for-profit agencies that provide employment for persons with disabilities or mental health challenges.

Procurement Leases (HB 355): Permits the state to amend property leases to reduce its leased square footage if operational requirements no longer require the full space. Leases can be amended regardless of the procurement or source selection.

Juvenile Guardianship (HB 369): Provides that a petition for guardianship of the person of a minor who is 18 years of age or older, but who has not yet attained 21 years of age, may be filed by a parent, relative, or nonrelative person over the age of 21. Provides that a court making determinations concerning such a petition shall consider the best interest of the minor. Provides that an appointed guardian shall have responsibility for the custody, nurture, and tuition of the minor, and shall have the right to determine the minor's residence based on the minor's best interest. Provides that a minor who is the subject of a petition for guardianship or for extension of guardianship may be referred for psychological, educational, medical, or social services under certain circumstances.

Property Tax Vendors (HB 453): Requires taxing districts with an aggregate property tax levy of more than \$5 million to make a good-faith effort to collect and publish data from all the vendors and subcontractors doing business with the taxing district on whether: the vendors are minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned businesses; or the vendors or subcontractors are certified as such or if they are self-certifying; if self-certifying, whether they are small businesses.

Not-For-Profit Business (HB 721): Requires all gas, electric, and water companies with at least 100,000 customers, as well as suppliers of wind energy, solar energy, hydroelectricity, nuclear energy, and other energy supplies to expand their annual report of procurement goals and spending for female-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and small businesses to include: minority-led not-for-profit organizations; woman-led not-for-profit organizations; not-for-profit organizations led by a person with a disability; businesses owned by persons with disabilities.

Firearms Restraining Orders (HB 1092): Expands the Firearms Restraining Order Act. Expands the list of family members who can file such a petition to include former spouses and people who have or allegedly have a child with the subject of the restraining order. Applies firearm restraining orders (FRO) to more than just firearms so that a court could also prohibit someone from purchasing or owning ammunition and weapon parts. Would allow a FRO petition to be filed in any county where an alleged incident occurred involving the subject of the order where they posed a danger by owning a gun. Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to

promote awareness of firearm restraining orders, especially in relation to instances of domestic violence and mental health crises.

Cannabis Licensing Updates (HB 1443): Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, and the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act. Provides numerous updates to the cannabis licensing process.

Procurement Board Objection (HB 1724): Reduces the time for the Procurement Policy Board to review contract extensions/renewals from 30 calendar days to 14 calendar days. If the Board has not objected within this time period, the chief procurement officer may renew/extend the contract. This only applies to extensions/renewals that cost \$250,000 or more.

Registered Interior Designers (HB 1738): Extends the repeal date of the Registered Interior Designers Act to Jan. 1, 2027. Changes provisions governing the Board. Provides that the Board of Registered Interior Design Professionals serve only in an advisory capacity. Updates provisions regarding the makeup of the board. Specifies that they serve in an advisory capacity. Changes the qualifications for membership, extend, term length, removes language provides for compensation.

DCEO Good Corporate Citizen (HB 1839): Permits the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to require a business to agree to be a “good corporate citizen” as a condition for receiving development assistance. Businesses that cannot meet the requirements to be “good corporate citizens” are ineligible for development assistance.

DCEO Innovation Voucher (HB 1855): Creates the Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund Act. Establishes a program for the purpose of expanding availability of broadband connectivity throughout the state by 1) providing financial assistance to residents, 2) promoting the adoption of home broadband internet, 3) supporting digital skills training. Creates the Illinois Broadband Adoption Fund to receive money from the federal American Rescue Plan, General Assembly appropriation, transfers from State Treasurer, or donations. The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) may determine qualifications for provider participation to accept vouchers distributed as payment under the program and shall notify residents of eligibility for assistance under the program.

Medicaid Technical Assistance (HB 1950): Creates the Medicaid Technical Assistance Center Act. It requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish a Medicaid Technical Assistance Center to operate as a resource to strengthen the infrastructure of health care provider organizations in Illinois to increase the capacity, access, health equity, and quality of the State’s two Medicaid managed care programs.

Treasurer Infrastructure (HB 1953): Allows the Illinois State Treasurer to make investments from the Treasurer’s State investment portfolio, concerning the Infrastructure Development Account, which is to be no greater than a 5 percent investment of that portfolio. However, distributions made from the investments made in the Infrastructure Development Account may

be reinvested and not count towards the 5 percent portfolio cap.

Autism Awareness Day (HB 1954): Designates the first full week of April of each year as Autism Awareness Week.

Optometric Telehealth (HB 1976): Adds to and clarifies definitions and provisions in the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987 to further regulate the use of telehealth by optometrists.

Massage Therapy (HB 2431): Provides that the Massage Licensing Act expires on Jan. 1, 2027, instead of Jan. 1, 2022. Renames the Massage Licensing Act the Massage Therapy Practice Act. Removes the provision that allows a person from another jurisdiction that has licensure requirements that include completion of 500 hours of study to obtain a license without completing a program approved by the department.

Single Prime Project (HB 2567): Extends the sunset dates for the single-prime and design-bid-build provisions two years, pushing off the automatic repeal dates from Jan. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1, 2024.

Marriage Certificates (HB 2590): Requires county clerks to issue a new marriage certificate upon the receipt of legal documentation indicating that one of the parties on the certificate has changed his/her name. The certificate shall reflect the name change and bear no additional markings.

Weights and Measures Update (HB 2620): Updates the Weights and Measures Act to account for new technologies and mandates an audit trail of calibrations of weighing and measuring devices which use computers. Electronic calibrations may only be completed by Illinois Department of Agriculture licensed service technicians.

Weights and Measures Education (HB 2621): Provides that, beginning with the 2022 registration year, a registrant must complete an online review for each type of weighing and measuring device the registrant intends to install, service, recondition, or repair.

Quincy Veterans Home (HB 2755): Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. Exempts state-funded care facilities from the certificate-of-need process of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The pertinent agency must notify the Health Facilities and Services Review Board in writing of any appropriation by the General Assembly for the construction, modification, establishment, or change in categories of service, excluding discontinuations of facilities or categories of service maintained by the state.

Veteran Set Aside (HB 2770): Permits each chief procurement officer to set aside a fair proportion of construction, supply, and service contracts to award to qualified service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses or veteran-owned small businesses.

School Public Health Emergency (HB 2789): Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and

the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Allows for employees to participate in organized labor activities for health and safety reasons. Allows for educational employees to cease work, which would not be deemed as a strike or abandonment of employment, if the employees' exclusive bargaining representative determines that the workplace environment poses a health and safety risk due to abnormally dangerous conditions.

Student Parent Data Collection (HB 2878): Provides that the Illinois Board of Higher Education, in consultation with Illinois Community College Board, public institutions of higher education, and advocates, shall prepare a question or questions to be placed on one or more forms that are used by an institution on an annual basis to collect demographic data from its students for the purpose of determining the parental status or legal guardian status of each of its enrolled students.

Elected Chicago School Board (HB 2908): Provides for the election of the Chicago Board of Education in the 2023 and 2027 consolidated primaries. The elected school board shall consist of 21 members. Twenty members shall be elected from twenty electoral districts drawn by the General Assembly, and one shall be elected at large and shall serve as the president of the board. Provides that the Chicago Board of Education, not the mayor, shall appoint the Chicago public education inspector general.

Insurance Compliance Division (HB 2947): Transfers the powers, duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Insurance Compliance Division within the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission to the Illinois Department of Insurance. The personnel of the Insurance Compliance Division are transferred to the Department of Insurance.

Student Loan Debt Relief (HB 3136): Subjects private providers of student loan debt relief to the licensing and regulatory requirements for debt settlement providers. Prior to signing a contract and for all advertising and marketing of student loan debt relief services, the debt settlement provider must disclose that it is not affiliated with the Illinois Department of Education or any other academic entity or governmental agency and that applications for loan consolidation or other repayment options can be done through the Department of Education for free. Caps the fees a debt settlement provider can charge a student loan borrower.

Courts Security Officers (HB 3138): Allows the Office of Marshal for the Supreme Court to also employ court security officers.

Gun Safety Course (HB 3173): Provides that a school district may offer its students a course on gun safety as a part of its curriculum during the school day or as a part of an after-school program.

Mass Animal Mortality Event (HB 3416): Allows the Illinois Director of Agriculture to declare a mass animal mortality event. Provides that the Director shall notify the Illinois Emergency Management Agency of the declaration no later than 24 hours following the declaration. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall create and file with the Illinois Emergency

Management Agency a mass animal mortality event plan. Provides that following the director's declaration of a mass animal mortality event, the Department shall implement the most recent mass animal mortality event plan on file with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Child Beverages (HB 3490): Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a restaurant shall, by default, include a specified type of water, milk, milk alternative, or juice with a children's meal sold by the restaurant. Provides that water with no added natural or artificial sweeteners and sparkling water with no added natural or artificial sweeteners (rather than water and sparkling water) are default beverages.

IEMA Cyber Attack (HB 3523): Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Expands the definition of disaster to include "cyber incidents."

Procurement Domestic Products (HB 3699): Declares that it is the policy of the state to use terms and conditions of state financial assistance awards and procurements to maximize the use of goods, products, and materials produced in and services offered in Illinois.

Real Estate Appraiser (HB 3714): Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act, the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002, and the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act.

Boxing and Martial Arts Sunset (HB 3743): Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act and the Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act. Extends the Sunset date for the Boxing and Full-Contact Martial Arts to Jan. 1, 2027. Makes changes to the Illinois Athletic Board and various martial arts regulations.

Offender Registration Fund (HB 3863): Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act. Provides for the transfer of the remaining balance from the Sex Offender Investigation Fund to the Offender Registration Fund.

Health

Foster Youth (HB 307): Requires the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to provide a canvas travel or tote bag to all foster youth for the purpose of storing personal belongings.

Ground Ambulance Fee (HB 684): Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to exempt ground ambulance services from managed care and pay for the services under fee-for-service.

Nursing Home Care (HB 3666): Provides that a facility may submit to a resident, or their legal representative, a bill for all charges for which payment was not made during the COVID-19 pandemic. Does not apply to a resident whose care is provided for under the Illinois Public Aid Code or who has submitted an application for care to be provided under the Illinois Public Aid Code.

Insurance

Telehealth Payment Parity (HB 3308): Gives the Illinois Department of Insurance emergency rulemaking authority until Jan. 1, 2022, and mandates insurers to cover telehealth services, when clinically appropriate and medically necessary. Makes changes to coverage criteria in order to ensure equitable access and delivery of telehealth services.

Judiciary

Service Of Process (HB 2401): Provides that the Illinois Secretary of State has the duty to accept service of process only in those specifically mandated areas of the law and as determined by the General Assembly. Provides that the Secretary is not the default agent for service of process in the State of Illinois.

Mandated Reporter (HB 3100): Requires mandated reporters to complete an initial in-person or web-based implicit bias training. The training must include information on implicit bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity. Requires the training to provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking and ultimately eliminate discriminatory behaviors.

Sexual Harassment (HB 3418): Amends the Workplace Transparency Act. Mandates that nondisclosures cannot be imposed in settlements relating to sexual harassment or sexual assault in the workplace, with codified exceptions.

Unpaid Leave (HB 3582): Amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Expands the types of codified events for which an employee can take leave. Expands the definition of family member covered under the Act.

Workplace-Related Infection (HB 3662): Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. With respect to firefighters and EMTs, a contagious staph infection, including MRSA, is rebuttably presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment.

Contact With Media (HB 3886): Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to prohibit the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) from preventing its youth from communicating with the media if they choose. When media request to speak with a minor, DCFS shall provide notice to the minor, minor's attorney, and guardian ad litem within one business day.

Licensed Activities

Landscape Architecture (HB 246): Creates the Landscape Architecture Registration Act. Provides that no person may hold themselves out as a registered landscape architect without being registered by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Establishes qualifications and procedures for registration. Provides that the Act is repealed on Jan. 1, 2032.

Temporary Dental Permit (HB 690): Amends the Dental Practice Act. Amends the provision for the department to issue a temporary permit authorizing the practice of dentistry without compensation. Requires Board recommendation for the permit. Requires the services improve the welfare of residents eligible for Medicaid or are uninsured income below 200 percent of the poverty level.

Expedited Licensing (HB 2776): Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to process all military service members and their spouses' licensure applications within 30 days of receiving the completed application (currently, 60 days).

Local Government

Industrial Park (HB 1931): Amends the definition of "Industrial Park" with regard to redevelopment and capital projects, to include the disposal of surplus real estate owned by a municipality.

Pensions

Annuity Withholding (HB 2766): Allow annuitants who were employees of the City of Chicago to authorize a portion of their annuities to a labor organization (current law allows this only for the labor organization that represented the annuitants during their employment).

State Government

Fire Advisory Commission (HB 640): Adds two ex officio members to the Illinois Fire Advisory Commission: one from the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, and one from the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Illinois

Kaskaskia Port District (HB 1755): Amends the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that DCEO shall evaluate eligibility of special districts for State and federal programs, grants, and subsidies based on eligibility requirements set forth in their statutory charters. Amends the Kaskaskia Regional Port District Act. Provides that the Port District has power to apply for and accept grants, loans, or appropriations from the federal and State government (currently, only federal government) or any agency or instrumentality thereof, to be used for any of the purposes of the District and to enter into agreements with the federal and State government (currently, only federal government) in relation to such grants, loans or appropriations.

Official State Microbe (HB 1879): Provides that *Penicillium rubens* NRRL 1951 is designated the official State microbe of the State of Illinois.

Required Newspaper Postings (HB 2412): Provides that if a notice is required to be published in a newspaper where the city, town, or county consists of more than 45 percent of a single

minority group, the notice shall also be published in a local newspaper of that minority group in the official language of the minority group's country of origin.

DHS Facility Transfer (HB 2426): Provides that a recipient of services in an Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) facility for persons with developmental disabilities be provided with a notice of their rights, which includes a new provision that they have a right to request a transfer to a different DHS facility. Sets forth a process by which the recipient may apply to transfer.

Transportation

Construction Consent (HB 2863): Provides that, in the case of township roads, the county superintendent of highways may either grant consent for construction or deny the application. Provides that the county superintendent of highways shall provide written confirmation, citing the basis of the decision, to both the highway commissioner and the applicant.

Police Vehicles (HB 3882): Changes the definition of "police vehicle" to include recreational off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft.