Senate Committee Action February 15, 2017

Veterans' Affairs

Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (**SB 87):** Creates a new property tax break bill for certain disabled vets and their spouses. The deceased veteran died before the paperwork was final stating that he is disabled and therefore eligible for the Illinois property tax break.

Veterans' Higher Education Catalogs (SB 705): Provides that public colleges and universities publish their survey and guidebook of the services and programs provided to former and current military members. Also, their families on the homepage of the campus website or veteran internet links. In addition to, orders that public colleges and universities complete a survey of their programs and provide additional copies to: the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

Line of Duty Compensation Act (SB 860): Changes the definition of "killed in the line of duty" to include losing one's life while on active duty in connection with, among other operations, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

Public Health

Organ Donor Registry Age (**SB 868)**: Lowers the minimum age of consent to be an organ donor from 18 to 16.

Education

Personnel Code Exemption (SB 698): Exempts rehabilitation/mobility instructors and trainees at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired from the grading process required by the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) and the Personnel Code.

Student Transcript Removal (SB 757): Provides that if a parent or guardian requests the removal of college and career readiness scores from a student's transcript they must be removed.

School Report Card and Pension Costs (SB 865): Requires the school report card to include the total and per student normal cost amount the State contributed to the Teachers' Retirement System in the prior fiscal year for the district's employees.