

Senate Committee Action November 8, 2017

Executive

Increase Levy Rate for Rescue Squad Districts (HB 1910): Amends the Rescue Squad Districts Act to increase the maximum levy rate from 0.20% to 0.40% for the purposes of providing emergency ambulance services.

Podiatry Practice Act Sunset Extension (HB 3452): Removes the up to \$5,000 penalty in HB 2462 (salary history bill). However, still leaves in place the \$10,000 civil penalty, injunctive relief, punitive damages, and attorney's fees in HB 2462. Also, still has the impact of weakening employer defenses under the act.

2017 Unemployment Insurance (SB 1381): Creates the 2017 High-Speed Internet Investment and Telecommunications Modernization Act for Job Creation and Public Safety. As well as, pushes the 2018 revenue and benefit "speed bumps" to 2020, and makes other technical changes.

Career and Workforce Transition Act (SB 1663): Allows public community college districts to accept 30 credit hours transferred from institutions approved by the Illinois Community College Board.

Public Health

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Screenings for Newborns (SB 456): Includes spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) to the newborn screening test panel, and requires all newborns to be screened for SMA starting January 1, 2019, or within 6 months of the Department of Public Health providing facilities with all the necessary specifications in order to provide the screening. As well as, allows the Department of Public Health to increase the newborn screening fee to assist in providing the screening to all newborns, currently the screening fee is \$118.

Revenue

Unclaimed Property Abandonment and Interest (SB 868): Updates when a property is considered abandoned and if an interest-bearing demand, savings, or time deposit is paid to the Treasurer, then it must pay interest to the owner.

Local Government

Eliminate and Recreate Cook County Sheriff Merit Board (SB 695): Amends the Counties Code to make significant changes to the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board.