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This summary lists the bills that were reported passed by the Senate on May 25. More information about these bills is available at the Illinois General Assembly Web site at <https://ilga.gov/>.

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Higher Education Funding (SB 815): Creates the Commission on Equitable Higher Education Funding in order to recommend specific data-driven criteria and approaches to the General Assembly to adequately, equitably, and stably fund public universities in Illinois and to evaluate the existing funding methods used for public universities. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly starting no later than Oct. 15, 2021. The Commission shall deliver a report to the General Assembly on the Commission's recommendations no later than July 1, 2023.

Video Interview (HB 53): Provides that employers who rely solely upon artificial intelligence to determine whether an applicant will qualify for an in-person interview must collect demographic data about the race and ethnicity of applicants who are and are not afforded the opportunity for an in-person interview after the use of artificial intelligence analysis; and data about the race and ethnicity of applicants who are hired. The data must be reported to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity annually by Dec. 31.

County Officials (HB 56): Requires compensation of county elected officers to be fixed by ordinance or resolution by the county board/board of commissioners. Such ordinance must separately list each stipend as well as compensation for each elected officer.

Wage Underpayment Penalty (HB 118): Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act and changes the penalty for underpayment of wages from 2 percent to 5 percent.

Vital Records (HB 214): Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that death certificates and medical certifications shall be completed and signed by specified certifying health care professionals (rather than by the physician in charge). Defines "certifying health care professional" as a physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

Higher Education Admissions (HB 226): Creates the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act. Provides that each public university and community college shall adopt a test-optional policy as part of its undergraduate admissions process.

Media Literacy (HB 234): Provides that beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, every public high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy.

Project Funding (HB 270): Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways, in or within one mile of a municipality with a



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population of more than 1,000 people, in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change to a State transportation facility.

Homeless Hygiene Products (HB 310): Provides that feminine products including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and panty liners shall be available free of charge at all homeless shelters that provide temporary housing assistance to women or youth.

College Course Materials (HB 332): Creates the College Course Materials and Equitable Access Task Force to conduct a collaborative college course materials affordability and equitable access study. The Task Force is to submit a report to the Governor, General Assembly and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Affordable Housing (HB 374): Provides that the board of trustees of a community college district and non-exempt local governments may develop affordable housing for community college students in coordination with the Housing Authority having jurisdiction of the area where the community college is located.

Asian American History (HB 376): Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian American History beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

Dispute Resolution Fees (HB 574): Amends the Illinois Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act. Changes the dispute resolution fund fee charged and collected by the clerks of the circuit court to \$2 (currently, \$1).

Free Hygiene Products (HB 641): Mandates free feminine hygiene products at public higher education institutions in Illinois.

Immigrant Rights (HB 709): Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services, in consultation with other Departments, to conduct a public information campaign to educate immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and other noncitizens, of their rights under the United States Constitution and state law.

Debt Collection Limits (HB 862): Prohibits an action to collect a debt arising from a violation of a municipal ordinance to be filed more than seven years after the date of adjudication.

HIV Transmission (HB 1063): Deletes the provision criminalizing the intentional transmission of HIV.



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Substance Abuse Education (HB 1162): Requires instruction, study, and discussion in grades kindergarten through 8 on effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse.

Military Discharge (HB 1290): Provides for state benefits for a veteran who was discharged under “other than honorable” conditions due to sexual orientation.

Benefit Notification (HB 1777): Requires Chicago police officers and firefighters must be notified of catastrophic injury benefits available to them. Requires that those benefits are to be provided immediately.

Biomarker Testing (HB 1779): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for biomarker testing. Applies to policies beginning Jan. 1, 2022. Makes conforming changes to all relevant insurance statutes and the Illinois Public Aid Code.

School Closure Hearings (HB 1785): Provides that prior to closing a school building and unless a school building is unsafe, unsanitary, or unfit for occupancy and notice of condemnation has been served or notice is provided by a licensed entity able to determine the safety of a school building, the school board must hold at least three public hearings, the sole purpose of which shall be to discuss the decision to close a school building and to receive input from the community.

Health Insurance Options (HB 2568): Amends the Public Safety and Employee Benefit Act, and limits what type of health insurance plans that are allowed to be offered to employees as those that are codified in the employees’ collective bargaining agreement.

MFT Use (HB 2950): Expands the use of county motor fuel tax (MFT) funds for pedestrian use. Provides that, in the counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, and McHenry, proceeds from the county MFT funds may also be used for operating, constructing, improving, and acquiring land for shared-use paths for non-vehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths within the county. Provides that the county board of a county with a population of more than 500,000 may also use MFT funds allotted to it for the construction and maintenance of shared-use paths for non-vehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths.

Chronic Truants (HB 3099): Eliminates the requirement that the Chicago Board of Education establish an Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication. Instead, requires the chief executive officer or the chief executive officer’s designee to implement a socio-emotional focused attendance approach that targets the underlying causes of chronic truancy.