

Senate Committee Action May 23, 2017

Public Health

Hospital “Do-not-admit” Lists (HB 2762):

Prohibits hospitals from maintaining a list of individuals that may not be admitted for treatment at the hospital. The prohibition does not prevent a hospital's medical staff from recommending an alternate provider, coordinating an appropriate transfer, or arranging access to care services that best meets the needs of an individual patient.

Food Deserts (HB 3157): Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Also, removes the Dept of Agriculture from working with the Dept of Public Health.

Creates the Bedbug Inspection Act (HB 3741):

Requires people engaged in the business of renting furniture and electronic equipment to inspect the furniture and electronic equipment for bedbugs and other pests before renting to a subsequent customer. As well as, requires that infested furniture or equipment be treated before renting to a customer. Also, clarifies that this act does not apply to furniture or electronic equipment that is rented to a customer with the intent that the consumer will become the owner of the merchandise, and explains that if a person wants to authorize action for damages pursuant to this act, they must do so within 45 days of renting the merchandise

Medical Cannabis Pilot Program (SB 1707):

Removes the provision that requires anyone providing medical cannabis related services for a dispensing organization to hold a certification as a Certified Medical Cannabis Dispensing Agent. Also, adds language saying that registered medical cannabis dispensing organizations must self-certify their agents in accordance

with IDFPR rules.

Education

School Police Job Training Program (HB 243): Creates Police Training Academy Job Training program with high schools in counties with 175,000 or more inhabitants in partnership with a local law enforcement.

Anti-Bully Resources (HB 2950): Requires schools to provide information, periodically, to students about resources available to deal with bullying.

School Grown Produce (HB 2993): Provides that school districts may serve produce grown and harvested by students in school-owned or community gardens. Also, must follow administrative codes for food sanitation and soil composition and adding produce grown with hydroponics or aeroponics.

High Skilled Manufacturer (HB 3369): Requires ISBE to post resources on the teaching of high-skilled manufacturing to be used in high schools and vocational education programs.

School Code School Closing Notice (HB 3437): Requires any charter school that is located within the boundaries of CPS that is going to close for at least one school year to give parents and all affected students 60 days advance notice of the closure.

Non-Standardized Test Option for Teacher Licensure (SB 1123): Provides teacher candidates do not have to pass the test of basic skills if certain criteria are met:

1. they score at least 90% of the required passing score on the test of basic skills or at least 90% of the score required on the ACT or SAT AND

2. they have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all coursework taken.

Homeless children Transportation Rules (SB 1482): Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act, and adds a clear definition of "best interest" of the child. As well as, adds notification and enrollment instructions for the school districts involved, along with timelines, and includes an appeal process for the parent or guardian.

Revenue

Keystone Properties (HB 159): Provides procedures regarding valuation and tax liability for keystone properties in the Village of Forest Park.

Rolling Stock Exemption (SB 1871): Amends the various Use and Excise Tax Acts to make changes to the rolling stock exemption beginning July 1, 2017.

Government Reform

Energy Efficient Building Act Amendment (HB 2439): Prohibits members of the Energy Code Advisory Council from receiving grants for continuing education concerning any recommendation or rule proposed by the Council.

Transportation

Public Bidding Threshold (HB 2953): Increases the threshold that Pace, RTA, Metra, CTA and downstate transit systems must provide for public bidding of contractual work from \$40,000 to the small purchase threshold set by the Federal Transit Administration (currently \$100,000).

Borrowing Authority (HB 3004): Provides that the RTA may issue, sell, and deliver additional Working Cash Notes before July 1, 2020 (now 2018) that are over and above and in addition to the \$100 million authorization. The RTA Act

gives the RTA the ability to borrow up to \$400 million. Also includes language that in the case of a default Interim Financing Note issued by the Chicago Transit Authority with which State money in the Treasury was invested, authorizes the State Treasurer to certify, after notice, to the Comptroller the amounts of the defaulted Interim Financing Note and for the Comptroller to deduct and remit to the Treasury the certified amounts or a portion of those amounts in specified proportions in the three years following default.

Updates Certificate of Title, Reclassification, Bond (SB 1556): Makes changes and updates statutes in following areas: junk vehicle, remittance agent, certificate of title, out of state title, reclassification, bond, failure to obtain dealer's license, renting motor vehicle. Also, lengthens the required number of months a new or used auto dealer must be in compliance with the bond or certificate of deposit requirement from 36 to 60 months before they can become exempt from the requirement. As well as, the 60 months must occur after the effective date of this legislation, and removes the requirement that each certificate of title issued by the Secretary of State shall contain an expiration date of two calendar years after the end of the term of the lien.

Two-Day Inspection and Notice (SB 1694): Provides that lienholders shall be provided with the opportunity to inspect a vehicle on the premises where the vehicle is stored within two business days of the lienholder's request. Provides that certain notices shall be provided to lienholders of record within two business days rather than within one business day.

Criminal Law

Park District Volunteers-Sex Offender (HB 786): Prohibits a park district from knowingly engaging a volunteer who has been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender. Provides that every park district shall require volunteers to complete an application prior to beginning work as a volunteer, which shall include a question

concerning whether they have been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender.

Post-partum Depression (HB 1764): Provides that in a post-conviction hearing, the defendant must prove a preponderance of evidence that the forcible felony was the direct result of the post-partum depression or psychosis that was undiagnosed or unable to present this evidence, and that the diagnosis was material, noncumulative to other evidence, and likely would have changed the original sentence.

Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System Task Force (HB 2641): Creates the Protection of Individuals with Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System Task Force consisting of up to 25 members appointed by the Attorney General. The Task Force shall make recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly regarding policies, procedures, legislation, and other actions that can be taken to protect the public safety and the well-being and rights of individuals with disabilities in the criminal justice system.

Participation in Gang Activity (HB 3803): Changes the offense of unlawful contact with streetgang members to unlawful participation in streetgang related activity. Requires that a parolee be engaged in a crime or other streetgang related activity before they can be arrested and prosecuted for unlawful contact with streetgang members.

Juvenile expungement expansion (HB 3817): Automatically expunges records related to juvenile delinquency findings two years after the case is closed. Excludes homicides, felony sex offenses, certain bodily harm offenses, forcible felonies other than burglary, and weapons offenses. Applies to burglary, misdemeanor sex offenses, felony and misdemeanor drug offenses, and misdemeanor domestic battery.

Bail-Nonviolent Offenses (SB 552): First time offenders in custody for a non-violent misdemeanor who can't afford bail must be brought before the court at the next available court date or 7 calendar days from the date bail was set, whichever is earlier, for a rehearing on the amount or conditions of bail or release pending further court proceedings.

Juvenile Court (SB 2021): Provides that mandatory consecutive sentencing does not apply to a violation of a condition of electronic home monitoring under the Electronic Monitoring and Home Detention Law except upon the third or subsequent conviction, in which mandatory consecutive sentencing shall be imposed.

Conor's Law (SB 2185): Conor's Law: creates a police "protective custody" for under 21 drunk drivers. Whenever a person under 21 is arrested for DUI and still appears intoxicated at the police station, the police officer must make a reasonable attempt to contact a responsible adult who is willing to take custody of the intoxicated individual. If a responsible adult is not available or is unwilling to take custody of the individual, the individual shall be offered the opportunity to take a breathalyzer or chemical test to prove that he or she is sober before being released.