

# AT A GLANCE



2024



**AN OVERVIEW OF SPRING SESSION**

*LEGISLATION THAT PASSED THE SENATE*

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## **Agriculture**

**Landowner Deer Permits (SB 914):** Amends the Wildlife Code. Allows the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to issue landowner hunting permits to two additional family member landowners who own with other family member landowners a parcel of at least 40 acres but who do not all reside on that property at a cost of no more than the regular permit fee.

**Exotic Weeds (SB 2747):** Allows the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to designate exotic weeds through administrative rule rather than statute. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to consult with the Department of Agriculture before adding or removing any plant from the exotic weed list by administrative rule.

**Wild Turkey Hunting (SB 2767):** Amends the Wildlife Code to reduce the minimum shotgun gauge allowed for taking wild turkey from 20 gauge to .410 bore.

**Local Food Infrastructure Grants (SB 3077):** Creates the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Act. Establishes the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Program and allows the Department of Agriculture to enter into a subcontract agreement with a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that represents farmers to administer the program. Eligible grant applicants include specified entities that store, process, package, aggregate, or distribute value-added agricultural products or plan to do so. Grant funding must be used for purchasing, leasing to own, renting, building, or installing infrastructure related to the processing, storage, aggregation, or distribution of value-added agricultural products. Grant funding may not be used for labor, marketing, or promotion or for the costs of production agriculture. Requires the grant administrator to create an independent Local Food Infrastructure Steering Committee to guide the implementation and evaluation of the grant program.

**Farmer-Owned Grocery Stores (SB 3219):** Allows the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, subject to appropriation, to award grants for equipment upgrades for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets under the Grocery Initiative Act.

**Access to Nutritious Food Program (SB 3265):** Requires the Illinois Department of Agriculture to conduct an access to nutritious food program to establish and operate projects and strategies within food deserts that focus on distribution of fresh nutritious food, and education in food preparation and nutrition.

**Deer Meat Donation (SB 3407):** Amends the Wildlife Code. Removes the requirement that a meat processor be a member of the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger Program to be able to donate processed meat that has been abandoned as that program no longer exists.

### **(House Bills)**

**Youth and Young Adult Conservation Education Act (HB 255):** Creates the Youth and Young Adult Conservation and Education Pilot Program through the Illinois Department of Natural

Resources, subject to appropriation. The program will be limited to Illinois residents ages 15-25 at the time of enrollment. Participants will receive at least minimum wage, when applicable, and work normal working hours as determined by the Department. Participants shall not be classified as State employees for pension purposes. The Act is repealed June 30, 2029.

**Forest Development Program (HB 1855):** Amends the Forestry Development Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to file a report before March 1 of each year beginning in 2025 on the status of the forestry development cost-share program. Information from the previous year required to be in the report includes the total number of agreements entered; the total amount of payments made from the Forestry Development Fund; and the total number of acres that were affected by the payments.

**Meat and Poultry Inspection (HB 2601):** Amends the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act to allow the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture to exempt from inspection animals slaughtered or any meat or meat food products prepared on a custom basis at a Type I licensee only if the Type I licensee plainly marks all such articles prepared on a custom basis “NOT FOR SALE.”

**Animal Adoption Fee Waiver (HB 4590):** Provides that an animal shelter or animal control facility may, rather than shall, waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting the dog or cat is a veteran and meets specified criteria.

**Wildlife Nuisance Control (HB 5522):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to issue a Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit not only to a person who is providing nuisance wildlife control services for a fee or compensation but also to any person who solicits customers for themselves or on behalf of a nuisance wildlife control permit holder for a fee or compensation.

## **Appropriations**

**FY25 State Budget (SB 251):** Makes FY24 supplemental appropriations, FY25 agency operations appropriations, and FY25 capital appropriations. FY24 supplemental appropriations are effective immediately. FY25 agency operations and FY25 capital appropriations are effective July 1, 2024.

## **Behavioral and Mental Health**

**DHS Statute Clean-Up (SB 647):** Changes statute to represent the renaming of the Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center to the Elizabeth Parsons Ware Packard Mental Health Center in Springfield. Amends the Controlled Substances Act to be consistent with the current Substance Use Disorder Act.

**Mental Health-Death Notice (SB 3137):** Provides that the Act is referred to as Jordan’s Law. Requires substance abuse programs and mental health or developmental disabilities facilities in

the State to inform the personal representative of a patient verbally within 24 hours of the patient's death and provide written notice within five days of the death.

**Direct Support Professional (SB 3432):** Delays the start date of the direct support professional credential pilot program implemented by the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health to Fiscal Year 2025.

### **(House Bills)**

**Mental Health Discharge (HB 4498):** Allows for the involuntary retention of a voluntary mental health facility recipient if, within five days of expressing a desire to leave, certain documentation is filed with the court, including a copy of the recipient's written notice, a petition, and two certificates from qualified mental health professionals supporting involuntary admission.

**Direct Care Expansion Act (HB 5094):** Creates the Workforce Direct Care Act. Establishes the Behavioral Health Administrative Burden Task Force within the Office of the Chief Behavioral Health Officer. The Task Force is to review policies and regulations affecting the behavioral health industry to identify inefficiencies, duplicate or unnecessary requirements, unduly burdensome restrictions, and other administrative barriers that prevent behavioral health professionals from providing services and to analyze the impact of administrative burdens on the delivery of quality care and access to behavioral health services.

### **Criminal Law and Public Safety**

**Emerging Adult Programs (SB 426):** Allows the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to establish and offer emerging adult programs for persons ages 18-21 who are committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

**Expungement (SB 2626):** Amends the Criminal Identification Act to allow a defendant's counsel to pre-file expungement petitions 61 days before their case is dismissed.

**Identification Cards (SB 2803):** Requires the Secretary of State to provide an Illinois ID upon receipt of identifying documents for individuals committed to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and county jails. Those IDs are currently provided for people committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice with an Illinois ID upon receipt of identifying documents.

**Hazing (SB 2934):** Provides that it is not a defense to a prosecution for hazing that the person who was hazed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing.

**Police Autism Training (SB 3201):** Amends the Police Training Act and the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to require training for police officers on the

nature of autism spectrum disorders and in identifying and appropriately responding to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

**Corrections Task Force (SB 3353):** Creates the Community-Based Corrections Task Force to develop ways to introduce community-based corrections and rehabilitation into the State's correctional system.

**Problem-Solving Court (SB 3405):** Allows a county to use funds designated by law or ordinance for transportation purposes to fund rides for persons to attend problem-solving courts.

**Automatic Expungement (SB 3463):** Requires that on the date that a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent, the juvenile court judge must schedule a date to enter the automatic expungement order.

**Police Training (SB 3552):** Requires that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board conduct or approve training programs in crimes motivated by bias.

**Residents' Benefit Fund (SB 3615):** Provides that interest or other income that may be earned from money deposited with the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice by a resident shall accrue to the Residents' Benefit Fund.

#### **(House Bills)**

**Notice to Defendant (HB 277):** Eliminates automatic driver's license suspensions for failure to appear for petty offenses. Allows the clerk of the court to establish a system to send text, email, and telephone notifications, if someone misses court regarding the continued court date. If the person does not appear in court on or before the continued court date, satisfy the charge without a court appearance if allowed by Illinois Supreme Court Rule, or satisfy the court that the person's appearance in and surrender to the court is impossible for no fault of the person, the court shall enter an ex parte judgment of conviction imposing a single assessment, plus the minimum fine allowed by statute.

**Sexual Assault Evidence (HB 1168):** Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Provides that except in certain medical examiner or coroner investigations, whenever a person's DNA profile is collected due to the person being a victim of a crime, as identified by law enforcement, that specific profile collected in conjunction with that criminal investigation shall not be entered into any DNA database.

**Crime Statistics (HB 2323):** Creates the Uniform Statewide Crime Statistics Task Force. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is to create a task force that would meet at least quarterly to assist in the development and implementation of an integrated software system for gathering and publishing crime data from all law enforcement agencies throughout the State. The Uniform Statewide Crime Statistics Task Force would include members from the

Illinois State Police, Illinois Secretary of State, and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General along with numerous agencies and professionals in the public safety sector.

**Sentencing (HB 3241):** Requires that the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council identify discriminatory practices in sentencing and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to remedy those discriminatory practices.

**Crime Reduction (HB 4409):** Amends the Illinois Crime Reduction Act of 2009. Changes references from “offenders” to “justice-impacted individuals.” Expands membership of the Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board to include two individuals who were participants in Adult Redeploy Illinois-funded programs.

**Coroner Reports (HB 4942):** Amends the Counties Code to further detail the data reported by coroners to the Illinois Department of Public Health in respect to fentanyl and drug-related deaths. Provides that the reporting includes the cause of the overdose; whether fentanyl was part or all the consumed substance; what other substances were involved; and any known proportions of fentanyl and other substances consumed to other substance or substances. Provides that the coroner must also communicate whether there was a suspicious level of fentanyl in combination with other controlled substances present to all law enforcement agencies in whose jurisdiction the deceased’s body was found in a prompt manner after receipt of the toxicology results whether a cause of death has been determined.

**Probation (HB 5285):** Provides that if judgment is withheld, the plea, verdict, or finding of guilty is not a conviction under Illinois law unless and until judgment is entered. Clarifies that someone does not have a felony conviction while they are in a special probation program or after the successful completion of such a program. Provides that a sentence, rather than discharge and dismissal, is not a conviction for purposes of disqualification or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime unless and until judgment is entered while someone is in a first-time offender provision for cannabis or controlled substances.

**Pregnant Prisoners (HB 5431):** Bans the use of restraints for pregnant or postpartum people in jail or prison in Illinois under most conditions. Expands the prohibition on restraints throughout pregnancy and up to six weeks postpartum. Requires jails and prisons to provide pregnant people with at least 300 additional calories each day. Requires facilities to document the number of pregnant people in custody and their pregnancy outcomes each year. Requires jails and prisons to distribute and post certain information, including policies on abortion access, in units that house pregnant women.

**Human Trafficking (HB 5465):** Allows a minor in juvenile court to petition the court for immediate sealing or expungement of their records if the participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking.

## **Education**



**Physical Restraint and Time-Out Reporting Requirements (SB 458):** Amends the School Code. Extends the reporting requirement sunset from Aug. 13, 2024, to Aug. 1, 2027, for school districts and special education entities where they are required to report to ISBE on the progress made towards goals established by ISBE concerning decreasing the number of instances of physical restraint and time-out. Extends the reporting requirement from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2026, for ISBE to issue a report to the General Assembly on the progress made by school districts and special education entities toward achieving their goals and benchmarks.

**Tenure and PEAC (SB 463):** Amends the School Code. Requires the State Superintendent of Education to convene a Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee to maintain and improve the evaluator training and prequalification program. Provides that teachers who hold an Educator License with Stipulations with a career and technical educator endorsement, or an Educator License with Stipulations with a provisional career and technical educator endorsement may enter into contractual continued service (tenure) after a probationary period of 2-4 years.

**Referendum Exemption (SB 464):** Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that no referendum is required for Tier 1 and Tier 2 schools as defined in the Evidence-Based Funding Formula with one school located on federal property, whose school district's overall population is between 2,500 and 4,500 students and receives federal funding through the Public Schools on Military Installations grant. Requires a school district under these provisions to use Military Installation grant funding for 75 percent of the cost of construction to not be required to go to referendum. (Applies to North Chicago District 187.)

**FAFSA Mandate (SB 998):** Provides that the requirement for high school graduates to receive their diploma concerning applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is waived for the 2023-2024 school year.

**School Discipline (SB 1400):** Provides that ISBE, in consultation with stakeholders they deem appropriate, must draft, and publish guidance for the development of reciprocal reporting systems and school bus safety procedures on or before July 1, 2025. Provides that ISBE, in consultation with stakeholders they deem appropriate, must draft, and publish guidance for the re-engagement of students who are suspended out-of-school, expelled, or returning from an alternative school setting on or before July 1, 2025. Provides that all school staff be trained on student discipline policies, including training on trauma-responsive learning environments.

**School Construction Early Childhood Grant (SB 2675):** Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that not-for-profit entities are allowed to receive grants for early childhood construction projects during Fiscal Year 2024. Currently, these grants may only go toward schools until the end of Fiscal Year 2024.

**Montessori Educator License (SB 2689):** Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that by June 1, 2025, the State Board of Education and the State Educator

Preparation and Licensure Board are required to create rules that add the Montessori education endorsement as an endorsement that a Professional Educator License holder can obtain. Requires the rules adopted to outline the requirements for obtaining such endorsement.

**At-Risk Pupil Out-of-District Tuition (SB 2824):** Requires schools to waive non-resident tuition fees of a former district resident if the pupil submits a letter stating that the pupil no longer lives in the district because the pupil has made allegations of domestic violence, abuse, or sexual abuse against their parent or guardian and has been removed from their home by DCFS.

**Spirit Rules Book (SB 2861):** Amends the School Code. Provides that an association or entity that provides for interscholastic athletic competition in any manner shall adopt the Spirit Rules Book published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, or a similar document, as the statewide uniform safety standards for student cheerleaders, spirit groups, and their coaches who participate in any school activity or extracurricular student activity.

**Relaxation Activities (SB 2872):** Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that each school district may provide to students, in addition to and not substituting recess, at twenty minutes a week, relaxation activities to enhance the mental and physical health of students as part of the school day.

**Chicago School Personnel Return to Work Extension (SB 2920):** Amends the Chicago Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Extends the return-to-work provisions for the Chicago School District from July 2024 to July 2027 for retired teachers and administrators who are working on a temporary and non-annual basis or an hourly basis.

**Continuous Improvement Training (SB 2987):** Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that improved student outcomes will be included in the required professional development and leadership training for school board members in the first year of their terms.

**Regional School Trustees (SB 3110):** Amends the Regional School Trustees Article of the School Code. Provides that any vacancy on the regional board of school trustees is required to be filled from the same territory by the remaining members until the next regular election for members of the regional board of school trustees. Provides that if the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service region, the vacancy can be filled by a resident of a congressional township not represented on the board.

**Safety Education and Driver Education (SB 3151):** Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning safety education and driver education courses, provides that the course instruction relating to highway construction and maintenance zones shall include instruction on worker safety in highway construction and maintenance zones.

**Safety Education and Driver Education (SB 3151):** Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that driver's education programs shall include instruction about worker



safety in highway construction and maintenance zones, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

**ISBE Clean-Up (SB 3156):** Amends the School Code. Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education is required to provide updates to its strategic plan to the Governor and the General Assembly if the State Board of Education finds the updates are applicable. Provides that when the State Board of Education is processing applications for the property tax relief grant the State Board of Education is required to use the school district's adjusted operating tax rate instead of the school district's operating tax rate. Provides that a school district can waive tuition costs for non-resident pupils whose parent or guardian is a school district employee only if the school district adopts a policy that approves of the waiver. Provides that the State Board of Education may identify in-service training programs in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding hazardous materials. Requires e-learning days to be verified annually and before the implementation of any e-learning days in that school year. Requires the e-learning programs to have a term of three school years. Requires school counseling services to be provided by school counselors or by professional educator license holders with a school support personnel endorsement in school counseling. Provides technical changes to the school counseling services that may be provided by school counselors. Requires schools to report any verified communication report of an incident involving a firearm on school grounds to the State Board of Education via the school incident reporting systems when they occur during the year by no later than July 31. Provides that annual audits conducted on approved providers of professional development activities for the renewal of professional educator licenses are required to be reviewed by the State Superintendent. Removes the "annual" requirement of reviewing the data collected by these audits. Requires that threat assessment teams required to be created under school board policies must include at least one law enforcement official and cross-disciplinary representatives of the district who are familiar with the mental and behavioral health needs of students and staff. Provides changes to the terms of appointed members on the Gender Equity Advisory Committee and expands the provisions regarding the expertise the 5 citizen appointees are required to possess. Expertise includes service delivery to non-binary teens and migrants.

**Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Academic Assessments (SB 3164):** Amends the School Code. Allows school districts to test pupils between prekindergarten and 2nd Grade for eligibility in advanced academic programs.

**Student Records (SB 3166):** Amends the School Code. Provides that a "Student Permanent Record" may include a special education summary of performance form. Provides that representatives of the Department of Human Services shall have the right to inspect and copy a student's permanent record for the sole purpose of assessing waiver services qualification of the student.

**School Construction (SB 3237):** Amends the School Construction Law. Extends the time for the 2004, 2005, and 2006 Construction Grant List school districts to reapply and adjust their grant

awards and local matching dollars. Adds three application cycles for the 2004, 2005, and 2006 Construction Grant List school districts to reapply and adjust their grant awards and local matching dollars.

**Debt Limit Increase for Union Ridge School District and Bethel School District (SB 3348):**

Amends the School Code. Provides that Union Ridge School District 86 may issue bonds to a maximum of \$35 million and provides that Bethel School District 82 may issue bonds to a maximum of \$3,975,000.

**State Global Scholar Certification (SB 3349):** Amends the School Code. Provides that ISBE must adopt rules to provide students with the opportunity to earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely if the school the student is attending does not offer State Global Scholar Certification, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

**Type 1 Diabetes Informational Materials (SB 3473):** Amends the School Code. Provides that ISBE, in coordination with IDPH, is required to develop informational materials regarding Type 1 Diabetes for the parents and guardians of students. Such information must be available on ISBE's website. Requires each school district and charter school to post the informational materials on their websites if the school district or charter school has one.

**Automated External Defibrillator (SB 3571):** Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district shall require a school to have present at all attendance centers during the school day and school-sponsored extracurricular activities at least one automated external defibrillator.

**Public Special Education Reimbursement Rate (SB 3606):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Seeks to reimburse public schools who send special education students to public special education day schools at the rate that the State reimburses public schools who send their special education students to private special education day schools.

**Philip J. Rock Center (SB 3768):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Aligns the definition of people who are deaf and blind with the definition found in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Requires the Philip J. Rock Center to provide services for children ages 3-21 or 22 if the student's birthday is during the school year, in that case, the student can receive services through the end of the school year (aligned with students with disabilities in public schools). Requires the Philip J. Rock Center to be its own employer. Requires the State Board of Education to appoint a Chief Administrator of the Philip J. Rock Center who is required to be employed by the Philip J. Rock Center and to manage the daily operations of the Philip J. Rock Center's residential educational facilities.

**(House Bills)**

**Individualized Education Program Parent Notification (HB 340):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that, in provisions concerning notices to a

parent or guardian about a meeting with school administrators and teachers about a child's individual education program (IEP), the notice provided to a parent or guardian must inform the parent or guardian of their right to receive copies of all written material that will be considered by the IEP team, as well as the date when the written material will be delivered or made available to the parent or guardian. Requires the information to be provided no later than three school days prior to the meeting.

**Personal Finance Course (HB 1375):** Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Requires pupils in public high schools to be taught a course in financial literacy and consumer education that is in alignment with the Illinois Social Science Learning Standards for Economics and Financial Literacy or other relevant Career and Technical Education Learning Standards. Requires the State Board of Education, subject to appropriation, to determine how to prepare and make available instructional resources and professional learning opportunities for educators that can be used for the purpose of meeting the requirements of standards concerning financial literacy and consumer education.

**School District Spending Plan Tool (HB 3446):** Amends the Evidence-Based Funding Section of the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to create an Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) spending plan tool to make EBF spending plan data for each organizational unit (public school district) available on the State Board of Education's website no later than Dec. 31, 2025, and annually update the tool. Requires the tool to allow for the selection and review of each organizational unit's planned use of EBF.

**Corporal Punishment in Schools (HB 4175):** Amends the School Code. Applies to Chicago. Requires school personnel in school districts, charter schools, or nonpublic schools to not use corporal punishment on a student or cause corporal punishment to be used on a student. Provides that licensed teachers may only use force if a student poses a threat to the health and safety of others, other less restrictive measures have been used and have been proven ineffective in stopping the serious physical harm, and the teacher applying the force has been trained to do so in a safe and healthy manner.

**Fentanyl Education (HB 4219):** Amends the School Code and the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act. Removes provisions concerning fentanyl education from the Courses of Study-Special Instruction Article of the School Code. Provides that the Comprehensive Health Education Program must include disaster preparedness and the use and abuse of fentanyl.

**Workplace Readiness Week (HB 4417):** Amends the School Code. Provides that all public high schools and charter schools may designate and annually observe a "Workplace Readiness Week" in which students shall be provided information on their rights as workers. Provides that students shall be provided information about State-approved apprenticeship programs, including how to access these programs and the variety of programs available, as well as how they can provide an alternative career path to students not attending college. Provides that, if a school observes Workplace Readiness Week, the required topics must be integrated into

the regular school program for students in grades 11 and 12 but may also be provided during special events after regular school hours.

**Student Residential District (HB 4581):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that in cases where an Illinois public agency has legal guardianship of a student aged 18 or older with no legal guardian, if the student is placed residentially outside of the school district where the student's parent lives and the placement is funded by a State Agency or through private insurance, then the resident district is the school district in which the parent lives.

**In-Service Training (HB 4653):** Amends the School Code. Provides that school district employees who have been trained to respond to trauma are immune from civil liability when using a trauma kit unless there is willful or wanton misconduct. Removes the 2-year requirement for school personnel to train on the use of trauma kits since the training had been moved to a different subsection requiring the training to be completed every 5 years. Requires that training regarding identifying warning signs of mental illness, trauma, and suicidal behavior in youth for school staff must include the definitions of trauma, trauma-responsive learning environments, and whole child defined in the School Code.

**Climate Change Instruction (HB 4895):** Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Requires every public school to provide instruction on climate change beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and includes what the instruction is required to include.

**Comprehensive Literacy Plan (HB 4902):** Amends the School Code. Provides that any school district seeking support from a vendor or learning partner that is approved to support a school's continuous improvement plan related to English language arts then the support received is required to be based on the State developed comprehensive literacy plan.

**Air Quality Resources (HB 4903):** Amends the School Code. Provides that ISBE, in consultation with the IDPH, must compile resources for elementary and secondary schools relating to indoor air quality in schools, including best practices for assessing and maintaining ventilation systems and information on any potential State or federal funding sources that may assist a school in identifying ventilation needs.

**Teacher Assessment (HB 5057):** Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that no candidate for a State educator license of any kind is required to pass the applicable content area test as a prerequisite to student teach. Provides that on or before Oct. 31, 2024, the Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force is required to report on its work to the General Assembly. Gives the State Board of Education rule-making authority over the scoring of content area tests that can include scoring the test sections independently and retaking of each test section separately.

**Accelerated Placement (HB 5250):** Amends the School Code. Provides that, by no later than the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, a school district's accelerated placement policy

shall allow for automatic eligibility, in the following school term, for a student to enroll in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework offered by the high school if the student meets State standards in English language arts, mathematics, or science on a State assessment. Provides that a school district's accelerated placement policy must include a process through which the parent or guardian of each student who meets State standards is provided notification in writing of the student's eligibility for enrollment in accelerated courses and waiver of a course or unit of instruction completion requirement.

**Transition Services (HB 5276):** Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that a student with a disabilities transition plan must include consideration of the student's assistive technology needs while the student is participating in transition-related activities and in post-school activities.

**Cardiac Emergency Response (HB 5394):** Amends the School Code. Provides that administrators must be provided cardio emergency response training, as well as other school personnel determined by school officials. Provides that school boards must provide teachers, administrators, and other school personnel with information regarding emergency procedures.

**Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program (HB 5407):** Amends the School Code. Provides that ISBE must distribute grants from the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program based on the percentage of students experiencing homelessness in an applicant school district. Provides the following activities that are eligible for assistance: rental assistance, transportation assistance, emergency shelter, housing stability, case management, housing locator services, other collaborative housing strategies, and activities set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act.

**School Maintenance Grants (HB 5418):** Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that the State Board of Education is authorized to make grants to regional offices of education and intermediate service centers to be used for school maintenance projects on publicly owned property.

## **Energy and Public Utilities**

**Municipal Broadband Projects (SB 3173):** Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county may lease, license, or otherwise grant access to and use of infrastructure, including fiber optic cables, that the county owns or controls to public or private entities to facilitate the delivery of broadband services on the condition that the lease, license, access, or use be granted on a nondiscriminatory, nonexclusive, and competitively neutral basis; and comply with all other State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, all applicable safety codes and requirements.

**Battery Storage Registration (SB 3481):** Provides that battery storage sites at which 5,000 kilograms or more of used batteries are stored must register with the Environmental Protection Agency prior to Feb. 2026 or prior to commencing operation if not in operation in Feb. 2026 and maintain records related to the weight or volume of batteries stored.

**Clean Air Act Permit Program (SB 3506):** Deletes a provision that requires a Clean Air Act Permit Program permit to contain a provision which creates an emergency-related affirmative defense if certain requirements are met.

**911 Dispatch Implementation Extension (SB 3648):** Amends the Community Emergency Services and Support Act. In provisions relating to emergency services dispatched through a 9-1-1 PSAP and coordination of activities with mobile and behavioral health services, provides that the coordination must begin no later than July 1, 2025, rather than July 1, 2024.

**Battery Stewardship (SB 3686):** Requires those who sell, offer for sale, or distribute, covered batteries or battery-containing products containing one or more covered batteries in or into the State to implement and participate in a battery stewardship plan.

#### **(House Bills)**

**Assistance Utility Disconnection Protections (HB 4118):** Provides that where customers have applied for assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), the customer shall be temporarily protected from disconnection for 30 days after the utility receives notice from a local administrative agency that the customer has applied to LIHEAP or PIPP.

**LIHEAP Qualification (HB 4141):** Changes a LIHEAP provision concerning energy assistance payments for qualifying applicants who are not the customer of record of an energy provider, who receive housing assistance under a rent subsidy or housing voucher program, or whose rental expenses for housing are a specified percentage of their household income.

**LIHEAP Permanent Expansion (HB 4471):** Amends the Energy Assistance Act. Removes the Jan. 1, 2025, repeal date for the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund.

**Universal Telephone Service Assistance (HB 4634):** Repeals the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program by eliminating the check-off option for donations. The Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program is funded by voluntary contributions from Illinois ratepayers. Consumers wishing to participate in the funding of UTSAP may do so by electing to contribute, monthly, a fixed amount to be included by the local exchange company on their monthly telephone bill.

**Telecommunications Services Limitations (HB 4661):** Prohibits an electric utility in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more from authorizing any other person or granting any other person the right, by agreement, lease, license, or otherwise, to access, control, use, or

operate any electric utility's infrastructure, facilities, or assets of any kind or to deliver or provide to the electric utility's retail customers or any other person's customers, broadband services, Voice over Internet Protocol services, telecommunications services, or cable or video programming services. Specifies, however, that an electric utility in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more may authorize or grant another person the right to access or use the electric utility's infrastructure, facilities, or assets, including, but not limited to, middle-mile infrastructure, to facilitate the delivery of broadband services to Illinois residential and commercial customers on the condition that the access to and use of that electric utility's infrastructure, facilities, and assets (A) be granted on a non-discriminatory, non-exclusive, and competitively neutral basis; and (B) comply with all other State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, all applicable safety codes and requirements.

**Carbon-Free School Energy Reports (HB 4751):** Provides that "confidential information" means, for purposes of a provision requiring the results of each public school's Carbon-Free Assessment to be memorialized in a non-confidential report that redacts confidential information, information or facts exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that "confidential information" does not include program offerings, solar opportunities, health and safety certifications, energy efficiency recommendations, information about transportation, and other funding offerings. Provides that a copy of the Public Schools Carbon-Free Assessment report shall be provided to the applicable public school by the utility or the third party acting on behalf of the utility.

**Unplanned Water Supply Disruption (HB 4804):** Allows a public water distribution entity to use contact information in its possession obtained before or after a planned or unplanned disruption event in a public water supply to inform its customers of the disruption event. Includes in the definition of "disruption event" planned or unplanned work on or damage to a water main.

**Emergency Telephone System Board Expansion (HB 5128):** Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act to provide that Sheriffs are eligible to serve on the local 9-1-1 boards.

**Water Usage Reporting (HB 5459):** Provides that in the case of a public utility that provides drinking water services, upon the request of a municipal wastewater agency or unit of local government organized under specified Acts, such public utility shall provide timely and accurate water usage data, in a format identifiable to the requester, for purposes of calculating wastewater billings. Provides that the public utility shall be entitled to collect its reasonable costs incurred to provide such data.

**Energy Efficiency Grants (HB 5539):** Adds public institutions of higher education explicitly to the list of government organizations from which cost-effective energy efficiency measures may be procured for purposes of the Act with Public Utilities.

**JULIE Utility Digging (HB 5546):** Amends the Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act. Removes references to the State-Wide One-Call Notice System and replaces it



with JULIE, Inc. Provides that owners or operators of underground utility facilities are required to be members of JULIE. Sets forth notice requirements prior to engaging in the excavation or demolition. Provides that underground utility facility owners or operators may request to be present when excavation occurs when there is a critical facility within a proposed excavation area and excavators shall comply with a request to be present during excavation. Creates the positive response system to be implemented by Jan. 1, 2026.

## **Environment and Conservation**

**Safe Drinking Water (SB 727):** Creates the Safe Public Drinking Water Act. Directs the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to conduct statewide sampling of certain community water supplies for the presence of 1,4-Dioxane. Provides that by no later than June 30, 2029, the IEPA shall propose, and, by no later than June 30, 2030, the Pollution Control Board shall adopt, amendments to the Board rules to establish a State-only maximum contaminant level for 1,4-Dioxane. Provides that within one year of the promulgation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) of regulations or amendments establishing maximum contaminant levels for perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the Pollution Control Board shall adopt rules that are identical in substance to such federal regulations.

**Water Plan Task Force Act (SB 2743):** Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act to codify the State Water Plan Task Force. The Task Force is required to identify critical water issues; develop recommendations to address critical water topic issues; implement recommendations; and reevaluate critical water issues and needs.

**Forest-Wetlands-Prairies (SB 2781):** Creates the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to create and administer a Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant program, subject to appropriation, to restore degraded forest lands and native prairies and to promote the growth of native vegetation that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and helps mitigate the impact of climate change.

**Large Event Recycling (SB 2876):** Requires event facilities with a maximum capacity of 3,500 to provide for the recycling of items generated at public events, the transfer of these materials to a recycling center, and the composting of organic waste, beginning Jan. 1, 2025. School stadiums, county fairs, and hotels are not considered event facilities under the Act.

**Small Plastic Bottle Act (SB 2960):** Creates the Small Single-Use Plastic Bottle Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, hotels with 50 rooms or more and, beginning Jan. 1, 2026, all hotels may not provide small single-use plastic bottles containing personal care products to customers. Hotels may provide personal care products in small single-use plastic bottles upon request outside of a hotel room or bathroom.

**Recycling Needs Assessment (SB 3165):** Amends the Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Act. Provides the competitive solicitation issued by the IEPA and the contract, including any contract modification or extension, executed by the consultant and the IEPA must provide

that the data or information received by the consultant and the Agency must be used exclusively to complete the statewide needs assessment and for no other purposes. Provides the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall select the consultant for the statewide needs assessment by Jan. 1, 2025 (currently July 1, 2024). Requires the IEPA to provide the draft needs assessment to the Advisory Council by June 30, 2026 (currently Dec. 31, 2025). Requires the needs assessment to be finalized by the IEPA by Nov. 1, 2026 (currently May 1, 2026.)

**IEMA Groundwater Local (SB 3279):** Amends the Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings Control Act. Provides IEMA may approve a request for license termination following adoption and implementation by the county or municipality in which the material milling facility is located of one or more ordinances restricting the use of groundwater on the property that has been licensed for the milling of source material and any property downgradient from that property, provided that the ordinances are determined by IEMA to provide sufficient protection of public health and safety and the ordinances are in effect at the time of license termination.

**Pesticide Application Notice (SB 3342):** Creates the Pesticide Application on Rights-of-Way Notification Act. Provides that at least 24 hours before the State or a unit of local government, (except for park districts, forest preserve districts, and conservation districts, but including a mosquito abatement district or a commercial entity hired by the State or unit of local government) applies a pesticide, including a pesticide intended to control mosquitoes, to a public right-of-way that is located within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, the State, mosquito abatement district, or other unit of local government in which the application is to be made, shall provide written notice to the public of the application of the pesticide. Delineates what is to be included in the notice and how the notice may be distributed.

**IEMA Address Verification (SB 3448):** Amends the Illinois Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act. Requires the State Emergency Response Commission to provide and maintain a Tier II reporting system for Tier II chemicals that allows the reporting facility to file a Tier II inventory form to verify the accuracy of the facility's chemical storage address, including the latitude and longitude associated with that address, using a mapping-based software.

**EPA Vehicle Washing (SB 3566):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires landfills in counties with a population over 250,000 (currently landfills in counties with a population over 275,000) to provide and operate facilities to clean the wheels and undercarriages of vehicles departing the landfill beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Only applies to Madison and St. Clair Counties.

**EPA UST Registration (SB 3601):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Repeals outdated provisions requiring owners of underground storage tanks containing hazardous waste to register the tanks with the IEPA and provide the IEPA with information concerning the content of the tanks. Repeals a provision requiring the owners of registered tanks containing

hazardous waste to notify the IEPA of any change in registration information or of the removal of the tank from service.

**Lake Michigan Monitoring (SB 3716):** Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Requires Illinois EPA to regularly monitor water quality from nearshores, harbors, and public water supply intakes in Lake Michigan and provide an executive summary biennially on conditions of the water quality in Lake Michigan to the Governor and the General Assembly.

### **(House Bills)**

**Landscape Waste (HB 1837):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that nothing shall prohibit the burning of landscape waste by a person engaged in the business of tree removal, at the person's registered place of business, provided the burning activity: is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less; is more than 1,000 feet from the nearest residence; is not located in an area with PM2.5 design value greater than 9 micrograms per cubic meter; is not located in an area of environmental justice concern, as determined by the Agency's EJ Start tool; and is conducted in accordance with all federal, State, and local laws and ordinances.

**Legacy Trees Task Force (HB 5488):** Establishes the Legacy Tree Program Task Force for the purpose of establishing recommendations for the creation of a statewide legacy tree recognition program to promote identification, awareness, commemoration, and preservation of significant trees in the State. The Task Force is to meet on a quarterly basis for four years after the effective date of the Act and submit a report containing its final recommendations to the General Assembly by June 30, 2028.

### **Executive**

**Department of Early Childhood (SB 1):** Creates the Illinois Department of Early Childhood. Amends the Department of Early Childhood Act by requiring the rights and contracts, pension, retirements, or annuity plans of employees of the transferring agencies to not be affected by the Act created through this legislation. Requires the Department of Early Childhood to be transferred the responsibilities of administration and oversight for the following early childhood programs: Early Intervention Services; Childcare Assistance Program; Preschool for All, Preschool for All Expansion, and Prevention Initiative; Home-Visiting; Childcare and Day Care Licensing Services.

**Chicago School Board District Map (SB 15):** Creates the Chicago Board of Education Subdistricts Act. Creates 10 Districts which each will be divided into two districts for 20 Subdistricts for the City of Chicago. All maps are being created using 2020 decennial census data. Provides that the City of Chicago will be divided into 10 districts and each district will have two subdistricts. Until Jan. 15, 2027, the district will be represented by one member elected in the 2024 general election for a two-year term and one member appointed by the mayor for a two-year term. Members of the School Board must reside in the subdistrict they represent.

**Government Property Leased-Delinquent Property Taxes (SB 317):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Changes when the delinquencies provisions (and enforcement provisions) apply when tenants that lease government-owned property are delinquent in paying property taxes from 60 days after the second installment notice to 60 days after the final notice date and the taxes remain unpaid. Applies the provisions of this section to all government entities (currently, they only apply in counties with more than 800,000 but fewer than 1,000,000 inhabitants). This means all government entities will have the same tools to go after delinquent property taxes from leaseholders of government property.

**DCFS Medical Opinions (SB 378):** Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. When the child of a DCFS investigation is referred to a medical professional for a medical opinion, the following information must be provided to the parent/guardian of the child: the medical professional is completing the exam at the request of DCFS in order to provide an opinion regarding whether the injury is suspicious for child abuse, and that the pediatrician may be required to communicate with law enforcement and provide court testimony. The right to request and receive a copy of the opinion, and a copy of any written report that has been provided to DCFS. The right to obtain and submit to DCFS a second medical opinion for consideration in the investigation at any time prior to the conclusion of the investigation.

**Back-End Automatic Voter Registration (SB 496):** Amends the Election Code. Eliminates ability to opt out of registering to vote in some AVR circumstances. Instead, people will automatically be registered with their application held in a pending status for a 23-day period. During that time, an election authority will have sent notice to the person notifying them that they have applied to register to vote. They must then return the notice within the time frame if they want to opt out. If they fail to do so on time, they will be registered to vote, and the notice will be processed as a cancellation requires. Allows dual-use applications for multiple people at once from one application if standards are met. Still requires attestation even when providing listed citizenship documentation. This applies to each person on the application. Contains other provisions on informing people of implications of falsely attesting to meeting voting requirements, including immigration impacts, and AVR agencies offers materials in different languages. Language services must be provided in the language covered under Section 203 and the 5 most common non-English services in the state and apply to all AVR-related materials and notices. This applies to ALL facilities, not just those covered by Section 203. Effective immediately, changes must be implemented by applicable agencies no later than Jan. 1, 2026.

**Nomination Papers Signature Fraud (SB 497):** Amends the Election Code. Requires Electoral Boards, when reviewing objections to nomination petitions, to deem the papers invalid and disallow appearance on the ballot for those it has found to have personally engaged in material fraud or a pattern of fraud concerning petition signatures. Applies the same penalty to false swearing to the authenticity of the petitions.

**Safety Zone Cameras (SB 698):** Amends the Vehicle Code. Expands the safety zone (schools and parks) speed camera eligibility to home rule municipalities with over 35,000 residents in Cook County. Currently, safety zone speed cameras are only allowed in the city of Chicago.

**Insulin Pumps (SB 860):** Authorizes the use of insulin pumps in facilities that treat persons with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities. Allows for the self-administration of insulin pumps/pods if the individual has been deemed independent by the nurse trainer per the Illinois Department of Human Services assessment protocols.

**LPU Mailers (SB 863):** Amends the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. Specifies that newsletters and printed material may include autobiographical or biographical info about a member of the General Assembly if the info does NOT include information about past or future campaigns, information that could be an economic benefit to the member or the member's family, or family news unrelated to the member's official role.

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (SB 867):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for \$1 for all lands within Shabbona Lake and State Park in DeKalb County, subject to specified conditions and for so long as IDNR and the Prairie Band enter into a land management agreement pursuant to the State Parks Act. Amends the State Parks Act. Authorizes IDNR to enter into a land management agreement, subject to written approval by the Director, with the Prairie Band for managing, maintaining, or operating the property. The agreement must contain the purpose, powers, rights, objectives, and responsibilities of each contracting party and a requirement that the land remain open for public recreation. Authorizes IDNR to use State resources, subject to appropriation, for management, maintenance, and operation of Shabbona Lake and State Park in accordance with the land management agreement.

**Adult Changing Stations (SB 1089):** Designates the law as Sami's Law and requires the State Capitol building and all 30 State rest stops to install at least one publicly accessible adult changing station. Requires owners of the facilities to post the location of the adult changing station in signage and central directories if they exist. Requires the "adult changing stations" to be private enclosed family or assisted-use toilet facilities containing an adult changing table.

**Carbon Sequestration (Senate Bill 1289):** Creates the SAFE CCS Act to outline standards for the state's burgeoning carbon capture and storage (CCS) industry. Addresses pore space ownership and severability, unitization, protections for nonconsenting landowners, post-injection monitoring requirements, creates an emergency planning and training fund for emergency services, and creates a long-term carbon sequestration trust fund. Includes a pause on carbon pipelines until July 2026 or until the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration updates its safety rules. Surface property owner owns pore space strata for the injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. Sets new tonnage fees for property injection and storage of CO<sub>2</sub>. Provides for a lower tons injection fee with a project labor agreement, with specified requirements vs. no labor agreement. Sets up system for eminent domain taking of pore space and surface land for pipelines if an agreement is not reached by the company with landowners. Companies pay the state the fees and taxes, but the STATE DOES NOT TAKE ownership of the storage after closure. Provides for new insurance bond requirement by the company. Makes other new changes and creates new permit fees.

**Nonresident Township Treasurer (SB 1722):** Amends the Treasurers Article of the School Code. Provides that township treasurers do not have to be residents of the township they are treasurers in for Class II County school units.

**Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) Agreed Bill (SB 1996):** Amends the Worker's Compensation Act to clarify the proof required to convict someone who has created and/or provided a false certificate of workers' compensation insurance under 820 ILCS 305/25.5(4). When bringing charges for intentionally preparing or providing an invalid, false, or counterfeit certificate of insurance as proof of workers' compensation coverage, the bill would clearly define "the value of the property obtained or attempted to be obtained," making it a Class 3 felony where the value of the property obtained or attempted to be obtained is \$10,000 or less, and would provide for a fine payable to the Injured Workers' Benefit Fund of up to \$10,000 per fraudulent certificate prepared or provided by the defendant. The bill would provide that a final decision by WCC imposing fines on a noncompliant employer will be enforceable as a judgment once entered with the circuit court. WCC is allowed to float \$2 million in any fiscal year from the Self-Insurers Security Fund to the WCC Operations Fund to cover salaries. WCC then must pay back all loaned money within the year with interest to the Self-Insurers Fund.

**Elections Omnibus & Referendum Questions (SB 2412):** In provisions regarding nominations for elections of members of the GA, strikes the ability for a political party to appoint a person to the ballot within 75 days after the date of the primary election if no member of that party ran in the primary. Adds the following referendum questions to the 2024 General Election Ballot: 1.) Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties? 2.) Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief? 3.) Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments? Makes other minor changes regarding filing periods and filling vacancies.

**Co-Branded & Infused Alcohol Products (SB 2625):** Requires a liquor license for those who manufacture, distribute, or sell alcohol-infused products which includes, "any frozen or unfrozen, solid or semi-solid food in a form other than liquid, including, but not limited to, ice cream, ice pops, whipped cream, gelatin-based products, and other similar products, containing more than 0.5 percent alcohol by volume." Sets forth various retail display regulations on these products as well as co-branded products.

**Integrity in Death Care (SB 2643):** Amends the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code and the Crematory Regulation Act regarding new requirements for the unique identification and chain of custody documentation for deceased bodies.

**Youth Vaping - Advertising (SB 2662):** Places certain restrictions on a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer of vaping products from advertising, marketing, or promoting the products.

**Service Member Attendance (SB 2665):** Provides that if a quorum of members of a public body is physically present, most of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by video or audio conference if the member is prevented from physically attending because of performance of active military duty.

**Liquor Consumption Warning (SB 2745):** Requires retail licensees to post a sign with a message that women should not consume alcoholic beverages during pregnancy due to the risk of birth defects. Adds that the sign shall provide the name and phone number of an authorized State alcoholism and substance abuse helpline.

**Horse Racing (SB 2774):** Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act. Provides that the Illinois Racing Board may appoint the Director of Mutuels to serve as the State director for inter-track wagering and simulcast wagering. Provides that the pari-mutuel tax imposed at all parimutuel wagering facilities and on advance deposit wagering shall be remitted to the Board. States that the Board shall distribute contributed funds to a charitable organization on a schedule determined by the Board, based on the charitable organization's estimated expenditures related to the grant.

**Forensic Pathologist (SB 2779):** Provides that a county shall indemnify and hold harmless a physician who has been appointed to perform autopsies for all the physician's acts, omissions, decisions, or conduct arising out of the scope of the physician's duties of performing autopsies for the county, except for those involving willful or wanton misconduct.

**State Agency Support (SB 2804):** Amends the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, after consulting with affected State agencies, CMS may adopt rules to facilitate electronic filing and rules governing practice and procedure in administrative hearings.

**Unmanned Aircraft Regulation (SB 2849):** Allows units of local government to adopt rules regulating the use of private drones above public property owned or controlled by that unit of local government and intended or permitted to be used for recreational or conservation purposes.

**E-Cigarettes Sales (SB 3098):** Prohibits order/purchase of E-cigarettes by mail or Internet.

**Allows Alcohol at Treasurer Buildings (SB 3216):** Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Permits retail sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquors at facilities under the State Treasurer's jurisdiction.

**Financial Services Disparity Study (SB 3235):** Amends the Illinois Community Reinvestment Act. Requires the Commission on Equity and Inclusion to conduct studies to: identify and delineate geographies in Illinois exhibiting significant disparities by protected classes as identified by the Human Rights Act with respect to access to financial products or services and lending and investments by covered financial institutions; identify policies, procedures, patterns, or



practices that have or may have a disparate impact or discriminatory effect; and identify opportunities for establishing and growing Banking Development Districts in geographic locations where there are the greatest underbanked and unbanked populations and opportunities for partnerships between depository institutions and local communities.

**Transfer of Certain Responsibilities to CEI (SB 3238):** Transfers numerous diversity reporting tasks from the Department of Central Management Services to the Commission on Equity and Inclusion.

**Medicaid Omnibus (SB 3268):** Contains numerous rate increases from bills heard in the Medicaid Working Group – most of which will be made effective beginning Jan. 1, 2025, or the second half of FY25. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services estimates the FY25 Gross Cost to be \$97.9 million and the FY25 Net Cost to be \$47.5 million.

**Allows Liquor Sales at the North Boone Fire District (SB 3302):** Allows North Boone Fire District on-site alcohol sales for functions of 20 or more people.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liquor Delivery (SB 3359):** Creates a third-party retailer delivery license. Provides that a third-party retailer delivery license shall authorize a person who is not licensed to sell alcohol to deliver alcohol on behalf of a retailer and to deliver alcohol on behalf of or at the request of an unlicensed purchaser of alcohol from a retailer. A third-party retailer delivery license is not required for an employee or independent contractor of a person holding a third-party retailer delivery license or for an employee of a retailer who is not an independent contractor of a retailer.

**DHS Gambling Disorder Prevention (SB 3410):** Creates a new Illinois Department of Human Services Public Awareness and Grant Program highlighting help for gambling disorders.

**Uniform Money Transmission Act (SB 3412):** Repeals the Transmitters of Money Act and replaces it with the Uniform Money Transmission Modernization Act. Standardizes industry regulation across state lines to make the regulatory process simpler for state regulators and make operating in the industry more predictable for multi-state companies.

**Insurance Coverage for Medically Necessary Continuous Glucose Monitors (SB 3414):** Amends the Insurance Code and the Public Aid Code. Provides that on or after Jan. 1, 2026, policies or plans must cover continuous glucose monitors for individuals diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes requiring insulin. Adds requirements that must be met for individuals to qualify. Adds rules concerning continuous glucose monitor coverage. An ordering provider is not required to obtain continuing medical education to prescribe a continuous glucose monitor for Medicaid coverage. Prior authorizations are required for a prescription glucose monitor. Once one is prescribed, the prior authorization shall be approved for 12 months.

**Cigarette Taxpayer Bonding (SB 3452):** Exempts tobacco products taxpayers, with a two-year continuous compliance record, from the bond requirements of the Tobacco Products Tax Act of 1995.

**Juvenile Expungement Process (SB 3463):** Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Requires that, on the date that the minor's sentence ends or the date that the court enters an order committing the minor to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the juvenile court judge shall schedule a date to enter the automatic expungement order. The minor must be notified but shall not be required to be present for the scheduled court date when automatic expungement is to be ordered. If the minor is not yet eligible on the originally scheduled date, the court shall schedule a subsequent date to enter the automatic expungement order.

**Omnibus TIF Extension Package (SB 3563):** Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Extends the life of 19 TIFs in total. All letters of support for all TIFs extended have been received.

**Enrollment Reports & Guidance Counselor Travel Costs (SB 3581):** Amends numerous higher education institutions Acts and the School Code. Requires each public university board of trustees to report student enrollment numbers to the Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by the 15th business day after the start of the academic year. Requires each public community college board of trustees to report student enrollment numbers to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) annually by Oct. 1. Requires IBHE and ICCB to post the student enrollment data on its website. Additionally, allows for travel, lodging, food, and beverage expenses to be covered by the high ed institution for high school guidance counselors.

**Strengthening Community Media (SB 3592):** Creates the Strengthening Community Media Act. A local news organization shall not be sold to a company without giving written notice 120 days before the sale occurs to the following: affected employees and representatives of affected employees; the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the county government in which the local news organization is located; and any in-State nonprofit organization in the business of buying local news organizations. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a Journalism Student Scholarship Program. DCEO will award scholarships annually to persons preparing to work in journalism in this State for a period of not less than two years. Eligible students must be a resident of the State, have graduated from an Illinois high school, and are pursuing a degree at a university in the career of journalism.

**Creates the Worker Freedom of Speech Act (SB 3649):** Prohibits employers from penalizing or taking adverse actions against employees who choose not to attend or participate in meetings or communications related to religious or political matters. Employees are also protected from retaliation for reporting violations of this Act. Provides that employees may bring civil actions within one year of the alleged violation. Empower the Department of Labor to investigate alleged violations and enforce the provisions of the Act. Provides that an employer shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation payable to the Department, with each affected employee constituting a separate violation. Employees may also bring an action for penalties in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located. Exempts numerous entities and situations.

**Business Improvement Districts (SB 3679):** Creates the Business Improvement District Law. Allows for the establishment of business improvement districts by a municipality – by ordinance – after petition by property owners, the creation of a district plan, notice, and hearings.

**Build Illinois Act – Loan Limit (SB 3807):** Raises the amount of small business loans made to minority persons, veterans, females, or persons with a disability under the Act to \$2,000,000, or 50 percent of the business project costs unless the Director of Commerce and Economic Development determines that a waiver of these limits is required to meet the purposes of the Act.

### **(House Bills)**

**School Township Trustees/Treasurers (HB 305):** Allows school districts, which form a part of a Class II County school unit, to withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools and township treasurer of the township. If the district does withdraw, the school board is required to elect or appoint its own school treasurer, which may include a township treasurer. Provides that if a Class II County school unit decides to stay with the township treasurer the school boards of the township who chose to stay are required to appoint their own trustees to serve in the capacity of a township trustee.

**Student Athletes (HB 307):** Amends the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act. Allows schools to enter into a publicity rights agreement with student athletes or prospective student athletes. Allows a student athlete to earn compensation without being enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution. Allows a post-secondary educational institution to provide a prospective or current student athlete or the student athlete's family compensation in relation to the use of the student athlete's name, image, likeness, or voice. Allows boosters, third-party licensees, or any other individual to arrange for third-party compensation to a prospective or current student athlete. Allows a post-secondary educational institution to provide intangible benefits as an incentive to individuals, companies, or other third parties that provide money, benefits, opportunities, or other services to an outside entity functioning primarily to support the creation and facilitation of publicity rights agreements for student athletes. Information written, produced, collected, assembled, or otherwise maintained by a postsecondary educational institution that includes, reveals, or otherwise relates to the terms of an existing or proposed student athlete publicity rights agreement is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Cook County Quick Take (HB 478):** Authorizes the Adjutant General to convey the Midway Flight Facility at 5400 W. 63rd Street to the City of Chicago upon payment of \$1.00 to the Illinois Department of Military Affairs, subject to specified conditions.

**Stabilizing Treatment (HB 581):** Requires hospitals to provide emergency services in line with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, ensuring medical screenings, necessary stabilizing treatments, proper patient transfers, and non-discrimination. It specifically includes emergencies such as ectopic pregnancies, complications from pregnancy loss, risks to

future fertility, previable preterm premature rupture of membranes, and emergent hypertensive disorders like preeclampsia. Provides that “stabilizing treatments” may include abortion if necessary to resolve life-threatening or severe conditions.

**PRB Transparency & Reform (HB 681):** Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Requires the Prisoner Review Board publish on its official public website and provide information to registered victims regarding how to submit a victim impact statement. Requires PRB to consider victim impact statements from any registered victims. Allows any registered victim, including a person who has had a final, plenary, or non-emergency order of protection granted to present a victim statement that the PRB must consider in its deliberations. The statute also creates a Prisoner Review Board Task Force and mandates that the DOC notify individuals of any active protection orders upon their release.

**Phased Ban on Fluorescent Lamps (HB 2363):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2026, no person shall sell, offer to sell, or distribute in the State as a new manufactured product a screw-base or bayonet-base type compact fluorescent lamp. Provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2027, no person shall sell, offer to sell, or distribute in the State as a new manufactured product a pin-base type compact fluorescent lamp or a linear fluorescent lamp. Contains exemptions for specified lamps including a compact fluorescent lamp or linear fluorescent lamp sold or offered for sale on or before Jan. 1, 2028, if there is no LED alternative available.

**Cannabis Omnibus (HB 2911):** Allows craft growers to expand immediately from 5,000 square feet to 14,000 square feet rather than going through IDOA for incremental expansion. Expands the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity’s Cannabis Business Development Fund program to allow for financial assistance and financial intermediary agreements. Extends time by which conditional licensees must become operational by another 180 days. Allows for sales through drive-through windows at dispensaries.

**Drinking Water Standards (HB 3046):** In a provision regarding actions prohibited under the Environmental Protection Act, it provides that compliance with the terms and conditions of a permit that is issued under the Act that authorizes reuse of wastewater for irrigation shall be deemed compliance with the water-related prohibitions set out in the Act. Provides that the use of treated municipal wastewater from a publicly owned treatment works is authorized for irrigation when conducted in accordance with a permit issued under the Act. Provides that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency may propose, and the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt amendments to the Board’s primary drinking water standards to repeal the prohibition on the use of recycled sewage treatment plant effluent and any other changes to those rules necessary to facilitate water reuse, as well as rules establishing programs for direct potable reuse of treated wastewater, including rules establishing permitting standards and a permit application process.

**Grocery Tax Repeal (HB 3144):** Repeals the State’s 1 percent grocery tax with a delayed implementation date of Jan. 1, 2026. Increases Chicago’s prepaid wireless 911 surcharge to 9

percent, beginning July 1, 2024. Creates the County Grocery Occupation Tax Law to allow all counties to impose a new county-wide 1 percent grocery tax. Cannot be implemented until Jan. 1, 2026. Allows a Hotel Operator Occupation Tax for Sangamon County at 3 percent. Allows non-home rule municipalities to impose general sales taxes by ordinance, not by referendum, immediately. Creates the Municipal Grocery Occupation Tax Law to allow municipalities to impose a new 1 percent grocery tax. Cannot be implemented until Jan. 1, 2026.

**Supply Line Insurance (HB 3521):** Provides that the home state for a group of nonaffiliated insureds is the home state of the group, instead of the home state of the group, only if the group pays a portion of the premium.

**Crisis Standards of Care Plans (HB 3886):** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to develop and implement a crisis standards of care plan as an annex to its Essential Support Function Plan for Public Health and Medical Services, to assist health care facilities and provide support in situations in which local medical resources are overwhelmed, including, but not limited to, public health emergencies.

**Clarifications on Judicial Sub-Circuits (HB 4226):** Makes corrections to both the Circuit Courts Act and Associate Judges Act to clarify the legislature's intent regarding the conversion of associate judgeships to subcircuit judgeships in Cook County per Public Act 102-1126.

**Task Forces (HB 4261):** Creates the Creative Economy Task Force, subject to appropriation, within the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to create a strategic plan to develop the creative economy in the State. Adds two Chicago Police Department members to the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women.

**Homewood School District (HB 4284):** Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law setting the property tax levy for the district to capture tax revenue the school district expected to, but never, received from a recent tax referendum. Specifies that, for the purpose of calculating the limiting rate for levy year 2023, the last preceding aggregate extension base for Homewood School District No. 153 in Cook County shall be \$19,535,377.

**Hemp Omnibus (HB 4293):** Creates the Hemp Consumer Products Act and amends numerous other Acts. Establishes regulations on both non-intoxicating (CBD) and intoxicating (but only Delta-9) Hemp products. Sets forth numerous product safety, labeling, and registration standards for non-intoxicating products to be overseen by the Department of Agriculture. For intoxicating hemp products, only allows delta-9 (common cannabis THC) and must be regulated like cannabis. This is a ban on Delta-8 products. Products must be sold by hemp processors to certain cannabis licensees for final sale to consumers. Imposes a 7% tax on the hemp processor for sales of products to cannabis licensees. Contains a 6-month carve-out for intoxicating THC/hemp derived cannabinoid alcoholic beverages but specifies they must be only sold by liquor licensees and meet potency standards.

**First Responder Mental Health Coverage (HB 4460):** Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, Counties Code, and Municipal Code to provide coverage for joint mental health therapy (marriage and couples counseling) for police and firefighters as well as the Illinois State Police. Directs the joint mental health therapy services to be provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, a licensed clinical psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed clinical professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed social worker, or a licensed professional counselor.

**Second Elections Omnibus (HB 4488):** Creates the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act and amends the Election Code, Procurement Code, Township Code, Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, and the Fox Waterway Agency Act. Requires presidential electors to vote for the candidate which won the nomination of the respective party. Strikes the cap on campaign contributions from political party committees during primary elections. Requires political committees to return or donate campaign contributions from automated traffic system vendors. Allows Vote by Mail for nursing homes. Makes changes to numerous filing periods. Makes numerous other minor changes.

**Renaming of Certain Weapons Charges (HB 4500):** Amends the Criminal Code and makes conforming changes in various other Acts. Changes the following titles of criminal offenses: “Unlawful Use of a Weapon” to “Unlawful Possession of a Weapon” and “Armed Habitual Criminal” to “Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Repeat Felony Offender.” The purpose of these changes is to minimize the severity of the crime and lessen the impact on people’s ability to secure housing and employment.

**Bond Authorization Increase (HB 4582):** Increases General Obligation (GO) bond authorization by \$2.35 billion and Build Illinois Bond Fund (BIBF) bond authorization by \$1.33 billion. Allows all school districts to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, or improving real or personal property, fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes without legislative approval. Amends the School Code to provide that beginning on Sept. 1, 2024, a referendum is no longer required to build or purchase a building for school classroom purposes if prior to the purchase or construction, the board determines by resolution that this construction will result in an increase in Pre-K or Kindergarten classroom space in the district.

**Mobile ID Cards (HB 4592):** Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act and the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow the Secretary of State to issue a mobile Illinois Identification Card or mobile driver’s license to individuals eligible to hold a physical credential.

**Repeal & Deadline Extension Omnibus (HB 4615):** Extends various repeal dates throughout numerous statutes. Also increases rate cap from \$200 to \$270 for cell tower placement based on FCC dock. Increases amount an authority (municipalities and local governments) may charge for a utility pole from \$200 to \$270 per year (paid by wireless).

**Pretrial Services (HB 4621):** Establishes an Office of Statewide Pretrial Services within the Illinois Judiciary. A Director will be appointed by a majority of the Illinois Supreme Court Justices for a four-year term until a successor is appointed and qualified. Requires the Illinois Supreme Court to approve or modify an operational budget submitted to it by the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services and set the number of employees each year.

**Sexually Explicit Digital Image (HB 4623):** Amends multiple Codes and Acts to clarify that Illinois' child pornography laws apply to images and videos created by artificial intelligence (AI) technology by amending the definition of "child pornography" to also include images that were manipulated, created, or modified with a computer program in a way to simulate sexual activity.

**Reproductive Health Decisions (HB 4867):** Declares the public policy of Illinois is a person has freedom from unlawful discrimination in making reproductive health decisions and such discrimination is unlawful. Defines "reproductive health decisions."

**2024 Revenue Omnibus (HB 4951):** Includes changes to multiple Acts involving a variety of tax changes to help fund the FY25 budget. The changes are as follows:

- **County Official Compensation Task Force:** Creates the County Officials Compensation Task Force to review the compensation of county-level officials.
- **Workforce Development through Charitable Loan Repayment Act:** For taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2026, if the taxpayer is a qualified worker, as defined in the Workforce Development through Charitable Loan Repayment Act, the taxpayer may deduct the amount included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income that is attributable to student loan repayment assistance received by the taxpayer during the taxable year from a qualified community foundation.
- **Housing opportunity area abatement:** Extends sunset of The Housing Opportunity Area Abatement Program for an additional 10 years, from 2024 to 2033.
- **Property Tax Interest Clarification:** Clears up a distinction in which interest provisions for tax liens/certificates acquired by the county (serving as trustee) applies to counties outside of Cook. This issue arose when Cook County lowered its penalty interest last year.
- **Property Tax Information on Bill:** Requires each property tax bill (beginning on Jan. 1, 2026) to include a list of exemptions available to taxpayers and contact information for the chief county assessment officer.
- **LaMoille School District Supplemental Levy:** Allows LaMoille Community School Unit School District #303 to amend or supplement its levy for 2023 (taxes paid in 2024) by June 30, 2024.
- **Local Journalism Sustainability Act and Tax Credit:** Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to \$15,000 per qualified journalist. An additional credit of \$10,000 would be awarded to each qualified journalist who fills a new journalism position for the employer during the calendar year. No more than \$150,000 in credits may be awarded to any one local news organization in a single calendar year or no more than \$250,000 in



credits to all local news organizations that share the same ownership interest. The legislation provides that the maximum amount of aggregate credit awarded in a given year is \$5 million for the wages credit and \$1 million for the new journalism position credit.

- **Live Theater Production Tax Credit Act Changes:** For State fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2025, the amount of tax credits awarded under this Act shall not exceed \$6 million, with no more than \$2 million in credits awarded for long-run productions and pre-Broadway productions, no more than \$2 million in credits awarded for commercial Broadway touring shows, and no more than \$2 million in credits awarded for non-profit theater productions. In the case of credits awarded under this Act for non-profit theater productions, no more than \$100,000 in credits may be awarded to any single non-profit theater production.
- **Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act:** For taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025, a qualified music company may apply to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for an income tax credit in an amount equal to 10% of the Illinois labor expenditures for the State-certified production if the QMC payroll of the qualified music company for the taxable year does not exceed \$150,000, or 15% of the Illinois labor expenditures if the QMC payroll exceeds \$150,000 plus all of the following:
  - an additional 15% of the Illinois labor expenditures for the State-certified production generated by the employment of Illinois residents in geographic areas of high poverty or high unemployment in each tax year; and
  - an additional 7% of the Illinois labor expenditures for the State-certified production generated by the employment of individuals who are employed at a wage of no less than the general prevailing hourly rate as paid for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed.
- **Income Tax Credit for Wages Paid to Returning Citizens (was Ex-Felons):** Renames the “Credit for Wages Paid to Ex-Felons” to the “Credit for Wages Paid to Returning Citizens.” For each taxable year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025, each taxpayer is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 15% of qualified wages paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year to one or more Illinois residents who are qualified returning citizens.

The total credit allowed to a taxpayer with respect to each qualified returning citizen may not exceed \$1,500 for taxable years ending on or before Dec. 31, 2024. For taxable years ending on or after Dec. 31, 2025, the total credit allowed to a taxpayer with respect to each qualified returning citizen may not exceed \$7,500. Broadens the population that could claim this credit by extending the definition of returning citizens to individuals who have been released from an Illinois adult correctional facility in the last five years from the current law definition of three years. For taxable years ending on or after Dec. 31, 2025, the total amount in credit that may be awarded may not exceed \$1,000,000 per taxable year.
- **Volunteer Emergency Workers:** Expands the volunteer emergency worker income tax credit to include anyone who is a volunteer member of a county or municipal emergency services and disaster agency pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

- **Re-Renter HOOT:** Requires “re-renters” of hotel rooms, who meet certain criteria related to gross receipts or number of transactions, are required to collect and remit the tax under the Hotel Operators’ Occupation Tax (HOOT) Act. This appears to add the re-renter, such as an Online Travel Agency (OTA), as the collector of the tax if they are the ones who re-rent the hotel room. The addition to the definition of “Rent” or “rental” adds any fee, charge, or commission received by a re-renter of hotel rooms specifically in connection with the re-rental of hotel rooms. As with traditional hotel operators, the HOOT Act provides that the online travel platforms can pass the tax on to those booking the hotel rooms, adding to the renter’s cost.
- **Motor Fuel Environmental Fee Extension:** Extends the sunset on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank fee and the Environmental Impact Fee for an additional 5 years, from expiring in 2025 to expiring 2030.
- **Sales Tax on Leased Tangible Personal Property:** Shifts when property that is brought into Illinois/purchased in Illinois for the purposes of being leased, is taxed. Instead of subjecting the initial purchase (from manufacturer to rental dealer) of the tangible personal property to Illinois’s 6.25% use tax, the rental stream from the rental dealer to the rental user and/or rental dealer to end rental/retail purchaser would be subject to the 6.25% sales tax. Exempts any municipality which currently has its own lease tax from having those rentals subject to the State’s 6.25% sales tax. Currently, only the City of Chicago has a Personal Property Lease Transaction Tax, and its rate is 9%.
- **Tobacco Uniformity Project:** Allows the Department of Revenue to request additional information from cigarette/cigar distributors such as information related to the uniform regulation and taxation of cigarettes.
- **Financial Organization Income Definition Changes:** Beginning for tax years ending on or after Dec. 31, 2024, HB 4951 modifies the method for determining the portion of receipts from investments and trading assets and activities (investment and trading income) attributable to Illinois for financial organizations. HB 4951 does not modify the types of investment and trading assets and activities to be included in Illinois taxable income such as investment securities, federal funds, options, and so on. Under the new method required by HB 4951, total receipts from investment and trading income will be multiplied by a fraction consisting of the financial organization’s Illinois receipts, as determined using the sourcing provisions specific to financial organizations in the Illinois Income Tax Act, excluding the investment and trading income, divided by total gross receipts from all financial organization activities, excluding the investment and trading income. The result will be included in the financial organization’s sales apportionment factor numerator. This new method essentially attributes investment and trading income to Illinois in the same proportion as the financial organization’s other Illinois business activities.
- **Credit for Student-Assistance Contributions is Extended:** Extends the Illinois Income Tax Credit for Student-Assistance Contributions for an additional 5 years (2024 to 2029).
- **Adoption Credit Sunset Date Added:** Adds an expiration date to the Adoption Credit (Dec. 31, 2029).

- **Distribution of Property Tax Requirements:** Requires all interest earned by a county on behalf of taxing districts must be distributed by the county treasurer, in counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, no later than the last distribution of taxes.
- **Child Tax Credit:** Beginning for tax years starting on Jan. 1, 2024, creates a new refundable Child Tax Credit for each taxpayer that has at least one child who is younger than 12 years old. The credit amount is 20% of the taxpayer's Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit amount. For tax years beginning on Jan. 1, 2025, the credit amount rises to 40% of the taxpayer's Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit amount.
- **NOL Deduction Limit Reinstated:** The Net Operating Loss Deduction had a limit of \$100,000 for Tax Years 2021, 2022, and 2023. In Tax Year 2024 there was to be no limit on this deduction. However, this legislation provides a limit of \$500,000 for Tax Years 2024, 2025, and 2026.
- **Retailer's Discount Cap:** Currently, vendors get to keep 1.75% of the taxes collected with generally no maximum amount. This new law keeps the rate at 1.75% but puts a maximum at \$1,000 per month beginning Jan. 1, 2025. The legislation also amends public utility-related acts to limit the deduction allowed for tax returns, including any local surcharge, to \$1,000 per month.
- **Corporate Franchise Tax Exemption Increase:** Increases the exemption in liability under the Illinois Corporate Franchise Tax from \$5,000 to \$10,000 starting Jan. 1, 2025.
- **Sports Wagering Tax Change:** The Legislation amends the Sports Wagering Act to change the tax structure imposed on sports wagering on July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). Under current law, a 15% flat tax is imposed on the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts coming from sports wagering. Under this provision, a graduated tax structure would be implemented with five different levels ranging from 20% on AGR less than \$30 million to 40% for AGR in excess of \$200 million.  
Beginning Sept. 25, 2024, and on the 25th of each month, of the money remaining in the Sports Wagering Fund in excess of the anticipated monthly expenditures from the Fund through the next month, the State Comptroller shall direct, and the State Treasurer shall transfer 58% to the General Revenue Fund and 42% to the Capital Projects Fund.
- **Video Gaming tax:** Beginning on July 1, 2024, an additional tax of 1% is imposed on net terminal income of video gaming. This would bring the total tax to a flat 35%.
- **Senior citizens homestead exemption:** Permanently removes the requirement to reapply for the senior citizens homestead exemption in Cook County. Requires the chief county assessment official in Cook and any county where the Board has voted to remove the annual requirement for seniors to reapply for the exemption to conduct a review of these exemptions.
- **Historic Residence Assessment Freeze Law:** Redefines Fair Cash Value as the fair cash value of the historic building, as finally determined for that year by the assessment officer, board of review (BOR), Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB), or Court. Provides that, after the expiration of the 8-year valuation period, if the current fair cash value is less than the adjusted base year valuation, then the assessment shall be based on the current fair cash value. Also makes clear that these changes are declarative of existing law and not new enactments.

- **Interchange Fee Prohibition Act:** Creates the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act. This act prohibits credit card issuers, payment card networks, acquirer banks, and processors from receiving or charging a merchant any interchange fee on the tax amount or gratuity of an electronic payment transaction if the merchant informs the acquirer bank or its designee of the tax or gratuity amount as part of the authorization or settlement process for the electronic payment transaction. The merchant must transmit the tax or gratuity amount data as part of the authorization or settlement process to avoid being charged interchange fees on the tax or gratuity amount of an electronic payment transaction.

It would be unlawful for an issuer, a payment card network, an acquirer bank, or a processor to alter or manipulate the computation and imposition of interchange fees by increasing the rate or amount of the fees applicable to or imposed upon the portion of a credit or debit card transaction not attributable to taxes or other fees charged to the retailer to circumvent the effect of this Act.

- **Petroleum Refineries Settlement Agreement:** Places the force of state law behind local tax agreements reached by local taxing bodies and refineries (refineries are not currently included in statute). Codifies the Department of Revenue's current Method of valuation for pollution control facilities, which is to give this equipment salvage value.
- **Illinois Gambling Act:** Removes the requirement that in order for a casino operating in East St. Louis to receive a reduced privilege's tax rate, the organizational gaming facility to be licensed in Collinsville had to be operational within 3 years. East St. Louis' casino will now receive that reduced privilege tax rate for 10 years regardless of when the Collinsville facility opens.
- **Illinois Local Library Act:** Provides that the bond of a library treasurer or custodian of the money paid over to a library board shall not be less than 10% (rather than 50%) of the total funds received by the library in the last fiscal year or the treasurer or custodian of the money paid over to a library board may provide insurance coverage for negligent and intentional acts by library officials and employees that could result in the loss of library funds in an amount at least equal to 10% (rather than 50%) of the average amount of the library's operating fund from the prior 3 fiscal years.
- **Illinois Gives Tax Credit Act:** For taxable years ending on or after Dec. 31, 2025, and ending before Jan. 1, 2030, the Department shall award income tax credits to taxpayers who provide an endowment gift to a permanent endowment fund during the taxable year and receive a certificate of receipt under Section 170-15 for that gift. The amount of the credit that may be awarded to a taxpayer by the Department under this Act is an amount equal to 25% of the endowment gift.

The aggregate amount of all Illinois Gives tax credits awarded by the Department under this Act in any calendar year may not exceed \$5,000,000. The aggregate amount of all Illinois Gives tax credits that the Department may award to any taxpayer under this Act in any calendar year may not exceed \$100,000. The amount of contributions to any specific qualified community foundation that are eligible for Illinois Gives tax credits under this Section in any calendar year shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

Of the annual amount available for tax credits, 25% must be reserved for endowment gifts that do not exceed the small gift maximum set forth in this subsection. The small

gift maximum is \$25,000. For purposes of determining if a donation meets the small gift maximum, the amount of the credit authorization certificate under Section 170-15 shall be used.

- **Community Mental Health Board Changes:** Adds Community Mental Health Board's levy to the list of special purpose extensions and not to be considered an increase for the purposes of PTELL limits.

Extends the deadline to publish the annual budget and report from 120 to 180 days. This also modifies the deadline to submit the annual report from within 90 days to within 180 days from the end of that fiscal year.

Updates language allowing for vacant seats to be filled in the same manner as original appointments with the advice of the community mental health board, who may establish a policy and procedure for the acceptance and review of applications from interested residents prior to making a recommendation to the appointing authority.

Allows for 708 boards to fund and support local efforts regarding educational assistance, student loan repayment, professional certification and licensure assistance, and internship stipends to address workforce shortages.

Updates the ballot language that 708 Boards are required to use for their referendums. Adds the word "substantially" to the requirements that a ballot conform to the language in statute.

Specifies that 708 Board levies are separate from all other property tax levied by other units of local government. Also specifies that taxes levied by the 708 Board should not be considered increases for purposes of Truth in Taxation laws and PTELL.

**Treasurer's College Savings (HB 5005):** Allows funds contained in the College Savings Pool account to be rolled over into a Roth IRA account, to the extent permitted by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. Allows documentation by a parent or legal guardian to be used as evidence for eligibility.

**Tinley Park Quick Take & CDB Amendments (HB 5078):** Authorizes the Director of Central Management Services to execute and deliver to the Tinley Park - Park District a quitclaim deed, quitclaim bill of sale, and any ancillary documents, for \$1, to specified real property, subject to specified conditions. Amends the Capital Development Board (CDB) Act.

**Railroad Fatality Reports (HB 5189):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires that any identifying information of a railroad crew be redacted from any public reports. However, certain entities, such as the host or employing railroad, can access these reports upon request. Access can be granted through court orders or to specific law enforcement and legal personnel if it's deemed necessary for their official duties.

**Extends Personal Care Products Disparity Study (HB 5232):** Extends DCEO's disparity study on personal care products to Dec. 31, 2027, and makes it subject to appropriation.

**Reproductive Health/Interstate (HB 5239):** Provides criminal and civil protections for abortion providers. Amends the state's Freedom of Information Act prohibiting disclosure of information

protected by the Lawful Health Care Activity Act. Amends Illinois' Public Aid Code, allowing a minor to sign and file an application under the family planning program in the Code.

**Medical Debt Relief Act (HB 5290):** Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to establish a Medical Debt Relief Pilot Program to discharge the medical debt of eligible residents. Under the pilot program, the Department is required to allocate grant funding to a nonprofit medical debt relief coordinator, who will negotiate and settle eligible residents' medical debt with hospitals and other healthcare providers. The program must be established by Jan. 1, 2025, and administered in accordance with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. The nonprofit coordinator will identify eligible residents, review medical debt accounts, conduct outreach, negotiate debt acquisition, and notify residents of debt discharge. The coordinator cannot seek payment from eligible residents for the discharged debt. The Department is required to provide an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly detailing the program's outcomes. The Act includes provisions for demographic data collection and reporting, and the Department is authorized to adopt necessary rules. Sets the Act to be repealed on July 1, 2029. Fiscal Impact: An initiative of the Governor's Office, this is the substantive language to go along with the \$10.0 million GRF appropriation in the HFS proposed budget for medical debt relief.

**Human Rights (HB 5371):** Deletes provisions in Illinois' Human Rights Act that state that an employer is responsible for harassment and sexual harassment of its employees by the employer's nonmanagerial and nonsupervisory employees, nonemployees, and third parties ONLY if the employer becomes aware of the conduct and fails to take reasonable corrective measures. Amends FOIA prohibiting disclosure for information received by hotlines and helplines maintained by the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Increases violation fines by \$25,000 per each tier of offense.

**O'Hare Driver Safety Act (HB 5408):** Requires the Illinois Tollway to install camera systems along traffic routes within a half-mile radius of the eastern entrance to O'Hare Airport and the intersection of I-90 and I-294. Cameras are to record images and ticket motorists who illegally park on the shoulder. Violators will be fined \$100 with the proceeds being deposited into the State Police Law Enforcement Administration Fund.

**South Suburban Airport (HB 5496):** Amends the Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act making the following changes: In addition to the prequalification process under the Act, requires that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) shall accept any unsolicited bids for the South Suburban Airport received pursuant to the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Provides that nothing within the provisions shall be construed to restrict the obligations of IDOT to respond to any unsolicited bids under the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Amends the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act: Adds the South Suburban Airport to the definition of transportation facility.

**Procurement Omnibus (HB 5511):** Establishes numerous procurement-related provisions throughout various statutes. The most significant include the following: Allows the Department

of Natural Resources (DNR) to lease any land or property, from time to time, with or without appurtenances, of which the Department has jurisdiction, and which are not immediately to be used or developed by the State if certain requirements are met. Allows DNR to lease any land or property over which the Department has jurisdiction for the purpose of creating, operating, or maintaining a commercial solar energy system or a clean energy project. Creates the Progressive Design-Build Pilot Program Act. Allows the Capital Development Board may elect to use the progressive design-build delivery method. Sets forth other provisions concerning procedures for selection and submission of qualifications, the award of contracts, pricing, and federal requirements.

**Whistle Blower Act (HB 5561):** Creates protections for employee whistle blowers, prohibits retaliatory actions, creates criminal penalties, and allows the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action to obtain relief for the whistleblower.

### **Financial Institutions**

**Creates the Small Business Financing Transparency Act (SB 2234):** Creates the Small Business Financing Transparency Act. Creates a regulatory framework, disclosure requirements, and database reporting requirements for specific commercial loans.

**IRA Rollover and First Steps Updates (SB 3133):** Amends the College Savings Pool and the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program sections of the State Treasurer Act. Allows funds contained in the College Savings Pool account to be rolled over into a Roth IRA account, to the extent permitted by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Non-Profit Investment Pool (SB 3157):** Amends the State Treasurer Act. Allows the State Treasurer to establish and manage a non-profit investment pool, providing additional investment opportunities for not-for-profit corporations in Illinois. Not-for-profit corporations exempt from taxation can deposit funds for investment, with investments following state treasury guidelines.

**Financial Institutions Code (SB 3550):** Makes numerous technical changes and various updates to the Financial Institutions Code aimed at benefiting the operation and effectiveness of IDFPR's Division of Financial Institutions.

**Credit Union Omnibus (SB 3687):** Amends the Credit Union Act. Makes numerous administrative changes to the operation of credit unions. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Credit Union Community Reinvestment Act Fund.

### **(House Bills)**

**Restrictions on Dental Third-Party Financing (HB 4891):** Amends the Illinois Dentist Practice Act. Prohibits dentists and their staff from arranging financing or completing third-party financing applications on patients. Requires dentists to provide written notice in at least 14-

point font regarding third-party financing, clarifying it's not a payment plan with the dental office.

## **Health and Human Services**

**Agency Site Visits (SB 857):** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services' Office of the Inspector General to conduct unannounced site visits of community agencies at least annually for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on systemic issues relative to preventing, reporting, investigating, and responding to all the following: mental abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, egregious neglect, financial exploitation, or material obstruction of an investigation.

**Live-in Caregiver (SB 2578):** Creates an exemption for live-in caregivers providing personal care services under the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Support Waiver for Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities, from the electronic visit verifications for personal care and home health care services under Illinois Medicaid, including waiver services.

**Medicaid Task Force (SB 2655):** Establishes the Medicaid Expansion of Network Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee, under the already established Medicaid Advisory Committee, to develop and propose policies to expand the State's Medicaid provider networks, providing Medicaid clients with more options for their healthcare needs.

**Long-term Ombudsman (SB 2957):** Amends the Act on the Aging. Adds to the definition of "access" under the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to ensure that consent, to inspect or copy clinical or other records, may be given orally, visually, or using auxiliary aids and services.

**Childcare (SB 2980):** Amends the Childcare Act. Eliminates public notification when a childcare institution, maternity center, or group home licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services undergoes a change in the age of children served or a change in the facility used by children.

**Assisted Living (SB 3111):** Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act. Provides that a license that is valid for a period of two years shall be issued to a licensee upon application for renewal if certain criteria have been met by the licensee.

**Facility Advisory Boards (SB 3112):** Changes certain requirements for Board action of the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board and the Developmentally Disabled Facility Advisory Board. Mandates a simple majority of a quorum for Board action.

**Nursing Home Transition (SB 3115):** Requires Nursing Homes to Submit a Transition Plan to DPH Upon Change of Ownership Requires owners of nursing homes to submit a transition plan when there is a change of ownership, to outline how resident care and staffing levels will be maintained until the new license is obtained and operations are transferred.



**Daycare Centers (SB 3207):** Authorizes daycare centers to operate for 24 hours and provide care for children for up to 12 hours if the parent of the child is employed in a position that requires regularly scheduled shifts. Requires a 10-hour period between daycare visits.

**Housing Age Eligibility (SB 3297):** Reduces the age of individuals eligible to receive a Housing is Recovery bridge rental subsidy from 21 and older to 18 and older. The Housing is Recovery program helps these individuals stabilize their mental illnesses or substance use disorders.

**Medicaid Look-Back Period (SB 3430):** Requires HFS to develop and maintain a comprehensive informational guide on their website that explains the Medicaid five-year lookback period as it pertains to eligibility for LTC coverage under Medicaid.

**Health Care Worker (SB 3661):** Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Provides that the Act applies to all employees, volunteers, interns, unpaid personnel, and agents of comprehensive community mental health centers certified by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

**Eligible Family Caregiver (SB 3691):** Fixes a discrepancy in current law, by removing a provision exempting family caregiver support services for grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers from the compliance requirement with federal standards.

**Service Providers (SB 3753):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities to impose progressive sanctions on service providers who do not comply with conditions specified by rules, contracts, or policies established by the Division.

### **(House Bills)**

**Childcare Licensing (HB 4059):** Requires DCFS to host licensing orientation programs at least twice annually in each Representative District to help educate potential day care center, day care home, and group day care home providers about the child day care licensing process. Provides that the provisions are in addition to current daycare training and are subject to appropriation.

**Community Care (HB 4346):** Changes the Illinois Act on Aging and Addresses Audit Findings. Amends the Act on Aging and makes the following changes: Removes the reference to the administrative rule in the definition of greatest social need. Clarifies the awarding of the awards for senior citizens and minority senior citizens. Eliminates outdated language. Requires employing agencies to pay wages to in-home workers for both pre-service and in-service training for housekeeping or home aide services. Authorizes presumptive eligibility for the Community Care Program. Requires the Illinois Department on Aging to pay an enhanced rate under the Community Care Program to in-home service provider agencies offering health insurance coverage to their direct service worker employees.

**Assisted Living (HB 4427):** Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act regarding the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board. Provides that the Director of Public Health shall consult with the Director of Aging on the appointment of one representative of the Illinois Department on Aging. Provides that, of the three voting members selected by the Director of Public Health from candidates recommended by consumer organizations that engage solely in advocacy or legal representation on behalf of senior citizens, at least one member must be a resident of an assisted living or shared housing establishment.

**Childcare Facility (HB 4491):** Provides that through June 30, 2029, either a qualified childcare director or a qualified early childhood teacher with a minimum of 2,880 hours of experience as an early childhood teacher, must be present for the first and last hour of the workday and at the open or close of the facility. Requires DCFS to adopt rules, which must be filed with JCAR no later than Jan. 1, 2025.

**DCFS Reports (HB 4758):** Expands the information reported to the General Assembly in the annual reports to include youth who remain overnight in offices or other unauthorized temporary settings solely because the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services cannot locate an appropriate placement. Information added to the annual reports includes: the number of youth in care who remain overnight in a temporary living space not authorized under the Child Care Act; for each youth: the age, region, date of stay, time spent in the temporary living space, reason for the stay, type of placement or setting the youth left the temporary living space for; and the number of unique youth involved, number of episodes overall, and number of unique youth involved in multiple episodes.

**Assisted Living (HB 5000):** Removes the prohibition on accepting a person for residency in an assisted living facility if that person requires insertion, sterile irrigation, and replacement of catheter, except for routine maintenance of urinary catheters, unless the catheter care is self-administered or administered by a license health care professional.

**Psychiatric Visit Observation (HB 5022):** Amends the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013. Requires advanced practice registered nurses to observe consumers and staff and their interactions at least weekly. Requires the psychiatric medical director to be present at the facility at least monthly to review interactions and make necessary modifications.

**Duplicative Reporting (HB 5084):** Amends the Illinois Department of Human Services Act and the Administration Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Eliminates duplicative reporting for certain Illinois Department of Human Services Benefit Programs.

**Nursing Homes (HB 5095):** Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Authorizes nursing homes with a Medicaid-participating section to refuse residency to a non-Medicaid resident unable to pay if their Medicare coverage is ending within five days, as long as the resident and their representative are given notice. If the facility is notified less than five days before coverage ends, they must provide at least two days' notice before asking the resident to move.

**Haircare Plan (HB 5097):** Requires every youth in care to have a haircare plan included in their care plan. Requires the inclusion of a haircare plan in the case plan of every youth in care, unless explicitly waived by the youth. The plan must be developed in consultation with the youth and parents, addressing necessary steps to preserve cultural, gender, religious, and identity connections through haircare. By June 1, 2025, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services must provide training for caregivers on culturally competent haircare.

**Ordered Readmission of a Resident (HB 5151):** Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act. Provides that in emergency terminations, assisted living residents cannot be discharged if the facility can safely care for them, or if the necessary adjustments can be made. The Department must approve all terminations and must order immediate readmission if the facility fails to comply. Facilities must adhere to readmission orders or face a \$2,500 fine and corrective action. If the readmitted resident repeats the concerning behavior, the Department must consider the facility's prior notice when deciding on fines. Residents have the right to avoid unlawful transfer or discharge, and the Department retains authority over all such decisions, ensuring facilities comply promptly with readmission orders. Requires the admission assessment for residents in assisted living facilities to include a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or related dementia, and details about the resident's preferences, triggers, and representative. Residents and their representatives must receive a copy of the assessment and be notified of significant changes affecting care.

**Disability Diagnosis (HB 5256):** Provides, in provisions concerning a trainee program for persons with a disability, that "disability" includes a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder by a medical professional.

**Customized Employment (HB 5354):** Amends the Customized Employment for Individuals with Disabilities Act. Changes the name of the Customized Employment Pilot Program to the Customized Employment Demonstration Program. Provides that the five-year Customized Employment Demonstration Program should serve a minimum of 40 individuals by July 1, 2025, with a goal of serving at least 75 individuals by July 1, 2027.

**Shared Housing Plans (HB 5429):** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to adopt rules for determining whether a construction, alteration, or addition of an assisted living facility is subject to the submission requirements of the Act. Before starting construction or major alterations, applicants must submit architectural drawings and specifications to the Department for review and approval. The Department will review submissions within specified time frames and inform applicants of completeness or deficiencies. Final approval is required before construction begins. Fees are based on the estimated dollar value of the project. The Department charges fees ranging from \$0 for projects valued under \$100,000 to a maximum fee for projects valued at \$5,000,000 or more. Fees are deposited into a special fund and used solely for covering review costs.

**Military Daycare (HB 5596):** Amends the Childcare Act of 1969. Provides that daycare homes or group daycare homes are not required to obtain a license under this Act if the home serves

dependent children of military personnel; is situated on a military base, federal property, or private military-sponsored housing; or is certified as a child development program by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard.

## **Higher Education**

**Pay During Closure (SB 331):** Amends the various acts related to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Requires public universities and community colleges to pay support service employees and contractors who provide support services when a campus is closed due to a city, county, or State declaration of a winter weather emergency.

**In-State Tuition (SB 461):** Amends the various university acts. Clarifies how community college students, including undocumented immigrants, can qualify for in-state tuition at any public university in Illinois.

**Applicant Factors (SB 462):** Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Prohibits public institutions of higher education from considering an applicant's legacy status or the applicant's familial relationship to any past, current, or prospective donor as a factor in admitting the applicant.

**Transcript Evaluation Fees (SB 2690):** Requires each Illinois public institution of higher education to pay for any transcript evaluation fees for Iraq or Afghanistan refugees.

**In-Demand Jobs (SB 2862):** Requires the Board of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Department of Employment Security, to annually compile a list of the most in-demand jobs in Illinois, along with the starting salary, the median salary, and the typical education level for those jobs.

**Transfer Fee Waiver (SB 3081):** Requires Illinois public university boards of trustees to provide all Illinois community college transfer students with the university's undergraduate application fee waiver policy. Encourages Illinois public university boards of trustees to develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois community college transfer students. This policy shall be posted in an easily accessible place on the university's website.

**Illinois Community College Board Omnibus (SB 3132):** Amends the School Code. Clarifies that the fee which GED applicants pay to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) is to be used for administration of the high school equivalency testing. Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Removes the provision allowing reimbursement for transitional mathematics instruction to community colleges. Changes reporting date for the Student Parent Data Collection Act and the annual deadline for ICCB to submit its budget proposal for the operation and capital needs of community colleges for the ensuing fiscal year to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Amends the Know Before You Owe Private Education Loan Act. Repeals the requirement that an institution of higher education must certify annually for maintenance of approval.

**DCFS Scholarship (SB 3138):** Amends the scholarship, tuition waiver, and fee waiver section of the Children and Family Services Act. Requires scholarships and fee waivers to be available to students for at least five years, provided they are continuing to work toward graduation and completion of a certificate or degree program. Specifies that those tuition and fee waivers shall be available if the student continues to work towards graduation and completion of a certificate or degree program.

**Enrollment Reports & Allows Certain Counselor Expenses (SB 3581):** Amends the various acts related to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Creates Enrollment Reporting Section. Requires each public university and community college board of trustees to report student enrollment numbers to the Board of Higher Education by the 15th day after the start of the academic year. Amends the School Guidance Counselor Gift Ban section of the School Code. Allows school counselors to have their travel, lodging, food, and beverage expenses to be paid for by any higher education institution or military academy. Any costs paid for by those institutions may not exceed the per diem rates for travel, gift, and car expenses set by the Federal Internal Revenue Service's Publication 463 or a successor publication.

**Illinois Articulation Initiative (SB 3594):** Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. If the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, in coordination with the director of the Illinois Articulation Initiative, determines a public university or community college does not have an equivalent major or lower-division courses that align with the major panel's descriptors and course approval criteria, then the institution is compliant with participation in the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act.

**Grants for Exonerated Persons (SB 3771):** Amends the Grants for Exonerated Persons Section of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Allows dependents of exonerated persons to receive grants from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Funds can be used for high school equivalency, undergraduate, or graduate study. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Requires the clerk of the circuit court to post in the common areas of the courthouse a notice about grants for exonerated persons and their dependents and the address of the Internet website of ISAC. Requires ISAC to develop a uniform statewide notice and provide the format of the notice to each clerk.

### **(House Bills)**

**Private Schools (HB 4738):** Amends the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012, Private Colleges Act, and Academic Degree Act. Allows the Board of Higher Education to issue a cease-and-desist order to any school operating without the required permit of approval. The Board of Higher Education may impose a civil penalty for any violation, up to \$10,000 for each offense. Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense.

**Career and Workforce Transition (HB 5369):** Amends the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Adds masonry programs to the list of programs eligible for mandatory credit transfer to a public community college.

**Higher Education Veterans Reporting (HB 5450):** Requires each public university and community college, in collaboration with the Illinois Community College Board, to report to the Board of Higher Education each Oct. 15, the expenditures for the prior fiscal year for the programs and services related to the efforts of the public university or community college in attracting, recruiting, and retaining veterans and military personnel. The comparable sick leave report for veterans becomes inoperative after Dec. 31, 2026.

**Military Obligation Policy & Children of Veterans Scholarship (HB 5655):** Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to allow a student to submit classwork and complete any other class assignments missed due to the participation in a drill or other military obligation required as a member of the National Guard or the reserve component. Amends the University of Illinois Act. Adds children of persons who served in the U.S. Invasion of Panama to the list of those eligible to receive a University of Illinois scholarship for children of veterans.

## **Human Rights**

**Demographic Data Collection (SB 2968):** Amends the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act. Provides that, when the State Board of Education and specified Departments report demographic data, they shall use the same classifications as the Governor's Office of Equity, or other classifications as designated by the Governor, to develop a common set of racial and ethnic classifications for use by the Board and Department.

## **Insurance**

**Medicare Enrollment (SB 56):** Provides an individual utilizing the Birthday Rule can purchase a supplement policy of equal or lesser benefits from an authorized affiliate of the issuer of the original supplement policy. Amends the minimum standards for Medicare supplement policies under the Illinois Insurance Code.

**Infertility Coverage (SB 773):** Provides that provisions concerning infertility coverage apply only to coverage provided on or after Jan. 1, 2024, and before July 1, 2026. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no group policy of accident and health insurance that provides pregnancy-related benefits may be issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this State on or after Jan. 1, 2026, unless the policy contains coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, including specified procedures.

**Insurance Market (SB 1479):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Establishes new market conduct examination procedures. Creates a staged approach to the examination process which will allow the Illinois Department of Insurance to bring an appropriate level of scrutiny to the issue. In particular, the proposal clarifies the Director's authority to issue "data calls" and other less formal methods to gather information short of a full examination and sets a process by which information gathered through this less intensive process can be released to the public.

Outlines procedures and limitations for imposing fines, penalties, and corrective actions due to insurance law violations discovered in the market conduct examination process.

**Patient Billing (SB 2442):** Amends the Fair Patient Billing Act. Provides that hospitals shall not charge or bill a patient who has a household income that qualifies the person for free care under the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act.

**Insurance Coverage (SB 2573):** Amends the Accident and Health Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires group or individual accident and health insurance plans, as well as managed care plans, to offer coverage for wigs or other scalp prostheses worn due to hair loss.

**Infertility Coverage (SB 2639):** Provides that group policies of accident and health insurance providing pregnancy-related benefits for over 25 employees shall be covered for vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian tube transfer, or zygote intrafallopian tube transfer, if the individual meets certain requirements or obtains a physician's recommendation.

**Network Adequacy (SB 2641):** Amends the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Insurance to assess the network plan at each in-network hospital and facility to ensure an adequate number of hospital-based medical specialists.

**Generic Drugs (SB 2672):** Provides that if a generic drug is unavailable due to a supply issue and dosage cannot be adjusted, a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or a managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after Jan. 1, 2025, shall provide coverage for a brand name eligible prescription drug until supply of the generic drug is available.

**Genetic Testing (SB 2697):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires that group health insurance policies, effective after Jan. 1, 2025, must cover clinical genetic testing for inherited gene mutations and evidence-based cancer imaging without imposing any cost-sharing requirements.

**Electronic Payment (SB 2735):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that any group or individual policy of accident and health insurance shall offer all reasonably available methods of payment from the insurer or managed care plan.

**Vaccine Fees (SB 2744):** Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Illinois Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act. Requires that conditions are met to qualify for coverage for vaccinations. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or a managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2026, shall provide coverage for vaccine administration fees, regardless of the type of provider that administers the vaccine, without imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement.

**State-Based Marketplace (SB 3130):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to manage the State-Based Marketplace and bring Illinois in line with various federal and state-based requirements: adding pregnancy as a qualifying life event; flat-dollar prescription drug copay structure; network adequacy for stand-alone dental plans and behavioral health providers; notice of market withdrawals and terminations.

**Inhaler Coverage (SB 3203):** Requires health plans to limit the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a prescription inhaler to an amount not to exceed \$25 per 30-day supply and shall limit the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for all covered prescription inhalers to an amount not to exceed \$50 in total per 30 days.

**Dental Loss Ratio (SB 3305):** Outlines the coverage for medically necessary care and treatment to address a major injury to the jaw caused by an accident or disease. The coverage is mandated for individual or group policies of accident and health insurance, with the requirement for coverage to be provided on or after Jan. 1, 2026. Includes various services such as oral and facial surgery, dental implants, prosthetic treatment, orthodontic and prosthodontic treatment, as well as otolaryngology treatment.

**Alzheimer's Disease Treatment (SB 3318):** Requires the State Employees Group Insurance Program to provide coverage for treatments to slow the progression of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

**Glucose Monitor (SB 3414):** Provides that on or after Jan. 1, 2026, policies or plans must cover continuous glucose monitors for individuals diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes requiring insulin.

**Mobile Integrated Health Care (SB 3599):** Requires coverage for medically necessary services provided by emergency medical services providers operating under a mobile integrated health care model.

**Substance Use (SB 3741):** Provides that the provisions prohibiting certain health benefit plans from imposing prior authorization requirements on medications for substance use disorder also encompass restrictions on dosage.

### **(House Bills)**

**Colonoscopy Coverage (HB 2385):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code colonoscopy coverage mandate. Requires group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2026, shall provide coverage for a colonoscopy determined to be medically necessary.

**Adverse Determination (HB 2472):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Clarifies the definition of adverse determination and utilization review registration requirements to protect consumers and assist them in receiving the care they require in the most efficient and expedient manner.



Clarifies when an explanation of benefits paid statement or claims summary must be sent out. Applies the requirements to a fraternal benefit society, dental service plans, Health Maintenance organizations, Limited Health Service Organizations, and Voluntary Health Service Plans. Requires a filing of a description of any penalties imposed on a provider that failed to obtain prior authorization. Amends the definition of utilization review to include any evaluation based on an algorithmic automated process. Requires clinical peers to make adverse medical necessity determinations, even if done by an algorithm. Requires a utilization review program and its subcontractors to comply with the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission or the National Committee for Quality Assurance. Expands the definition of adverse determination and final adverse determination. Set standards for automated processes for adverse determinations. Limits penalties for failure to obtain prior authorization to \$1,000 or the cost of the procedure.

**Limited-Term Insurance (HB 2499):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. States that on and after Jan. 1, 2025, no company shall issue, deliver, amend, or renew short-term, limited-duration insurance to any natural or legal person that is a resident or domiciled in this State.

**Prior Authorization (HB 4055):** Amends the Prior Authorization Reform Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health insurance issuer or a contracted utilization review organization may not require prior authorization for drug therapies approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of hereditary bleeding disorders any more frequently than six months or the length of time the prescription for that dosage remains valid, whichever period is shorter.

**Diagnostic Mammogram (HB 4180):** Amends the Counties Code, Municipal Code, Illinois Insurance Code, Health Maintenance Organization Act, and Public Aid Code: Requires coverage for comprehensive ultrasound screening and MRI of an entire breast if heterogeneous or dense breast tissue or medically necessary as determined by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant. Adds radiologist to the required experts for the panel to establish quality standards for breast cancer treatment.

**Insolvent Company (HB 4367):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code definition of “insolvent company.” Adds language that states when a policy obligation is assumed or allocated through merger, division, insurance business transfer, consolidation, or reinsurance, nothing in this Section shall be construed to create Fund coverage if none existed at the time of assumption or allocation or to destroy Fund coverage if it existed at the time of assumption or allocation.

**Dental Providers (HB 4789):** Amends provisions requiring a dental provider to be given notice prior to being assigned or leased to another network. Removes the requirement that the notice be sent by certified mail. Requires that the notice only provide a URL where certain information can be found, instead of providing that information. Prohibits denials of dental claims that had received prior authorization unless: benefit limitations were hit; claims documentation fails to support the claim; new procedures were provided that affect medical necessity or require

denial under the coverage; the dentist has already been paid; the claim was submitted fraudulently; the patient was not eligible on the date of service.

**Pregnancy Care (HB 5142):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that insurers shall cover all services for pregnancy, postpartum, and newborn care that are rendered by perinatal doulas or licensed certified professional midwives, including home births, home visits, and support during labor, abortion, or miscarriage. Adds in abortion coverages with no co-pays. Provides that coverage for abortion care may not impose any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, or other cost-sharing limitation, except to the extent that the coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health savings account (rather than coverage for abortion care may not impose any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, or other cost-sharing limitation that is greater than that required for other pregnancy-related benefits covered by the policy).

**Dependent Parent Coverage (HB 5258):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Creates an insurance coverage mandate for dependent parents: Requires dependent coverage to be offered for the parent or stepparent of the insured if that parent can be claimed on your federal income taxes as a dependent and they resided within the policy's service area. Incorporates the requirements into the required coverage under the Health Maintenance Organization Act and the Limited Health Service Organization Act.

**Extended Coverage (HB 5282):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code Pregnancy and postpartum coverage mandate. Expands coverage for mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorders for pregnant or postpartum individuals by extending coverage to all individuals who have undergone a miscarriage or stillbirth.

**Menopause Coverage (HB 5295):** Amends the Insurance Code. Replaces the existing coverage mandate for hormone therapy to treat menopause, beginning 2026. Requires coverage for medically necessary hormonal and non-hormonal therapy to treat menopausal symptoms. Provides that the coverage includes all FDA-approved modalities. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code to make a conforming change to keep the hormone therapy requirements under Medicaid the same.

**Dental Care Billing (HB 5317):** Amends the Uniform Electronic Transactions in Dental Care Billing Act: Provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2026, no dental plan carrier is required to accept from a dental care provider eligibility for a dental plan transaction or dental care claims or equivalent encounter information transaction.

**Homeowner's Insurance (HB 5357):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Insurance companies must provide applicants with information about coverage for sewer backup or sump pump overflow when they apply for homeowners' insurance. At least 30 days before renewing a homeowners insurance policy, the insurance company must inform the insured about their existing coverage and options for coverage related to sewer backup or sump pump overflow, including costs and limits.

**Insurance (HB 5493):** Amends the Insurance Code. Applies certain coverage mandates to HMOs. Exempts high-deductible plans from the EpiPen co-pay cap mandate. Amends the definition of “stop loss insurance.” Clarifies inpatient standard of care provision for delivery services. Aligns the Illinois law with Federal referral requirements for OB/GYNs. Allows for electronic termination notifications. Increases filing fees for insurance business transfers from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and stock company divisions from \$10,00 to \$100,000.

**Health Care Protection (HB 5395):** Makes major changes to network programs and rules for insurance coverage. Health Care Protection Act. In the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act, provides that the Illinois Department of Insurance shall enforce certain network adequacy and transparency standards for stand-alone dental plans for plans amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on certain dates. Proponents claim that: To address unfair utilization management practices, HPA will: require large group health insurance rates (51 or more employees) to be approved by the Illinois Department of Insurance; require insurance companies to adopt the same definitions of medical necessity as doctors; require insurance companies to post all treatments that require prior authorization to help consumers make informed decisions while shopping for plans; ban “step therapy” processes in Illinois; and ban prior authorization for inpatient adult and children’s mental health care (becoming the first state in the nation to do so).

**Auto Repairs (HB 5559):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires that in the event of a total loss of a vehicle, the insurance company must provide a brief description of how the total loss determination was made. Applies to policies issued or renewed after July 1, 2025.

**Pregnancy Tests (HB 5643):** Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires coverage, beginning in 2026, for at-home, urine-based pregnancy tests that are prescribed to the person. Caps the required coverage at two tests every 30 days. Incorporates the mandate into the State Employees Group Insurance Act. Amends the Public Aid Code to require coverage for urine-based pregnancy tests ordered by a clinician or furnished through a standing order. Limits coverage to a “multipack” every 30 days.

## **Judiciary**

**Surplus Property Report (SB 381):** Amends the State Property Control Act. Requires the Director of Central Management Services, as Administrator, to assess surplus real property held by the State and determine whether such property is unsellable in its current assessed condition. Provides assessment factors. Provides that CMS (Administrator) shall prepare a report based upon the assessment that includes all surplus real properties. Provides what the report shall include. Provides that by Feb. 1, 2025, and each Feb. 1 of every odd-numbered year thereafter, CMS (Administrator) shall submit the report to the Governor and General Assembly.

**Regional Planning Commission (SB 691):** Amends the Counties Code. Provides that regional planning commissions, rather than joint regional planning commission may acquire and hold real property for the purposes of the regional planning commission and may sell and convey that property.

**Marengo Quick Take (SB 951):** Authorizes Marengo to use quick-take powers on property surrounding Grant Road and Anthony Road, for the acquisition of the property for extending water and sanitary sewer services for the Interstate 90 Corridor.

**Deer Park Quick Take (SB 952):** Allows the Village of Deer Park to acquire the easement to property on 20820 N. Rand Road. The Quick Take will be repealed after three years upon becoming law. The village is seeking an easement on private property to allow the construction of a water main to allow the village to use Lake Water.

**Electric Vehicle Charging (SB 2597):** Provides that the parking station provisions of the Act shall not apply to any non-profit organization described in specified provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or to any other developer, association, or entity that administers a program to fund and construct tiny homes for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and in need of secure, long-term affordable housing.

**Flood Disclosure (SB 2601):** Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. Adds several exemptions to the Act. The requirement of flood insurance does not apply to farm leases, concession leases, and rental properties owned or managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Adds the Act is not interpreted to permit the renting, leasing, or subleasing of lower-level units in a municipality if the municipality does not permit the renting, leasing, or subleasing of such units.

**Advance Directive Registry (SB 2644):** Amends the Secretary of State Act to create the Advanced Directive Registry. The Secretary of State will establish an electronic registry known as the Advanced Directive Registry that Illinois Residents may deposit with the SOS a completed Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment form. The Information in Advanced Directive Registry will be made available to all hospitals registered under the Hospital Licensing Act and those hospitals organized under the University of Illinois Hospital Act.

**Landmark Preservation (SB 2651):** Amends the Illinois County Historic Preservation Law. Adds that a county may maintain, restore, rehabilitate, beautify, or adaptively reuse places of architectural significance and lease the property to a public or private entity. The lease cannot last for longer than 99 years. The maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, beautification, and adaptive reuse of places considered of architectural significance. Adds the lease of real estate is permitted when a property, structure, or facility owned by the county can be used for athletic purposes or museum purposes in the interest of the public or for the benefit and enjoyment of residents of the county.

**Protective Order (SB 2683):** Expands the definition of course of conduct in the Stalking No Contact Order Act to now include using any electronic tracking system or acquiring tracking information to determine a targeted person's location, moment, or travel patterns. Requires an order under the Act to prohibit this new course of conduct.

**Aging – Ombudsman Program (SB 2715):** Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Provides that all records that contain resident, participant, and complainant information collected by the Long-

Term Care Ombudsman Program are considered confidential and cannot be disclosed outside of the program without a lawful subpoena.

**Condo Parking (SB 2740):** Amends the Condominium Property Act. Buildings must adopt a policy to accommodate unit owners with a disability who require an accessible parking space. The board of managers shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate a resolution between unit owners to provide for accessible parking when the association does not own or otherwise control parking.

**Auto Contract (SB 2764):** Amends the Automatic Contract Renewal Act. Adds that any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation that sells or officers to sell any products or services to a consumer pursuant to a contract that includes a gift or trial period over 15 days which will automatically renew the product, must notify the customer at least two weeks before the automatic renewal offer occurs.

**Limited Liability Company (SB 2765):** Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Provides that specified provisions under the Act do not limit the personal liability of a member or manager imposed under law other than the Act, including, but not limited to, the law of agency, contracts, and torts, and, subject to specified provisions, court imposed equitable remedies, such as piercing the limited liability company veil.

**Child Abuse Reports (SB 2788):** Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Requires the Child Protective Service Unit to send a final finding report to a child's school following an investigation and finding of physical or sexual abuse. If an indicated finding is overturned in an appeal or hearing, the final finding report shall be purged from the student's record.

**Land Transfer (SB 2798):** Authorizes the sale of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) property for two properties: In Monroe County, the State of Illinois shall sell property for \$2,700 that was allocated for highway purposes. In Kane County, the State of Illinois shall sell property for \$152,835 that was allocated for highway purposes. Both properties are no longer needed by IDOT, and they are selling the property to private parties.

**Self-neglect Reports (SB 2799):** Adds to the powers of the Illinois Department on Aging for programs under the Adult Protective Services Program. Exempts the Illinois Fatality Review Advisory Council from the OMA by stating they are no longer a public body. Amends the definition of "abuse" to include subjecting an eligible adult to an environment which creates a likelihood of harm to the eligible adult's health, physical and emotional well-being, or welfare.

**Mobile Home Eviction (SB 2834):** Amends the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act. Adds that a non-payment of rent to an unlicensed park is not grounds for an eviction. A notice must be given to all tenants informing them that a license is required to continue operation of a mobile home, including the collection of rent.

**Judicial Foreclosure Sales (SB 2919):** Amends the Mortgage Foreclosure Article of the Code of Civil Procedure to allow judicial foreclosure sales online. Minus objection by the court, the mortgagee may direct the judge, sheriff, or agent to conduct a foreclosure sale in person, online, or both.

**Not-For-Profit Demographics (SB 2930):** Amends the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Provides that the Secretary of State shall include data fields on its annual report form that allows a corporation to report, at its discretion, the aggregated demographic information of its directors and officers, including race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, veteran status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

**Medical Debt Reporting (SB 2933):** Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to regulate credit reporting of medical debt. It is unlawful business practice for a consumer reporting agency to make, create, or furnish any consumer report or credit reporting containing, incorporating, or reflecting any adverse information that the consumer reporting agency knows or should know relates to medical debt incurred by the consumer; and to maintain in the file on a consumer any information relating to medical debt incurred by a consumer or a collection action against the consumer for collecting medical debt.

**Mobile Homes (SB 2935):** Amends the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act. Creates a new right of first refusal process for associations to purchase a mobile home park. Any mobile manufactured home park owner who intends to discontinue use of land as a mobile home park or intends to sell land used as a mobile manufactured home park to a person who wishes to cease operation of a mobile home park, must give written notice to all home unit of their intent to discontinue the mobile home park.

**Vehicle Code Data (SB 2978):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Creates the Driver and Motor Vehicle Records Data Privacy Law. This Act aims to comply with the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, which safeguards individuals' personal privacy by restricting the disclosure and use of information in their motor vehicle records.

**Biometric Privacy (SB 2979):** Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act. Adds definitions for "electronic signatures" which includes an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record. Clarifies that a private entity that in more than one instance collects, captures, purchases, or receives through trade biometric data is limited to one recovery per instance under the Act.

**Land Transfer (SB 3091):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to transfer 10 acres of land for \$1 to the Will County Forest Preserve. Addresses a portion of land that was thought transferred years ago but was accidentally not included.

**Family Recovery Plans (SB 3136):** Creates the Family Recovery Plans Implementation Task Force within the Illinois Department of Human Services. Duties include reviewing models of

family recovery plans that have been implemented in other states and reviewing and developing recommendations to replace punitive policies with notification policies for health care professionals reporting a positive toxicology screen of a newborn.

**Birth Certificates (SB 3182):** Amends the Hospital Licensing Act so a hospital having custody of a fetus following a spontaneous fetal death occurring during or after a gestation period of at least 20 completed weeks must notify the gestational parent of the parent's right to receive a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

**Reclaiming Abandoned Newborns (SB 3232):** Amends the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act by amending provisions concerning hospital procedures with respect to a relinquished infant. Adds that if a person who relinquished or a person claiming to be the parent of a newborn infant returns to reclaim the infant within 30 days after the infant was relinquished to a hospital, the hospital must inform that person with the name and contact information of the child welfare agency to whom custody of the infant was transferred.

**Maintenance Payments (SB 3284):** Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to require those imprisoned to pay maintenance. Removes from law that no maintenance shall accrue while a party is imprisoned for failure to comply with the court's order for the payment of the maintenance.

**Post-conviction Relief (SB 3285):** Expands post-conviction relief so now that even a negotiated plea may later be challenged by the petitioner showing by a preponderance of the evidence that their participation in an offense was related to previously having been a victim of a forcible felony, domestic violence, or gender-based violence.

**Mental Health Research (SB 3288):** Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act changing the definition of "research" to have the meaning that is ascribed to it in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the Code of Federal Regulations. Adds that records and communications may be disclosed for research in accordance with the requirements set forth under HIPAA and the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Human Rights Remedies (SB 3310):** Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Extends the date to file a charge to three years for an alleged violation under the Act. Authorizes the Human Rights Commission to award damages under the Act that are recognized under Illinois tort law. Authorizes the Human Rights Commission to award punitive damages if the allegations of the violation under the Act meet the evidentiary requirements under Illinois law for an award of punitive damages.

**Consumer Legal Funding (SB 3314):** Amends the Consumer Legal Funding Act to allow consumer legal funding to allow rules for consumer legal refinancing. IDFPR will publish rules for consumer legal refinancing within 120 days after the effective date of this law.

**Accessible Charging Station (SB 3323):** Creates the Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Station Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to ensure that charging stations in the State are sufficiently accessible to allow independent use by drivers with disabilities, including people who have limited or no hand dexterity, limb differences, or upper extremity amputations, and use adaptive driving controls. Requires chargers designed to serve people who use mobility devices to be located on an accessible route. Requires electric vehicle charging stations to comply with ADA regulations.

**Liquidation of Virtual Currency (SB 3343):** Amends the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act to address liquidation of virtual currency, clarify appeals in the claims process, allow CPA firms to file claims on behalf of their business clients; and protect owners when a holder declares bankruptcy. Updates the State Officers and Employees Money Disposition Act to authorize the Treasurer's Office to pay fees for custodians of securities and virtual currency.

**Subsidized Housing: (SB 3351):** Amends the Subsidized Housing Joint Occupancy Act. Adds that an elderly parent with an adult child with disabilities of the opposite sex shall not be required to occupy subsidized housing with only one bedroom.

**Cook County Public Guardian (SB 3367):** Amends the Children and Family Services Act by amending parts of the act related to children accepted for care and training under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Adds that the parents' or guardians' children shall only be liable for the sums representing the charges for care and training.

**Prohibit Unfair Service Agreements (SB 3420):** Creates the Prohibition of Unfair Service Agreements Act. A service agreement is unfair under this Act if any part of the service subject to the agreement is not to be performed within one year after the service agreement is entered into and the service agreement has one of the following: 1) the service agreement purports to run with the land or to be binding on future owners of interests in the real property; 2) the service agreement allows for assignment of the right to provide service without notice to and consent of the owner of residential real estate; or 3) the service agreement purports to create a lien, encumbrance, or other real property security interest. No person can record an unfair service agreement or a notice or memorandum of the unfair service agreement.

**Power of Attorney (SB 3421):** Amends the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. Makes it unlawful for a third party to unreasonably refuse to honor a statutory short form power of attorney properly executed in accordance with the laws in effect at the time of its execution.

**Self-Storage Common Practices (SB 3460):** Amends the Self-Service Storage Facility Act. Adds that a rental agreement may be delivered and accepted by electronic mail. If the occupant does not sign a written rental agreement that the owner has tendered to the occupant, the occupant's continued use of the storage space shall constitute an acceptance of the rental agreement with the same effect as if it had been signed by the occupant.



**Consumer Fraud (SB 3479):** Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act relating to provisions on deceptive practices targeting veterans and military members. Adds a veterans' services disclosure to be made by any person providing veteran or military benefits services. Makes it an unlawful practice for any person providing veteran or military benefits services to fail at the outset of the business relationship to clearly provide, both orally and in writing, veterans services disclosures when veteran or military benefits services are provided in exchange for any financial compensation, benefit, or thing of value.

**Notary Public Training (SB 3513):** Amends the Illinois Notary Public Act. An applicant to renew an appointment as a notary public or as an electronic notary public is not required to complete a course of study or pass an examination if the applicant is a licensed attorney, judge, or employed by a licensed attorney or the court.

**Shared Appreciation Agreements (SB 3551):** Amends the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987. Adds definition of "shared appreciation agreement" to the Act: "Shared appreciation agreement" means a writing evidencing a transaction or any option, future, or any other derivative between a person and a consumer where the consumer receives money or any other item of value in exchange for an interest or future interest in a dwelling or residential real estate or a future obligation to repay a sum on the occurrence of an event, such as: (1) the transfer of ownership; (2) a repayment maturity date; (3) the death of the consumer; or (4) any other event contemplated by the writing." Specifies that shared appreciation agreements are considered a type of mortgage loan, residential mortgage loan, and home mortgage loan.

**Domestic Violence (SB 3652):** Creates the Summary of Rights for Safer Homes Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Human Rights to create a summary form advising tenants who have suffered domestic violence or sexual violence of the rights that they have under Illinois law that provide protection in their ability to have safe housing. Landlords are required to attach a copy of the summary as the first page of any written residential lease entered with a tenant and must obtain a signature of each tenant for acknowledgment of receipt.

**Ticket Sales (SB 3678):** Amends the Ticket Sale and Resale Act. Provides that a person or entity that does not have actual or constructive possession of an event ticket shall not sell, offer for sale, or advertise for sale the event ticket unless specified conditions are satisfied. A ticket issuer, ticket broker, or ticket reseller shall not offer for sale an event ticket unless the ticket issuer, ticket broker, or ticket reseller makes specified disclosures.

**Uniform Commercial Code (SB 3696):** Amends the Uniform Commercial Code to adopt changes recommended by the Uniform Law Commission with respect to the addition of a Controllable Electronic Records Article and transitional provisions and the amendment of other provisions of the Code.

**Crime Victims Compensation (SB 3713):** Expands the Crime Victims Compensation Act. Clarifies who is eligible to apply to the program by expanding the definition of applicant under the Act. Expands the definition of victims to include grandparents and grandchildren, individuals in a

dating relationship, and individuals who are injured or killed due to a law enforcement officer's use of force. Allows for compensation even when the victim's acts or conduct substantially provoked or contributed to the victim's injuries.

### **(House Bills)**

**Franklin County Quick Take (HB 1672):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Military Affairs to convey a soon-to-be former armory building in Franklin County to the City of West Frankfort.

**Unlawful Discrimination (HB 2161):** Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Includes "family responsibilities" in the definition of harassment. Defines family responsibilities to mean an employee's actual or perceived provision of personal care to a family member. Defines "personal care" and "family member" from the Employee Sick Leave Act. Includes "family responsibilities" in the provisions creating a civil rights violation if violated by an employer, employment agency, or labor organization. Provides that nothing contained in the Act may be construed to obligate an employer, employment agency, or labor organization to make accommodations for an employee based on family responsibilities, including accommodations as related to leave, scheduling, absenteeism, timeliness, work performance, referrals from a labor union hiring hall, and benefits.

**Personnel Records (HB 3763):** Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that every employee, upon written request to their employer, is granted the legal right to inspect, copy, and receive copies of specified documents related to their employment. This includes electronic communication such as email or text messages. Specifies the types of documents that employees have the right to access, including benefits information, employment contracts, employee handbooks, and employer policies and procedures. Provides that employees can make requests to various departments within their employer's organization, including HR, payroll, or their supervisor. Requests must include specific details, such as a signed waiver for accessing medical records if applicable. Employers must respond to employee requests within seven working days of receiving a receipt from the employee. If certain requested records are not maintained by the employer, they must inform the employee in writing. Provides that if records are already accessible to the employee through existing means, the employer can provide instructions on how to access them instead of providing copies. Prohibits Employers from charging fees that include costs for duplicating information, purchasing, or renting copying equipment, or obtaining software. Provides that Employers can gather and retain information about an employee's associations, political activities, publications, communications, or non-employment activities only with the express and written consent of the employee. Provides that if an employer allegedly violates the Act and the Department fails to resolve the complaint within 180 days, the employee may take legal action in circuit court to enforce the Act.

**Predictive Analysis (HB 3773):** Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act Defines "Predictive data analytics" to mean the use of machine learning algorithms for the purpose of predicting outcomes. Provides that using predictive data analytics to make employment decisions, an employer may not consider, as part of the predictive data analytics tool, the applicant's

biographical information, such as race or ZIP code, when used as a proxy for race to reject an applicant in the context of recruiting, hiring, promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, privileges, or conditions of employment. Provides that nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the use of predictive data analytics to support an inclusive and diverse workforce. Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Defines “predictive data analytics” to mean the use of automated machine learning algorithms for the purpose of statistically analyzing a person’s behavior. Provides that a person or entity that relies either partially or fully on predictive data analytics to determine a consumer’s creditworthiness may not allow the use of information about the consumer that assigns specific risk factors to the consumer’s race or zip code resulting in rejection of credit or other adverse credit-related action to a consumer. Provides that a person or entity that uses predictive data analytics to determine the creditworthiness of more than 50 consumers in a calendar year who are State residents shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, devise procedures to ensure that it does not consider information that assigns specific risk factors to a consumer’s race or ZIP code when rejecting or taking other adverse action on a consumer’s application for credit. Provides that a person or entity that violates this Section commits an unlawful practice within the meaning of this Act.

**Rental Fees (HB 4206):** Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. If a landlord uses a third-party payment portal to collect rental payments from tenants and if a transaction fee or other charge is imposed through the portal on rental payments made by e-check or other means, then the landlord shall allow the tenant to make rental payments by delivering a paper check to the landlord or the landlord’s business office or by means that do not require the tenant to pay the transaction fee or other charge. Allows payment of rent by cash. Adds this section only applies to leases executed after the effective date of this Bill.

**Court Reporters (HB 4226):** Amends the Court Reporters Act. Provides that each court reporter may be required by the chief judge to take a test to verify his/her proficiency within one year of employment.

**Electronic Wills (HB 4251):** Amends the Electronic Non-testamentary Estate Planning Documents Article of the Electronic Wills and Remote Witnesses Act. Adds that this Article does not apply to a non-testamentary estate planning document, will, or terms of a trust if the terms governing the document expressly preclude use of an electronic record or electronic signature.

**Menstrual Products (HB 4264):** Creates the Menstrual Products Donor Immunity Act. Provides that a nonprofit organization that in good faith receives menstrual products for distribution without fee or compensation and reasonably inspects the menstrual product at the time of donation and finds the menstrual product apparently usable for humans is not liable in a civil action except for willful or wanton conduct.

**Life Care Facility (HB 4276):** Amends the Life Care Facilities Act. Mandates pre-sale disclosures to consumers before executing refundable life care contracts. The disclosure must include

information about entry fee refunds, such as average and median refund times, percentage of contracts with wait times exceeding certain thresholds, and the number of refunds issued in the previous calendar year. Section 5.2 pertains to living unit reappropriation, requiring beneficiaries awaiting an entry fee refund to provide a signed acknowledgment and agreement if an unoccupied unit is repurposed. This agreement may delay the unit's sale and refund return, and it includes a statement that the rights provided under this section cannot be waived.

**Child Abuse (HB 4350):** Creates the Child Abuse Notice Act. Requires hotels, motels, tattoo and body piercing establishments, bus stations, and general acute care hospital emergency rooms, to post in a conspicuous place a notice developed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) aimed toward children younger than 18 on how to report physical and sexual abuse. Requires DCFS, in consultation with an accredited Children's Advocacy Center, to develop a model notice no later than six months after the effective date. Requires DCFS to make the model notice available for download on its website and provide the notice upon request to eligible businesses and other establishments. The notice shall be printed in English, Spanish, and one other language that is the most widely spoken in the county where the establishment is located and for which translation is mandated by the federal Voting Rights Act. Imposes up to a \$500 fine for failure to comply after 30 days.

**Private Service of Process (HB 4351):** Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Process may be served by a sheriff, or if the sheriff is disqualified, by a coroner of some county of the State. Removes language providing that process may be served by a person who is licensed or registered as a private detective or by a registered employee of a private detective agency in counties with a population of less than 2,000,000 (and instead allows process to be served in such a manner statewide). Removes language providing that upon motion and in its discretion, the court may appoint as a special process server a private detective agency and, under the appointment, any employee of the private detective agency may serve the process. In Cook County, any person licensed or registered as a private detective under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 or by a registered employee of a private detective agency certified under that Act and hired to serve summons shall remit \$5 of each service fee to the county sheriff.

**Shorthand Reporters (HB 4426):** Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act is repealed on Jan. 1, 2030. All applicants and registrants must provide a valid address and email address of record to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Adds providing one's federal taxpayer identification number as an alternative to providing one's Social Security Number when applying for an original license. Within 20 days after service of a notice of report of refusal to issue or renew, the respondent may present to the Secretary a motion in writing for a rehearing.

**Vehicle Dealer Protection (HB 4447):** Creates the Motor Vehicle Dealer Protection Act that aims to safeguard motor vehicle dealers from unauthorized use of their names, images, likenesses, trademarks, or intellectual property.

**Mobile Home Licensing (HB 4467):** Amends the Mobile Home Park Act. Operating a mobile home park without a license is a \$50 late fee for the first month of noncompliance and \$100 per day thereafter. If a mobile home park is sold, the application for a new license shall be mailed to IDPH and postmarked no later than 10 days after the deed is recorded. All license fees, including late fees and reinspection fees, of the prior owner must be paid before a license is issued. No late fee shall be imposed if the new license is requested within the specified timeframe. Requires the current name, address, email address, and telephone number of the licensee and mobile home park manager to be always displayed in a location visible to the public and protected from weather. Requires the IDPH to conduct an annual inspection of each mobile home park. If violations are documented during the annual inspection and IDPH is required to reinspect to ensure violations have been corrected, IDPH, at its discretion, may charge a reinspection fee of \$300 per visit, due within 30 days after the invoice and no later than the time of license renewal. Licensing fees and reinspection fees are nonrefundable. A mobile home park whose license has been voided, suspended, denied, or revoked may be relicensed once the park is in substantial compliance, all delinquent licensing and reinspection fees are paid, and the park applies an application fee. Increases fees for the annual mobile home park license, individual mobile home spaces, and late charges. Beginning in 2026, IDPH shall prepare an annual report with specified information.

**Insurance Sunset (HB 4588):** Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Removes a provision repealing the Risk Retention Companies Article of the Illinois Insurance Code on Jan. 1, 2027. Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Repeals the Risk Retention Companies Article Jan. 1, 2057.

**Catalytic Converters (HB 4589):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act to eliminate the provision that provided for the repeal of the Act on Jan. 1, 2025. Eliminates the sunset of Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act on Jan. 1, 2025. Adds transactions involving a catalytic converter must include the ID number of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed and any numbers, bar codes, stickers, or other unique markings of the catalytic converter that was removed. In a transaction involving a catalytic converter, the recyclable metal dealer must also require a copy of the certificate of title or uniform invoice showing the seller's ownership of the vehicle. Makes it unlawful for any person to purchase or otherwise acquire a used, detached catalytic converter or any nonferrous part unless: the person is a licensed recyclable metal dealer; the sale or purchase occurs at the fixed business address of a licensed recyclable metal dealer that is a party to the transaction; and the purchaser has maintained the records of purchases.

**Subcontractor Liens (HB 4660):** Amends the Mechanics Lien Act. Removes language providing for notice by a subcontractor for an owner-occupied single-family residence from a provision regarding notice by a contractor for an owner-occupied single-family residence. In a provision regarding subcontractor liens, requires the notice provided by the subcontractor to contain, in addition to other requirements, the type of labor, services, fixtures, apparatus or machinery, or forms or form work delivered and to be delivered.

**Vital Record (HB 4727):** Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that an individual's status as under guardianship may be verified with a copy of the court order creating the guardianship. Applicable fees for a new birth certificate or search for a birth record shall be waived for requests made by the Office of the State Guardian to the Office of the State Registrar of Vital Records in Springfield. Provides that the State Registrar of Vital Records shall establish standards and procedures for waiver of the applicable fees. Provides that an individual under guardianship shall be provided no more than four birth records annually.

**Digital Likeness (HB 4762):** Creates the Digital Voice and Likeness Protection Act. An agreement for performance of personal or professional services is contrary to public policy and unenforceable if: it allows for creation and use of a digital replica of an individual's voice or likeness in place of work otherwise performed in person; it does not clearly define, and detail all proposed uses of the digital replica or the generative artificial intelligence system; and the individual was not represented by legal counsel or labor union. Clarifies the Act does not apply to a person represented by a labor union representing workers who do the proposed work, and the terms of the individual's collective bargaining agreement expressly cover uses of digital replicas as that term is defined in this Act or in the individual's collective bargaining agreement.

**Landlord Retaliation (HB 4768):** Creates the Landlord Retaliation Act. Declares that it is against the public policy of the State for a landlord to take retaliatory action against a tenant. Prohibits a landlord from knowingly terminating a tenancy, increasing rent, decreasing services, bringing or threatening to bring a lawsuit against a tenant for possessing or refusing to renew a lease or tenancy because the tenant has in good faith taken certain actions, including but not limited to: complaining of code violations applicable to the premises to the relevant governmental agency responsible for enforcement of a building, housing, health, or similar code; complaining of a building, housing, health, or similar code violation, or an illegal landlord practice to a community organization or the news media; or complaining or requesting the landlord to make repairs to the premises as required by a building code, health ordinance, other regulation, or the residential rental agreement.

**Military Affairs Conveyance (HB 4863):** Authorizes the Illinois Department of Military Affairs to convey described real estate in Kane County to the City of Aurora.

**AI Right to Privacy (HB 4875):** Amends the Right of Publicity Act. Grants additional enforcement rights and remedies to a recording artist or a person who has entered a contract for the individual's exclusive personal services as a recording artist or who has entered a contract for an exclusive license to distribute sound recordings that capture the recording artist's audio performances. Adds that a person may not distribute, transmit, or make available to the public a sound recording or audiovisual work that contains a digital replica of an individual with actual knowledge that the use of the digital replica was not authorized by the individual. A person may not knowingly distribute, transmit, or make available to the public a sound recording or audiovisual work with actual knowledge that the work contains an unauthorized digital replica. Any person who materially contributed to, induces, or otherwise facilitates a violation of the act

after obtaining actual knowledge that the other person is infringing upon an individual's rights under this Act may be found liable.

**Fitness Services Contracts (HB 4911):** Amends the Physical Fitness Services Act. Provides that every contract for physical fitness services shall provide that notice of cancellation be made in writing and delivered by certified or registered mail (rather than delivered by mail). Provides that notice of cancellation may also be made by the email address provided in the contract, if an email address was provided.

**Natural Disaster Damage (HB 4921):** Amends the Home Equity Assurance Act. In provisions authoring a governing commission with no less than \$3,000,000 in its guarantee fund to establish a Low Interest Home Improvement Loan Program, the loan may also be used for repair or maintenance following other natural disaster damage. A commission may use loan funds to issue a grant or rebate for repairs, maintenance, remodeling, alteration, or improvement of a guaranteed residence for preventing or repairing damage because of a natural disaster.

**Vehicle Franchise (HB 4925):** Amends the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act. Provides that it shall be deemed a violation for a vehicle manufacturer, a distributor, a wholesaler, a distributor branch or division, or officer, agent, or other representative thereof to coerce or require any motorcycle dealer to construct improvements to the dealer's facility at a substantial cost to the dealer or to condition any dealer's eligibility for payments under any discount, credit, rebate, sales incentive, or similar program.

**Credit Report (HB 4926):** Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. Prohibits a landlord from charging a prospective tenant an application screening fee if the prospective tenant provides a reusable tenant screening report that meets the following criteria: the report was prepared within the previous 30 days by a consumer credit reporting agency at the request and expense of a prospective tenant; the report is made directly available to a landlord for use in the rental application process or is provided through a third-party website that regularly engages in the business of providing a reusable tenant screening report and complies with all state and federal laws pertaining to use and disclosure of information contained in a consumer report by a consumer credit reporting agency; and the report is available to the landlord at no cost to access or use. Changes the definition of "reusable tenant screening report" to include a report prepared by a consumer credit report. Changes the requirement of listing employment with "source of income." Adds that the reusable report must include all the information consistently used by a landlord in the screening process and that a landlord can use additional reports for screening so long as the tenant is not charged for such a report.

**Probate Successor (HB 4961):** Amends the Probate Act of 1975. For the appointment of a successor guardian, provides that notice of the time and place of the hearing on a petition for the appointment of a successor guardian shall be given not less than three days before the hearing for a successor to a temporary guardian and not less than 14 days before hearing for a successor to a limited or plenary guardian. Provides that the notice shall be by mail or in-person

to the alleged person with a disability, to the proposed successor guardian, and to those persons whose names and addresses are listed in the petition for adjudication of disability and appointment of a guardian. Provides that the court, upon a finding of good cause, may waive the notice requirement.

**Nurse Agencies (HB 5086):** Amends the Nurse Practice Act. When a health care facility is found liable for an injury to a patient or resident because of a negligent act performed by a nurse or certified nurse aide employed, assigned, or referred by the nurse agency, the health care facility has a right to be compensated by the nurse agency for any and all expenses, fines, or damages (rather than any and all expenses) incurred related to any liability for the nurse agency's negligence, including negligent hiring (rather than the nurse agency's negligent hiring). Requires a contract entered between the nurse agency and health care facility to contain a provision specifying that the health care facility has a right to be compensated by the nurse agency for all expenses, fines, or damages incurred related to any liability for a negligent act performed by a nurse or certified nurse aide employed, assigned, or referred by the nurse agency. In provisions concerning liability for nurse agencies, provides that the provisions are not subject to enforcement by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

**Police and Fire Pensions (HB 5104):** Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions concerning death benefits and disability benefits, provides that certain presumptions that apply to a policeman who becomes disabled or dies because of exposure to and contraction of COVID-19 apply to any policeman who was exposed to and contracted COVID-19 on or after March 9, 2020, and on or before Jan. 31, 2022. In provisions of the Chicago Firefighter Article concerning death benefits and disability benefits, provides that certain presumptions that apply to a fireman who becomes disabled or dies because of exposure to and contraction of COVID-19 apply to any fireman who was exposed to and contracted COVID-19 on or after March 9, 2020, and on or before Jan. 31, 2022.

**Adoption (HB 5224):** Amends the Adoption Act. Defines "adult" when referring to a person who is the subject of a petition for adoption under Section 3 of this Act to mean a person who is age 18 or older. After either the entry of an order terminating parental rights or the entry of a judgment of adoption, the parents of a child or adult sought to be adopted shall be relieved of all parental responsibility for the child or adult and shall be deprived of all legal rights as respects the child or adult, and the child or adult shall be free from all obligations of maintenance and obedience as respects such natural parents. A parent who is also a petitioner in the adoption will retain all parental rights, responsibilities, and obligations.

**Mobile Home Radio (HB 5238):** Amends the Illinois Modular Dwelling and Mobile Structure Safety Act. Provides that an installer of manufactured homes must supply a weather radio with Tone alarm activation in each manufactured home installed after 2023. Provides for an annual notice during National Fire Prevention Week to be given by the operator of a mobile home community to replace batteries in weather radios and smoke detectors. Provides installers with immunity from liability for the functionality of weather radios or smoke detectors.



**Quick-take Elmhurst (HB 5247):** Amends the Eminent Domain Act. Provides that quick-take powers may be used for a period of no more than two years after the effective date of the amendatory Act by the City of Elmhurst for the acquisition of certain described property for the purpose of road construction. Repeals the new provisions three years after the effective date.

**Conservation (HB 5296):** Provides that an association shall not prohibit any resident or owner from planting or growing Illinois native species on the resident's or owner's lawn, with certain requirements. Provides for an Association to be able to adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing native landscapes, with certain requirements.

**Condo Sales (HB 5502):** Amends the Condominium Property Act. Provides that in a sale of a condominium unit by a unit owner, no condominium association may exercise any right of refusal, option to purchase, or right to disapprove the sale: on the basis that the purchaser's financing is guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration; or for a discriminatory or otherwise unlawful purpose. Provides that any person aggrieved by a violation of the provisions regarding resale approval has a cause of action against the offending condominium association that may be commenced in circuit court.

**Birth Certificates (HB 5507):** Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Creates a process for Illinois residents to seek a judicial order making findings of fact to change a birth certificate from another state or country so that they may petition the issuing jurisdiction to change it.

## **Labor**

**Freedom to Work (SB 2737):** Amends the Illinois Freedom to Work Act. After the effective date of the new legislation, prohibits any covenant not to compete and covenant not to solicit for professionals licensed in Illinois that provide mental health services to veterans and first responders.

**Construction Industry Employment (SB 2770):** Creates the Construction Industry Employment Freedom Act. Prohibits employers from entering into certain types of agreements with employees. Amends the Illinois Freedom to Work Act.

**Police Disability (SB 2918):** Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a police officer cannot be fired by a municipality solely because of a physical or mental disability that led to their application for benefits under the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code.

**Child Performers (SB 3180):** Sets forth time requirements for work for child performers who work in television, motion picture, or related entertainment production. A child performer may be permitted to be at the place of employment within a 24-hour time, based on the age of the performer.

**Wage Payment (SB 3208):** Requires employers to allow employees to access and review their pay stubs and relevant personnel documents upon request. Requires employers to retain

copies of pay stubs for at least three years and provide them to employees upon request, even if originally furnished electronically.

**Transportation Benefits Program (SB 3558):** Amends the Transportation Benefits Program Act. Defines “construction industry” to encompass a wide range of activities related to construction work, including various tasks involved in building, maintaining, and modifying structures and infrastructure.

**Child Labor (SB 3646):** Creates the Child Labor Law of 2024. Defines terms related to their employment, setting requirements for employers, and establishing limitations on work hours. Exempts certain types of work such as agricultural and household chores, with restrictions on the number of hours minors can work per day and week. Mandates employers to maintain records of employed minors and restricts them from engaging in hazardous occupations. Empowers the Illinois Department of Labor to investigate violations and issue orders to cease violations, impose civil penalties, and take legal action against non-compliant employers.

**Workers’ Freedom of Speech (SB 3649):** Prohibits employers from penalizing or taking adverse actions against employees who choose not to attend or participate in meetings or communications related to religious or political matters. Employees are also protected from retaliation for reporting violations of this Act. Provides that employees who believe their rights have been violated under this Act may bring civil actions within one year of the alleged violation, including injunctive relief, reinstatement to the employee’s former position or an equivalent position, back pay, reestablishment of any employee benefits, including seniority, to which the employee would otherwise have been eligible if the violation had not occurred, and any other appropriate relief as deemed necessary by the court to make the employee whole.

**Day and Temporary Labor (SB 3650):** Mandates that day and temporary labor service agencies to provide applicants with written confirmation of their application, including details like the agency’s name, applicant’s information, application date and time, method, and specific job preferences. Prohibits agencies from dispatching workers to locations with labor disputes without informing them in writing about the nature of the dispute and their right to refuse the assignment. Provides that workers assigned for more than 90 days within a 12-month period are entitled to compensation and benefits comparable to directly hired employees, unless covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

### **(House Bills)**

**Coal Mining/Rescue Operations (HB 4954):** Requires coal mines to maintain two fully equipped mine rescue teams or mine complex rescue teams, with training and recordkeeping responsibilities assigned to a responsible person. Mandates the mine rescue station superintendent to cooperate with the State Mine Inspector, mine management, and state and federal organizations to ensure the protection of human life in the event of a mine emergency.

**Labor Relations Board (HB 5324):** Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that each panel of the Illinois Labor Relations Board to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on their activities. The reports must detail: the number of unfair labor practice charges filed, charges resolved, and charges pending during the fiscal year. Provides that the number of pending charges must be categorized by the number of days they have been pending, in specific intervals: -1-100 days; 101-150 days; 151-200 days; 201-250 days; 251-300 days; 301-350 days; 351-400 days; 401-450 days; 451-500 days; 501-550 days; 551-600 days; 601-650 days; 651-700 days and Over 701 days.

## **Licensed Activities**

**Certified Medication Aide (SB 774):** Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act. Creates the Certified Medication Aide Program at the IDPH. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) shall administer and enforce a Certified Medication Aide Program. Stipulates parameters of aide practice, certification process and requirements, and testing. Grants IDPH rulemaking authority to implement. Adds supportive living facilities to the bill.

**Dental Practice Clear Aligners (SB 2586):** Amends the Dental Practice Act regarding tele-dentistry. Language to address clear aligner sales market in Illinois. Stipulates a dentist may only practice or utilize “tele-dentistry” on a patient of record.

**Massage Therapy Misconduct (SB 2660):** Amends the Massage Licensing Act to provide that, immediately after a person licensed under the Act has been charged with an offense that: includes registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act, involuntary servitude of a minor, the crime of battery against a patient, including an offense based on sexual conduct or sexual penetration, in the course of patient care or treatment, or a forceable felony, then the prosecuting attorney shall provide notice to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the licensee’s name, address, practice address, and license number and a copy of the criminal charges filed.

**Fire Sprinkler Inspectors (SB 2702):** Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that “Fire sprinkler inspector” means an individual who is qualified to perform routine inspection or testing of fire sprinkler systems pursuant to Section 17 and who is employed by a single fire sprinkler contractor at a time to perform fire sprinkler inspections. Any individual who performs routine inspection or testing of any fire sprinkler system under this Act shall: be employed by a single licensed fire sprinkler contractor at a time to perform fire sprinkler inspections; and meet the minimum qualifications except where the individual is exempted.

**Genetic Counselor Licensing (SB 2731):** Provides that the Genetic Counselor Licensing Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2030. Revises portions of the Act. Stipulates that no license shall be issued to a business, the stated purpose of which includes or which practices or which holds itself out as

available to practice genetic counseling, unless it is organized under the Professional Service Corporation Act or the Professional Limited Liability Company Act.

**Architecture Practice Exams (SB 2819):** Amends the Illinois Architecture Practice Act. Removes the five-year cap an applicant must successfully complete all examinations required by the rules of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

**Dental Sedation Permits (SB 2822):** Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act regarding sedation standards. Provides for the minimum education requirements for permits for dentists to administer deep sedation, general anesthesia, and moderate sedation.

**Marriage/Family Therapist (SB 3211):** Amends the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may issue a license as a licensed marriage and family therapist, without the required examination, to an applicant who is currently registered, certified, or licensed to practice marriage and family therapy in another state, territory, or jurisdiction, applies on a form that is approved by the Department, and pays the application fee set by the Department.

**Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant (SB 3467):** Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning the educational requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant (adds completion of national certification as a speech-language pathology assistant).

**Real Estate Licensing-Various (SB 3740):** Real Estate License Act Omnibus. Make several revisions and updates to modernize the Act.

**DFPR-License Endorsements (SB 3767):** Amends the Landscape Architecture Registration Act, Illinois Architecture Practice Act, the Registered Interior Designers Act, the Professional Engineering Practice Act, the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act, and the Structural Engineering Practice Act. Makes changes to provisions regarding endorsements of licenses issued outside of the State to allow for an applicant licensed in a foreign country to receive a license from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation if specified conditions are satisfied.

**Social Work-Opioid Antagonist (SB 3779):** Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act. Provides that a licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker may possess and administer opioid antagonists. Provides that if a person employs a licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker and the licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker possesses an opioid antagonist in a professional capacity, then the person (employer) must provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists and establish a policy to control the acquisition, storage, transportation, and administration of opioid antagonists. Grants clinical social workers who act in good faith protection under the Good Samaritan Act.

## **(House Bills)**

**International Doctors (HB 778):** Amends the Medical Practice Act. Requires the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to establish, in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Governor's Office of New Americans, a clinical readiness program to provide direct services to international medical graduate physicians seeking to reestablish their medical careers and obtain residency in this State. Provides that the clinical readiness program for international medical graduate physicians shall be subject to appropriation.

**Laser Hair Removal (HB 4357):** Amends the Medical Practice Act. Stipulates that an on-site physician examination prior to the performance of a non-ablative laser procedure shall not be required when: (1) the laser hair removal facility follows a physician delegation protocol, which shall be made available to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation upon request (2) the examination is performed by an advanced practice registered nurse; (3) the procedure is delegated by a physician and performed by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who has received appropriate, documented training and education in the safe and effective use of each system; and (4) a physician is available by telephone or other electronic means to respond promptly to any questions or complications that may occur.

**Childcare Background Check (HB 4412):** Amends the Childcare Act. Provides that a childcare facility may authorize the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or a third-party vendor to collect fingerprints for the criminal background investigation.

**Cosmetology/Barber Teacher (HB 4570):** Amends the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act. Provides that a licensed cosmetology teacher who submits to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation an application for licensure as a barber teacher must meet all requirements of the Act for licensure as a barber teacher, except that an applicant who has at least three years of experience as a licensed cosmetology teacher shall be given credit for hours of instruction completed for his or her cosmetology teacher license in subjects that are common to both barbering and cosmetology in the supplemental barber course.

**Control Substances Compliance (HB 4874):** Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that a pharmacist may not refuse to fill a valid prescription solely because it is not prescribed electronically. Provides that a compliance action with respect to this provision initiated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation prior to Dec. 31, 2030, is limited to a non-disciplinary warning letter or citation, unless the prescriber or dispenser fails to abide by the initial non-disciplinary warning letter or citation, has acted in bad faith, or a pattern of practice occurs.

**Nurse Licensure (HB 5047):** Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that the privilege to practice as a licensed pending registered nurse or license-pending practical nurse shall terminate once six months have passed since the official date of passing the licensure exam.

Provides that a licensed advanced practice registered nurse certified as a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner who files with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation a notarized attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of continuing education or training in the advanced practice registered nurse's area of certification and at least 4,000 hours of clinical experience after first attaining national certification and thus having met the requirements to be granted full practice authority shall be granted the authority to practice as a full practice authority-pending advanced practice registered nurse under the supervision of a full practice advanced practice registered nurse or a physician for a period of six months.

**Pre-License Dental Practice (HB 5059):** Creates a pre-license practice allowance for an individual enrolled in a specialty or residency training program to practice dentistry prescribed by and incidental to the individual's program of residency or specialty training if the individual applied for a general dental license or a temporary training license.

**EMS Training (HB 5085):** Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that "clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a patient's medical or mental health condition by a licensed health care professional utilizing a medical skill set while continuing assessment and care. Provides that an EMS System may coordinate education outside of the region of which it is located with valid justification and the Illinois Department of Public Health approval. Provides that the didactic portion of education may be conducted through an online platform with EMS System and Department approval. Sets forth provisions concerning Department approval. Provides that an EMS Lead Instructor may oversee a paramedic with at least three years of experience to teach EMT classes, with a licensed teacher, in high schools.

**Physical Therapy-Telehealth (HB 5087):** Amends the Illinois Physical Therapy Act. Provides that physical therapy through telehealth services may be used to address access issues to care, enhance care delivery, or increase the physical therapist's ability to assess and direct the patient's performance in the patient's own environment.

**Professions-Skin Growth ED (HB 5135):** Amends the Acupuncture Practice Act, the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act, the Massage Licensing Act, the Naprapathic Practice Act, the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act, and the Electrologist Licensing Acts. Provides that, in addition to any other requirements under these Acts, individuals licensed under these Acts must provide proof of completion of a course approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in abnormal skin growth education, including training on identifying melanoma: an applicant who submits an application for original licensure on or after Jan. 1, 2026; and an applicant who was licensed before Jan. 1, 2026 when submitting his or her first application for renewal or restoration of a license on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

**CNA Exam in Spanish (HB 5218):** Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health shall adopt rules requiring the nursing assistant certification exam

to be offered in both English and Spanish. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall not place any restrictions on which candidates may take the CNA exam in Spanish, including, but not limited to, any requirement to be employed by a facility prior to testing or any requirement for a specified number of facility residents to speak a specific language.

**Analyst-License Restrictions (HB 5344):** Amends the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act. Provides that a provision in the Act concerning license restrictions and limitations is inapplicable until 24 months after the effective date of this bill. Of note, this bill delays the current requirements that no business organization shall provide, attempt to provide, or offer to provide behavior analysis services unless every member, partner, shareholder, director, officer, holder of any other ownership interest, agent, and employee who renders applied behavior analysis services holds a currently valid license issued under the Act; and the requirement that no business shall be created that has a stated purpose that includes behavior analysis, or practices or holds itself out as available to practice behavior analysis therapy, unless it is organized under the Professional Service Corporation Act or Professional Limited Liability Company Act.

**DFPR-Licensure Various (HB 5353):** Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois regarding expedited licensure for service members and spouses. Provides that the military liaison's responsibilities include the management and oversight of all military portability licenses. Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act, and the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act regarding expedited exam application approvals (to take the exam).

**Regulations-ESL Exams (HB 5457):** Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act. Provides examinations conducted or authorized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation must allow reasonable accommodations for applicants for whom English is not their primary language and a test in their primary language is not available.

**Pharmacy Practice-Injections (HB 5530):** Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Revises portions of the definition of "Practice of Pharmacy," to provide that the "Practice of Pharmacy" includes the administration of long-acting injectables for mental health or substance use disorders pursuant to a valid prescription by the patient's physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant.

## **Local Government**

**Industrial Zoning (SB 692):** Amends the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Adds a member to the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts. Provides that the additional member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and shall represent a regional association representing the commercial real estate industry.

**Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Powers (SB 693):** Amends the Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Act. Provides the powers of a port district. Provides the Commission may not exercise control over the operation of a port district established by another law of the State, except by voluntary agreement between the Port District and the Commission.

**County Recorder Fees (SB 694):** Amends the Recorder Division of the Counties Code Provides that, in counties of 500,000 or more inhabitants, the recorder may microphotograph or otherwise reproduce on film or store electronic instruments in the manner provided by law. In provisions concerning predictable fee schedules for recordings in first and second class counties, provides that fees of the recorder for recording deeds or other instruments in writing and maps of plats of additions, subdivisions, or otherwise and for certifying copies of records shall not be based on units, but allows a county to adopt an ordinance and publish in its fee schedule an additional fee or formula for a document that makes specific reference to more than five tax parcels, units, property identification numbers, or document numbers.

**Volunteer Rescue Squad (SB 1102):** Amends the Counties Code Provides that the Shelby County Board may form, manage, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue squad to help within Shelby County to any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services.

**Disabled Vet Permit Fee (SB 2751):** Provides that a veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the veteran.

**Sheriff's Department (SB 2778):** Provides that a deputy sheriff applicant who is a veteran and who was discharged honorably or generally under honorable conditions no later than six months before applying may request examination to occur before the next scheduled examination date and, if requested, may be examined as soon as possible prior to the next examination date.

**River Conservancy District (SB 2850):** Amends the River Conservancy District Act. Provides that river conservancy board members' annual compensation is increased to \$6,000 annually. The board members shall also receive reimbursement for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties. Amends the Fox Waterway Agency Act. Provides that, at the discretion of the board, Directors may be compensated up to \$6,000 annually and Chairmen may be compensated up to \$10,000 annually.

**Fire District Contracts (SB 2879):** Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Changes the requirement for competitive bidding for fire protection district contracts to contracts over \$30,000.

**Mosquito Abatement (SB 2938):** Amends the Mosquito Abatement District Act. Provides that the board of trustees of a mosquito abatement district shall have power to take all necessary



steps for surveillance, monitoring, and extermination of mosquitoes, flies, ticks, and vectors within the district, and to abate as nuisances all stagnant pools of water and other breeding places for mosquitoes, flies, ticks, and vectors within the district.

**Fire Protection District (SB 3402):** Amends the Counties Code and the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that any county may, by ordinance, agree to provide emergency ambulance service to any portion of a Fire Protection District that the county is already providing emergency ambulance service through an intergovernmental agreement if the ordinance contains an affirmative obligation on the part of the county to provide emergency ambulance service to the Fire Protection District once the intergovernmental agreement in effect at the time of the ordinance expires.

**Highway Commissioner (SB 3418):** Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that a board of trustees in a county under township organization or a county organized as a commission form of government with a road district may elect or appoint a highway commissioner or clerk or contract with a neighboring township or road district to provide highway commissioner or clerk services.

**Sanitary Districts (SB 3429):** Amends the Sanitary District Act of 1936. Provides the border of the district may become disconnected from the district without following the procedures of subsection (a) by ordinance or resolution of both the sanitary district and the unit of local government or another sanitary district within which the territory is located if: there are no outstanding bond payments or debts to be repaid or the acquiring sanitary district process of wastewater treatment exceeds the acquiree wastewater treatment process as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Primer for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Systems or a successor document.

**First Responders (SB 3538):** Provides that, if a municipality or county is a self-insurer for purposes of providing health insurance coverage for its employees, the insurance coverage shall include mental health counseling for any employee who is a first responder.

**Clean Energy Infrastructure Projects (SB 3597):** Provides that a governmental unit may borrow money and access loans from the Illinois Finance Authority to finance projects for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of new or existing clean energy infrastructure.

### **(House Bills)**

**Electric Fence Regulation (HB 2154):** Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code to place limits on the extent of local regulation of battery-charged fences. Provides that a county, township, or municipality may not require a permit or other approval for the installation, maintenance, placement, replacement, or servicing of a battery-charged fence if: the battery-charged fence is located on nonresidential property completely surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is not less than 5 feet in height and does not exceed 10 feet in height or two feet higher than the nonelectric perimeter fence or

wall, whichever is higher, and any electrical charge produced on contact does not exceed energizer characteristics set for electric fences by the International Electrotechnical Commission. Provides that any battery-charged fence installed under the provisions must have a conspicuous warning sign located on the fence not less than 30 feet apart.

**Fire Protection District (HB 4359):** Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Permits a fire district's board to accumulate funds for certain purposes. Provides that a Fire District Board may accumulate funds in its emergency and rescue fund. Allows this accumulation for the purposes of acquiring, building, or maintaining real property for emergency and rescue purposes, procuring emergency rescue crews and equipment, or training to provide essential rescue, specialized rescue, and technical rescue services to the community.

**Vital Records (HB 4993):** Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that, if a death occurs in this State in a county outside the deceased's county of residence, the local registrar of the district in which the death certificate was filed shall, within seven days after its filing, send a copy of the death certificate to the local registrar in the district where the deceased's county of residence is located.

**Elk Grove Fire District (HB 5166):** Amends the Fire Protection District Act to codify the dissolution of the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District by operation of law on July 31, 2024, in accordance with the agreement of the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District, the Village of Mount Prospect, and Elk Grove Township.

**Lapsed Funds (HB 5190):** Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the allocation to road districts shall be made in the same manner and be subject to the same conditions and qualifications as are provided by current law concerning the allocation to road districts of the amount allotted from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts. Provides that any funds allocated to a county that is not obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated in the same fund. Provides that the lapsed funds shall be used to provide additional monetary assistance to townships and road districts that have insufficient funding for the construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length.

**Road Improvement Fee (HB 5574):** Provides that, if DuPage County has adopted and implemented a road improvement impact fee by ordinance or resolution and repeals the ordinance or resolution, the collected fees, along with any accrued interest, in the existing impact fee accounts shall be transferred to a transportation account to be used for capacity-related improvements. Valid impact fee refunds shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the repealed ordinance or resolution.

## **Public Health**

**Mold Remediation (SB 1087):** Amends the Mold Remediation Registration Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health shall establish a public awareness campaign to assist

the public in understanding the threat and importance of removing mold from indoor environments.

**Cottage Food Operations (SB 2617):** Provides that if a county government does not have a local health department, the county government shall enter into an agreement or contract with an adjacent local health department to register cottage food operations in the county's jurisdiction. Adds mobile farmers markets to the list of locations a cottage food operation may sell product.

**Food Additives (SB 2637):** Prohibits the manufacture or sale of food products for human consumption that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, or red dye 3, starting Jan. 1, 2027. A person or entity that is found to have violated this shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first violation and not to exceed \$10,000 for each subsequent violation.

**Newborn Screening (SB 2658):** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide all newborns with screening tests for the presence of Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Will be funded by a required payment of an additional fee for the Duchenne screening. Requires the medical assistance program to reimburse hospitals for costs associated with all newborn screening tests.

**Nursing Homes Directory (SB 2931):** Provides that the Directory published each year by the Illinois Department of Public Health for each public health region listing facilities shall contain the facility website address.

**EMS/Officers- Cell Medical Info (SB 3116):** Requires IDPH to establish a program to train EMS personnel, State police officers, and law enforcement officers to access a cell phone's medical identification or medical information application. Adds that IDPH shall adopt rules to implement and that EMS personnel may not be charged any fee and are not required to complete the training until at least six months after the adoption of the rules.

**EMS Statewide Suspension (SB 3134):** Gives authority to IDPH's Director, or the Director's designee, to suspend EMS personnel or other participants from the EMS System if they are found to not meet the requirements of the Program Plan. Adds that IDPH's Director, or designee, may suspend personnel only in situations when a licensee has been charged with a crime while performing the licensee's official duties. The determination to issue an immediate statewide suspension shall not deny the right to due process to a licensee.

**Hazardous Substance Council (SB 3239):** Repeals provisions relating to the Health and Hazardous Substances Coordinating Council. According to IDPH, the Council is unnecessary, as the duties of the Council are accomplished by IDPH staff.

**Muscular Dystrophy Awareness (SB 3277):** Requires IDPH, in conjunction with experts in the field of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, shall develop mandatory protocols and best practices for providing the necessary medical guidance for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in Illinois.

**Fentanyl Test Strips (SB 3350):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Human Services may establish or authorize programs for dispensing, distributing, and training in the use of fentanyl test strips. Any hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act shall be enrolled to receive fentanyl test strips from the Department and distribute fentanyl test strips upon enrollment in the Drug Overdose Prevention Program.

**IDPH-Meningitis Education (SB 3378):** Repeals a requirement for the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide to school districts educational materials on meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccines.

**Pertussis Vaccine Act (SB 3529):** Amends the Pertussis Vaccine Act. Repeals provisions relating to creation of public pamphlets explaining the benefits and possible adverse reactions to immunizations for pertussis, providing the pamphlet and other information to parents or guardians of a newborn child, and immunity from liability relating to providing the pamphlet and other information to parents or guardians of a newborn child.

**Mammography Pamphlet (SB 3547):** Deletes language from provisions concerning breast cancer-related educational materials that are to be prepared by the Illinois Department of Public Health, language recommending clinical breast exams as a method for detecting breast cancer. Makes conforming changes.

**EMS-Trauma Center Designations (SB 3548):** Sets forth minimum standard requirements for trauma centers and Acute Injury Stabilization Centers. Makes conforming changes. Provides for the re-designation of trauma centers to include Level III Trauma Centers and for the designation of Acute Injury Stabilization Centers.

**Equitable Health Outcomes Act (SB 3751):** Establishes the Health Outcomes Review Board, responsible for reviewing and reporting on health outcomes in Illinois, facilitating the adoption of solutions to improve health outcomes. The Board shall be composed of a minimum of 22 and a maximum of 25 members, appointed by the Director of Public Health or the Director's designee to serve 3-year terms.

**Reyes Syndrome Reporting (SB 3763):** Repeals the Reye's Syndrome Reporting Act.

**Sexually Transmitted Infections (SB 3784):** Changes references to "sexually transmissible diseases" to "sexually transmitted infections." Provides that, in determining which infections are to be designated sexually transmitted infections, the Illinois Department of Public Health shall consider human papillomavirus (HPV) and mpox.

**(House Bills)**

**Blood Typing (HB 4271):** Amends the Blood Donation Act. Provides that people ages 17 or older may have their blood typed, if the donation is completely voluntary, without the necessity of obtaining the permission or authorization of their parents or guardians.

**Assisted Living Facility Plan (HB 4899):** Amends the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act and the Hospice Program Licensing Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health may not charge any fee to a certified local health department in connection with the licensure of a home health agency or hospice program.

**Diversity in Clinical Trials (HB 5405):** Amends the Illinois Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law by adding new Section, Diversity in clinical trials:

1. Mandates State entities receiving National Institute of Health (NIH) funding to conduct clinical trials.
2. Provides that the Department of Public Health, in consultation with relevant research organizations, shall provide recommendations on:
  - i) Analyzing and recommending actions on demographic representation in trials.
  - ii) Identifying and addressing barriers to trial participation.
  - iii) Collaborating with research organizations and the University of Illinois Cancer Center.
3. Reporting study results to the General Assembly by July 1, 2025.
4. Defining underrepresented community and demographic group.
5. Using FDA guidance to promote participation in trials.
6. Seeking grants to support underrepresented groups' involvement in trials.
7. Providing trial information in languages other than English as required by federal regulations.

## **Revenue**

**Historic Residence Assessment (SB 2703):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Redefines Fair Cash Value as the fair cash value of the historic building, as finally determined for that year by the assessment officer, board of review, Property Tax Appeal Board, or Court.

**Emergency Workers (SB 2704):** Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Expands the volunteer emergency worker income tax credit to include anyone who is a volunteer member of a county or municipal emergency services and disaster agency pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

**Delinquent Property Taxes (SB 2832):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires that no interest or penalties be charged on delinquent property taxes if the owner of the property is deceased, and the owner's estate is in the probate process. To receive this waiver, the estate would need to apply with the county treasurer.

**Wastewater Facility Property Tax (SB 2859):** Establishes the way and methodology the Illinois Department of Revenue must use when the Department assesses regional wastewater facilities for property tax purposes by saying these wastewater facilities should be assessed the same way regional water treatment facilities are currently assessed by the Department of Revenue.

**Senior Homestead Exemption (SB 2878):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Permanently removes the requirement to reapply for the senior citizens homestead exemption in Cook County. Requires for all counties the chief county assessment official to conduct, by Dec. 31 of the first year of each reassessment cycle, an audit of all senior citizen homestead exemptions granted for the preceding reassessment cycle.

**County Use Tax (SB 2906):** Requires that, if a home rule county imposes a home rule county use tax, then the tax must be collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue when the property is purchased at retail from a retailer in any county in this State other than the home rule county imposing the tax.

**Property Tax TIF Incentives (SB 2911):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Prohibits distributions from a municipality's (or other taxing district's) tax reimbursement account to any commercial or industrial property that received tax subsidies through a TIF.

**Property Tax Abatement (SB 2936):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Allows municipalities to abate property tax increases attributable to an increase in property taxes due to newly remodeled single-family or duplex residential dwelling units that are located within designated urban decay/blighted areas of the municipality.

**Income Tax Credit (SB 3155):** Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Gives the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity discretion on whether to require business entities that received tax credits under the Angel Investment tax credit to repay any portion of the credits the entity received for failure to maintain its minimum employment threshold.

**Charitable Exemptions (SB 3209):** Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning charitable exemptions granted to limited liability companies, removes a requirement that the limited liability company must be a disregarded entity for federal and Illinois income tax purposes.

**Paper Revenue Stamps (SB 3275):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires the phaseout of the use of paper revenue stamps used when property is sold. Will require each county, by Jan. 1, 2025, to use electronic revenue stamps, report the sale of property to the Illinois Department of Revenue electronically using MyDec, the Department's online reporting system, and to remit payment of the Illinois Real Estate Transfer tax to the Department electronically.

**Purchase Review (SB 3282):** Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Requires each Direct Payment Program participant to review their purchase activity twice a year (Jan. 31 and July 31)

to verify purchases made in the preceding six-month period were sourced correctly and that the correct tax rate was applied.

**Retailers (SB 3362):** Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, adds a definition of a "retailer maintaining a place of business in this State" that would subject certain out-of-state sellers and Illinois retailers that maintain a physical presence in Illinois, but the selling activity occurs outside of Illinois, subject to the state and local retailers' occupation tax rather than just the state use tax.

**Revenue Cleanup (SB 3426):** Amends the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Makes technical corrections to the aircraft maintenance sales tax exemption. Additionally, clarifies the annual inflation adjustment for the motor fuel tax rate is based on a comparison of 12-month averages rather than a year-over-year comparison of a single month.

**Property Tax Study (SB 3455):** Amends the Illinois Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Revenue to conduct a study of the property tax system in Illinois.

**Hotel Tax Deposits (SB 3475):** Amends the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act. Changes the distribution rates from the Hotel Operators Occupation Tax to make the distributions easier to calculate and manage for the Illinois Department of Revenue. According to the Department's analysis, as well as COGFA's analysis, each receiving fund should be held harmless under the new distribution calculation.

**Home-delivered Meals (SB 3476):** Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Creates a sales tax exemption for home-delivered meals, such as Meals on Wheels providers, when payment is made by an intermediary as part of a Medicare or Medicaid program.

**Property Tax Notice (SB 3567):** Amends the Truth in Taxation Law in the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning Truth in Taxation notices, provides that the notice shall be posted on or near the top of the taxing district's homepage or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage for not less than 30 consecutive days.

**Data Match (SB 3617):** Amends the Illinois Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Allows the Department of Revenue to develop and implement a data match program to identify accounts held at financial institutions by delinquent taxpayers for purposes of issuing bank levies on those accounts.

**Religious Property (SB 3755):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires that the notice of the transfer of property in Cook County that is exempt for orphanage, school, or religious purposes shall be filed with the county clerk.

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**Homestead Exemption, WWII Vets (HB 612):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Expands the Homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities to automatically include any veteran of World War II beginning in taxable year 2024 (taxes paid in 2025). World War II veterans would not be required to reapply for the exemption each year and would receive an automatic 100 percent reduction in their property taxes. Further amends the Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans to clarify the benefits disabled veterans receive. Amends the Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans to include new definitions for “service-connect disability” and “veteran” to clarify that the act applies to veterans who receive disability compensation for a service-connect disability rather than connecting eligibility to the veteran’s specified discharge.

**Property Tax, New Residential (HB 1377):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a Special 10-year homestead exemption for municipally built eligible property. The exemption automatically applies only to Cook County and is permissive for all other counties if the county board opts in by ordinance or resolution to utilize the exemption.

**Property Tax, Reissue Decisions (HB 2232):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes the following changes about final awards from the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB). Requires that a claim for refund pursuant to a final order issued by PTAB must be filed with a taxing district within 20 years of the date the taxpayer is first entitled to a refund. Limits the aggregate total for refunds issued by a taxing district to \$5 million (for claims filed more than seven years after the right to a refund first arose). Requires that if the payment of a claim for a refund would cause the aggregate total of taxes and interest to exceed \$5 million in any year, the refund shall be paid in the next succeeding year.

**Property Tax, Certificate of Error (HB 4125):** Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the statute of limitations for the execution of a certificate of error does not apply to a certificate of error correcting an assessment to \$1 when the property is used as a common area by a subdivision, association, or planned development.

**Emergency Service Districts Act Amendment (HB 4179):** Amends the Emergency Services District Act to increase the total aggregate taxing authority of emergency service districts and current rescue squad districts from .60 percent to .80 percent. Allows current and future districts to increase their corporate levy from .20 percent to .40 percent **through referendum**. Maintains current ambulance service levy of .40 percent, for both new emergency service districts and current rescue squads.

**Higher Ed Savings-Medicaid (HB 4720):** Amends the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program under the State Treasurer Act. Expands the State Treasurer’s authority under the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program by authorizing, subject to appropriation and if funds are deposited into the program’s omnibus accounts, the State Treasurer to make supplementary deposits of \$50 or greater into the account of each beneficiary whose parent or legal guardian has an adjusted gross income below the Illinois median household income.



**Revenue and Micro-Reports (HB 5412):** Amends the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois Act and the Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity (MICRO) Act. Adds a requirement that retailers obtain written certification from purchasers to document exempt sales under the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles (REV) in Illinois Act and the Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity (MICRO) Act and authorizes rulemaking regarding revocation determinations and ineligibility to receive exemptions under the REV Illinois Act and the MICRO Act.

## **State Government**

**Public Funds Investment (SB 536):** Provides that a public agency may invest public funds in obligations of certain corporations organized in the United States if those obligations mature more than 270 days but less than 10 years from the date of purchase. Public agencies may adopt an ordinance or resolution to allow for investment of public funds in other instruments not specifically listed in the Public Funds Investment Act.

**Interjurisdictional Zoning Task Force (SB 692):** Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates The Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Provides the Task Force members shall serve without compensation.

**Paint-related Waste (SB 839):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. \* Paint and Paint-related Waste: Defined to include coatings and contaminated materials, classified as hazardous and designated as universal waste. \* Small Quantity Handlers: Must use leakproof containers, label them appropriately, and manage waste in accordance with fire safety and storage rules. \* Accumulation and Training: Limited to one year for waste accumulation, with exceptions for recovery or disposal. Handlers must train employees and comply with DOT regulations for off-site shipments. \* Exemptions and Compliance: Household and very small quantity generator wastes have exemptions. Transporters and destination facilities must follow existing Board rules.

**DCFS ID Cards (SB 856):** Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act. Authorizes Department of Children and Family Services with a job title of “Child Protection Specialist Trainee,” “Child Protection Specialist,” “Child Protection Advanced Specialist,” “Child Welfare Specialist Trainee,” “Child Welfare Specialist,” or “Child Welfare Advanced Specialist” to elect to have his or her office or work address in lieu of the applicant’s residence or mailing address.

**Certified Medication Aide Program (SB 1779):** Amends the Nursing Care Act. Requires DPH to administer a Certified Medication Aide (CMA) Program, which ensures the regulation and certification of medication aides. Facilities must obtain DPH approval to employ CMAs, meeting criteria such as compliance, licensing, and ensuring CMAs don’t replace nurses. Failure to report required data can lead to discipline. Requires DPH to report program outcomes to the General Assembly. Exceptions allow licensed professionals, federal employees, and students in accredited programs to continue their practices. Requires CMAs to work under RN supervision, with limitations on duties and medication administration. Provides that unauthorized practice incurs

civil penalties. Certification involves exams and strict criteria, with maintenance required. Requires DPH to propose implementation rules within 180 days of the effective date.

**Low-Speed Electric Scooters (SB 1960):** Amends the Vehicle Code in respect to low-speed electric scooters by doing the following:

- Defines “low-speed electric scooters.”
- States a municipality, park district, forest preserve district, or conservation district may authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters within the unit of local government on any highways under their respective jurisdiction, sidewalks, trails, or other public right of way where the operation of bicycles is permitted.
- Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed scooter on any public highway under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Restricts their usage on State highways.
- Requires every scooter to be well-maintained and in good operating condition.
- Allows DNR to authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters on any or all properties owned, managed, or leased by DNR.
- Provides that the use of low-speed electric scooters within any property that is owned, managed, or leased by DNR is allowed only if authorized by DNR.
- Authorizes DNR to adopt administrative rules for the regulation of low-speed electric scooters on any and all properties owned, managed, or leased by DNR.

**National Flood Insurance Program Compliance (SB 2628):** Ensures Illinois is compliant with FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements by giving them proper regulatory authority. Requires DNR to establish an admin rule regulatory program for State agencies. DNR will have the authority to review, monitor, and inspect developments within a special flood hazard area before, during, and after construction.

**Technology Task Force (SB 2682):** Creates a 19-member Increasing Representation of Women in Technology Task Force to evaluate and devise goals and standards to increase the number of women in technology positions and increase retention of those already in technology positions.

**DCEO Job Training Report (SB 2907):** Creates the Job Training and Workforce Development Transparency Act. Requires DCEO to compile a report of all State and federally funded job training programs in the State. If practicable, the report must include apprenticeship programs, healthcare-related programs, manufacturing training, and job training and workforce development funded solely by units of local government but may not include employer-sponsored training programs. The report should identify and include each of the following for each program:

- Name of the State agency that appropriated funding for the program;
- the source of the funding for the program;
- the name and location of the organizations that received funding under the program in the calendar year preceding the report date.

Agencies must collaborate with DCEO to ensure timely and accurate collection of the information required in this Act. DCEO must submit the report to the GA and the Governor and make the report accessible to the public on DCEO's website no later than 18 months after the effective date of this Act. Allows DCEO to contract with Illinois Longitudinal Data Systems (ILDS) to compile the report.

**Gold Star Family Member ID (SB 2959):** Amends the State Finance Act the Illinois Identification Card Act, and the Vehicle Code.

- Provides for the issuance of Sons of the American Legion license plate decals.
- Provides that the fee for original issuance of the Sons of the American Legion license plate decals shall be \$25 with \$10 to the Sons of the American Legion Fund, a special fund created in the State treasury, and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.
- Provides that the fee for renewal of the Sons of the American Legion decals shall be \$25 with \$23 to the Sons of the American Legion Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.
- Provides that all money in the Sons of the American Legion Fund shall be paid as grants to the Illinois Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion.
- Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act and the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow qualified family members to have an identification card or driver's license marked as a Gold Star family member.
- Amends the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Act and the Park District Aquarium and Museum Act to provide free admission to public museums to persons with a driver's license or identification card showing the person's status as a Gold Star Family member.

**State Historic Preservation Board (SB 2976):** Creates the State Historic Preservation Board, and the board will act in an advisory role to the department, however, final decisions will be left up to IDNR for approval and appropriation. The scope of the advisory is that of listing, delisting, creating designations, and establishing criteria for State Historic sites.

**Underground Railroad Task Force (SB 3174):** Amends the Illinois Underground Railroad Task Force Act. Changes the reporting date from July 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2024.

**IEMA Authority (SB 3434):** Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act to authorize IEMA and the Office of Homeland Security to do all other things necessary, incidental, or appropriate for the implementation of this Act including for the adoption of rules in accordance with Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (IAPA). This language while broad and lacking transparency had already existed in this Act in an earlier section prior to SB 3434.

**Lighting Standards for DNR Properties (SB 3501):** Creates the Responsible Outdoor Lighting Control Act. Sets out a list of lighting requirements for all new, renovated, or retrofitted luminaires purchased with State funds and utilized on DNR owned and managed property after the effective date. There are ten areas of requirements from permanent outdoor luminaires to the correlated color temperature of luminaires. The Act also exempts various forms of lighting that call for special circumstances, such as a roadway emergency. This Act acknowledges that if it conflicts with federal law, other state law, or local ordinance and that law is equal to or more stringent than this Act the previous law may be executed.

**Illinois State Mushroom (SB 3514):** Designates the Illinois State mushroom as the *Calvatia gigantea* mushroom, which is known as the giant puffball.

**Prohibition on Local Regulation on State Facilities (SB 3608):** Creates a prohibition on local regulation on state facilities providing that no permitting fees or permitting inspections are required by a local government unit for state projects. Specifies that home rule units cannot regulate state facility construction in a manner that is inconsistent with this act.

**Historic Site Removal (SB 3622):** Provides that the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council may recommend the removal of a place from the National Register of Historic Places if the place is a bridge that meets the following criteria: is less than 22 feet wide and has a banister that is at least 18 inches in height; crosses or is on a township road; and will be renovated or rebuilt.

**Coordinate System Act of 2024 (SB 3631):** Creates the Illinois Coordinate System Act of 2024 and the Illinois Coordinate System Committee. Tasks the Committee with creating, reviewing, and revising the guide to the Illinois Coordinate System.

**Elevator Safety and Regulation (SB 3694):** Amends the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act that creates a “Temporary Certificate of Operation” for 30 days for elevator use under certain conditions.

**Language Equity and Access Act (SB 3762):** Ensures access to State programs for limited English proficient individuals, assigning responsibilities to the Governor’s Office of New Americans and the Illinois Department of Human Services, and involves collaboration to compile Census data for the Language Needs Assessment report, guiding State agencies for improved service provision. Requires state agencies to draft plans ensuring access for limited English proficient persons, with criteria for adequacy, and details reporting requirements and procedures for handling language access complaints, ensuring adherence to the act.

**Community Action Board Members (SB 3793):** Amends the Illinois Economic Opportunity Act, by changing the minimum number of members on a Community Action Board from 15 to 9.

**(House Bills)**

**Official State Bean (HB 4439):** Amends the State Designations Act. Provides that the soybean is designated as the official State bean of the State of Illinois.

**Audit Expense Fund Transfer (HB 4582):** Transfers funds into the Audit Expense Fund. Makes various fund transfers from the IL State Treasurer into the Audit Expense fund.

**Secure Choice Savings Program (HB 4719):** Clarifies the types of retirement plans that qualify an employer for an exemption from the Secure Choice Savings Program, while providing that employers may, instead of shall, designate an open enrollment period each year.

**DoIT Accessibility Review (HB 4813):** Changes the agency responsible for reviewing and updating technology accessibility standards from the Illinois Department of Human Services to DoIT. Starting in calendar year 2026, and not less often than every three years thereafter DoIT must review ITAA standards and amend them as appropriate.

**DOC Personnel Lactation Rooms (HB 4819):** Requires the Illinois Department of Corrections to provide lactation or nursing mothers rooms for personnel of the Department, and the rooms must be provided in each facility of the Department that employs nursing mothers.

**State Museum Administration (HB 4838):** Reforms the Advisory Board of the Illinois State Museum. Enhancements to Illinois State Museum to include Native American history recognition and collaboration. Emphasis on cooperation with Tribal Nations and diverse representation in museum governance. Simplification of museum funding process, removing departmental control over entrance fees.

**First 2024 General Revisory (HB 4844):** Contains both combining revisories and technical revisories. The combining revisories consist primarily of material combining and revising laws enacted during the 103rd General Assembly. Public Acts 102-1119 through 103-583 were considered in preparing these combining revisories. The technical revisories address a wide range of technical problems.

**State Library Definition (HB 4939):** Amends the State Library Act and provides that the term “publication” does not include reports, documents, or other publications of a public institution of higher learning, except to the extent that the State Librarian, by rule, requires the report, document, or publication to be deposited with the State Library.

**State Agencies Opioid Antagonists (HB 5028):** Provides that state agencies may keep opioid antagonists on hand if employees have been trained on administering it, effective July 1, 2025.

**State Board of Elections Stipends (HB 5287):** Starting July 1, 2024, the State Board of Elections will fund stipends for county clerks, recorders, and chief clerks of election boards in counties under 2,000,000 population, and these funds are to be deposited by the county treasurer into a designated fund, with stipends disbursed within 10 business days by the county payroll clerk.

**Illinois State Police Audit Findings (HB 5495):** Provides an Illinois State Police initiative addressing the 2023 findings of an Illinois Auditor General's Compliance Examination for the Period Ending June 30, 2022.

**Financial Report (HB 5513):** Creates the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Internal Control Unit within the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Finalizes GOMB's new duties that consist of assisting State agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to improve their internal controls relating to the State's financial statements and reporting the procedures, necessary to address internal control deficiencies, and the resolution of ACFR audit findings.

**Budgeting for Results (HB 5601):** Contains various technical changes and sunsets of funds that have run their course or were never utilized to implement the recommendations of the Budgeting for Results Commission.

## **Transportation**

**Eight-Year Driver's License (SB 275):** Requires the Secretary of State to offer motorists the option of a four- or eight-year driver's license. Implementation will be July 1, 2027.

**Medical Devices from being Subject to a Vehicle Lien (SB 2654):** Prohibits medical devices, including hearing instruments, from being subjected to the liens that are ordinarily imposed on personal property in a vehicle that is subject to removal. States that a person who has indicated in a timely filed report to the appropriate law enforcement agency that a vehicle has been stolen or hijacked is not liable for a violation, fee, fine, lien, or penalty that is imposed under vehicle removal provisions while the vehicle is stolen or hijacked or that results from the vehicle being stolen or hijacked.

**Youth Tennis License Plate (SB 2667):** Creates a universal license plate decal for Illinois USTA/Midwest Tennis Foundation for Youth Tennis. The original fee and renewal fee will be \$40 with the funds being split between the Secretary of State Special License Plate fund and the USTA/Midwest Tennis Foundation Youth Tennis Fund.

**Sons of the American Legion License Plate (SB 2959):** Creates the Sons of the American Legion license plate, and the plates are to be eligible to those who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State.

**Noise Suppression Program (SB 3175):** Requires that, on or before July 1, 2024, the Illinois Department of Transportation may create and implement a Type II Noise Suppression Program to provide noise abatement on existing highways in the State.

**Bicycle Transportation Plan (SB 3202):** Allows a municipality or county to prepare a bicycle transportation plan, and details requirements if a municipality or county creates a bicycle transportation plan.

**Regional Planning Act (SB 3389):** Amends the Regional Planning Act. Requires that four-fifths of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board members in office is necessary for the Board to take any action, except decisions regarding contracts, grants, purchase agreements, and meeting minutes, which shall require a simple majority. Adds that the CMAP Board shall involve local elected officials in any other federally suballocated funding as required by law.

**Hazardous Materials Information (SB 3406):** Requires the Secretary of State to include in the Rules of the Road publication, information about the transportation of hazardous materials. Included in this information shall include images and descriptions of the various hazardous materials placards used on vehicles that transport hazardous materials. This change will require the addition of this information to what is taught in driver's education courses.

**Airport Operations (SB 3422):** Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation to measure airport operations based on 12 calendar months of actual air traffic movements at towered airports and through Terminal Area Forecast data published by the FAA for non-towered airports.

**Rail Safety (SB 3451):** Requires passenger rail service providers to issue an annual report containing all rail safety recommendations made by the National Transportation Safety Board during the previous year and the service providers' status of implementing those recommendations. Requires the report to be made public on the provider's website.

**Stolen Plates (SB 3471):** Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to issue new license plates and/or registration stickers at no charge for those who have had their plate or sticker stolen. The motorist must first file with SOS a police report and an affidavit that the plate/sticker was stolen.

**IDOT Clean-Up Omnibus (SB 3775):** Amends the Vehicle Code. **1. SR1B Motorist Report:** Current law no longer requires motorists involved in an accident to submit an SR1B Illinois Motorist Report to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Updates technical language based on changes in Sections 11-406 and 11-410. The changes will make clear that law enforcement needs to submit these reports. **2. Traffic Stop Deadline Change:** The Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study Report for law enforcement agencies currently requires agencies to submit reports of the July to December data by March 1. Changes the report due date from March 1 to Feb. 1 since reports are now sent in electronically and do not require time to mail in the reports. **3. DUI Prevention and Education:** Currently the DUI Prevention and Education Commission is only allowed to issue Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for grants. Adds the words "or expenditures by the Department of Transportation as determined by the DUI Prevention and Education Commission" to the statute. This allows the commission to issue a NOFO or directly spend the dollars.

#### **(House Bills)**

**Rolling Stock Donations (HB 1742):** Allows the Regional Transportation Authority and

the Service Boards to donate rolling stock (railcars), locomotives, and equipment to not-for-profit museums.

**Air Force License Plate (HB 4108):** Allows the Secretary of State to issue Air Force Combat Action Medal license plates to those who are eligible.

**Navy Club License Plate (HB 4169):** Allows the issuance of Navy Club decals by an Illinois chapter of the Navy Club. Provides that \$5 of each original issuance and \$18 of each renewal shall be deposited into the Navy Club Fund. Provides that money in the Navy Club Fund shall be paid as grants to any local chapter of the Navy Club that is in the State.

**IBEW Special Plates (HB 4170):** Creates an Illinois chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers decal and establishes fees. Creates the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Fund, of which, all money within the fund shall be paid as grants to any local State chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

**Tow Truck Lights (HB 4255):** Allows for the use of green oscillating, flashing, or rotating lights, whether lighted or unlighted, on tow trucks used at the scene of a crash or disablement, Illinois Department of Transportation vehicles, tollway vehicles, firefighter vehicles, local municipality vehicles performing traffic control and protection duties while at an emergency scene, security company vehicles and ambulances.

**Defense Superior Service License Plates (HB 4365):** Allows the Secretary of State to issue special registration plates designated as Defense Superior Service plates or Defense Distinguished Service plates. Provides that no individual shall be issued more than one pair of plates designated as Defense Superior Service or Defense Distinguished Service license plates for no fee.

**Scott's Law – Drivers Exam (HB 4711):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code by adding, that if an applicant gives an incorrect response to a test question concerning driver responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, disabled vehicle, or highway construction, (Scott's Law), then the Secretary of State shall provide the applicant with information concerning those laws.

**Garbage Haulers Tailgate and Tarp (HB 4848):** Provides that no person shall operate or cause to be operated on a highway, a commercial motor vehicle, except a highway maintenance vehicle, transporting garbage or refuse unless the tailgate on the vehicle is in good working repair, good operating condition, and closes securely, with a cover or tarpaulin of sufficient size attached to prevent any load, residue, or other material from escaping.

**Specialty Plate for Motorcycles (HB 4966):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and allows



the Secretary of State to issue specialty plates to motorcycles.

**IDOT Studies (HB 5138):** Amends the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Law of the Civil Administrative Code to require IDOT to make public any study or survey completed by the Department that involves traffic or the environmental impact on road construction projects and makes an exception for studies prohibited from disclosure by State or federal law.

**100 Club of Illinois Fund (HB 5288):** Allows for the issuance of 100 Club of Illinois Decals and establishes a special fund for which money will be paid as grants to the 100 Club of Illinois to give financial support to children and spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty and mental health resources for active duty first responders.

**ISP Command Officer Association (HB 5325):** Requires registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed registration issued by the Secretary of State to be displayed on the upper right corner of the rear registration plate or in a manner otherwise provided by the Secretary. Provides that the State Police may use an online payment system for fees.

**Rolling Stock Escrow (HB 5349):** Amends the Illinois Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois as it relates to the lease and rental of rolling stock so that money can be withdrawn from the escrow account as needed and not just when the escrow account is abolished. This establishes a revenue stream for the High-Speed Rail Rolling Stock Fund and establishes a collection process for payments from the other Midwest states for the reimbursements owed to the State of Illinois for their share of change orders on the procurement of rolling stock.

**Scott's Law and Safety in Construction Zones (HB 5370):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires that upon approaching an emergency scene, a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, or a construction or maintenance area or zone, a person who drives a vehicle shall do the following: Proceed with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change, if possible, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions; If on a highway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed that is reasonable and proper with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway to avoid a collision and leaving a safe distance until safely past the stationary authorized emergency vehicle, or construction or maintenance area or zone. Provides that if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe, proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed that is reasonable and proper about traffic conditions and the use of the highway to avoid a collision, or until safely past the construction or maintenance area or zone.

## **Veterans Affairs**

**Veteran Internship Program (SB 2769):** Amends the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. Provides that the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall create a Veteran Internship Pilot Program for the purpose of providing internships for honorably discharged veterans to participate in the General Assembly's legislative staff internship program.

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**Veterans Benefits (HB 4757):** Amends the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. Mandates the Department of Veterans Affairs to create, and the Illinois Department of Labor to make available, at no cost, a veterans and service members' benefits, services, and protections poster. Provides that the poster shall include but not be limited to, information regarding free veterans' benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other veterans service organizations.

**Cemetery Protection (HB 4934):** Amends the Cemetery Protection Act. Provides that if a veterans' organization has identified human remains of a veteran that are more than 100 years old and wishes to have a marker placed to designate the grave as that of a veteran, a cemetery authority may allow such memorialization without permission of the decedent's heirs. Provides that all costs for memorialization including the marker, its installation, and any removal of or repair to a previous marker that is damaged shall be entirely borne by the veterans' organization.

**Space Force (HB 5640):** Amends the Statute on Statutes. Provides that any references in any Act to the terms "armed forces," "armed forces of the United States," "U.S. Armed Forces," "United States Armed Forces," or "uniformed services" will now encompass the United States Space Force.