



# Senate Floor Reports

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**Medigap Birthday Rule (SB 147):** Allows a 60-day open enrollment period for Medigap policyholders. Also, the enrollment period would begin on the policy holder's birthday and allows the person to switch a different plan of equal or lesser benefits.

**Special Education Programs (SB 517):** Includes "separate public special education day schools" in the definition of "special educational facilities and services," and requires a school district to pay the cost of tuition for special education and related services, including public therapeutics programs, if a child attends a non-public school or special education facility, a public out-of-state school, or a special education facility owned and operated by a county government unit.

**Home Repair Fraud (SB 769):** Amends the Home Repair Fraud Act to add that a person commits the offense of home repair fraud when they knowingly promise performance, which the person knows will not be completed at any time during the performance of the service.

**Functional Needs (SB 921):** Creates the Functional Needs Advisory Committee comprised of members that represent persons with different types of disabilities, members that represent first responders and a member representing the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Advisory Committee is intended to provide recommendations to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and other agencies regarding how to ensure that persons with a disability are included in disaster strategies, and ensure that the state is effectively responding to the needs of persons with access and functional needs during a disaster.

**Insurance Task Force (SB 930):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that the task force on disability income insurance and parity for behavioral health conditions shall submit findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2022 (rather than Dec. 31, 2020). Provides that the task force is dissolved and the provision is repealed on Jan. 1, 2023 (rather than Dec. 31, 2021).

**Dry Needling (SB 1078):** Regulates the use of dry needling by athletic trainers, occupational therapists and assistants, and physical therapists and assistants. Removes the current dry needling education requirements for athletic trainers and replaces them with requirements that have been adopted by rule by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.



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**Construction and Demolition (SB 1089):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires a 40 percent rate of construction and demolition debris that must be recycled. Requires construction and demolition facilities to sort drywall before material is processed. Prohibits construction and demolition facilities from taking in any material other than construction and demolition debris. Requires construction and demolition facilities to file regular reports with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Allows IEPA to issue administrative citations to construction and demolition facilities that are not following the law.

**Homeowner's/Renter's Insurance (SB 1672):** Prohibits insurers from denying or dropping coverage or charging an increased rate or premium for homeowner's or renter's insurance based on the breed of a dog. As well as, requires insurers to submit data on dog-related incidents to the Illinois Department of Insurance, and provides the Department will publish the information on its Web site.

**Energy Transition Zone (SB 1747):** Provides for the certification by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of municipal ordinances designating an area as an Energy Transition Zone. Provides that green energy enterprises located in Energy Transition Zones shall be eligible to apply for certain tax incentives.

**Automatic Enrollment Deferred Compensation (SB 2103):** Makes technical corrections to the automatic enrollment aspect of public employees' deferred compensation plan and provides automatic annual increases for said plan.

**Life Insurance Policies (SB 2112):** Provides a life insurance policy covering a person 64 years or older that has been in force for at least one year, cannot lapse due to non-payment of premium unless the insurer has mailed a notification of the impending lapse to the policy owner and to a specified secondary addressee and agent of record.

**Insurance Regulations (SB 2411):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides credit for reinsurance to be allowed in interactions involving reciprocal jurisdictions. Requires insurance groups to submit group capital calculations to the lead state commissioner.

**Conflict of Interest (SB 2520):** Amends the Counties Code so that if a majority of the county board, by resolution, declares there to be a conflict of interest between the State's Attorney and the county board, the county board may, petition the circuit court to authorize the county board to hire outside legal counsel. The outside legal counsel may only represent the county board while the conflict of interest remains.

**Water Districts (SB 2663):** Amends the Public Water District Act. Provides that specified areas in Champaign County are annexed into the territory of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District on the effective date of the amendatory Act.