

Senate Floor Action for May 2, 2017

Medically Necessary MRI (SB 314): Provides that insurers must provide coverage for breast MRI if mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue when medically necessary.

Pharmacist Administer Prenatal Injections (SB 317): Adds Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate, a prenatal care drug, to the list of injections a pharmacist may administer to a patient with a valid prescription from their doctor.

Genetic Information Privacy (SB 318): Provides an employer shall not penalize an employee who does not disclose his or her genetic information or does not choose to participate in a program requiring disclosure of the employee's genetic information.

Competitive bidding exceptions (SB 422): Provides competitive bidding exceptions for townships, establishing that contracts and purchases that by nature are not adopted to award competitive bidding are not subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the township code.

High School Dropout Incentive (SB 446): Provides additional funding via general State aid appropriations for school districts with a high school dropout out rate that is twice the State high school dropout rate. The dropout incentive is equal to two times the Foundation Level for every high school dropout who has been dropped from the enrollment rolls for at least one month and has been re-enrolled into an evidence-based and best practices program for high school dropouts. Requires the school district to provide the same level of local funds as well.

Chicago Ag Science School (SB 447): Allows the Chicago Board of Education to enroll an additional 80 students into the agriculture science school for diverse learners.

Illinois Administrative Procedure Act Cleanup (SB 584): States that circuit courts will be given power to correct misnamed parties if there was proper service of the misnamed agency or there was good faith effort to properly name the agency, but an incorrect name was on the filing.

Expanded Functions for Dental Assistants (SB 589): Allows a dental assistant to remove a loose, broken, or irritating orthodontic appliance to eliminate pain or discomfort. However, a dentist must approve and inspect the assistant's work. Additionally, closes a loophole for dentists trained in foreign countries by requiring two years of graduate credit from an accredited institution.

Mahomet Aquifer Protection (SB 611): Creates the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force, composed of 22 members. Tasked with identifying and offering solutions for contamination and mitigation of toxins in the Mahomet Aquifer. On or before July 1, 2018, task force shall report findings to the General Assembly and Governor. Act is repealed on July 1, 2019.

Out-of-State Mental Health Services (SB 624): Creates a pilot program authorizing Rock Island County, Illinois, and the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region to reciprocate the exchange of out-of-state Mental Health Services for persons subject to involuntary admission. Also ensures that people involved in a criminal proceeding are excluded from the pilot program.

Nurse Staffing Requirements (SB 626): Provides that at the discretion of the Director of DPH, he or she may or may not grant or renew a waiver of the nurse staffing requirements relating to long term care facilities. Also, that the fines or penalties for violating registered nurse staffing requirements is charged by the department.

Control Funds for Feral Cats (SB 641): Changes the Animal Control Act by allowing a county animal population control fund to be used to support feral cat spay, neuter, and vaccinate programs which are recognized by the county or municipality, but exempts Cook County.

Domestic Violence Program for Abuse and Neglect (SB 646): Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to implement a five-year domestic violence co-location pilot program in which certified domestic violence advocates who are trained in domestic violence services, and employed through a certified domestic violence provider are assigned to work in a DCFS field office with child welfare investigators of domestic violence.

Foreclosure Fees Funds (SB 647): Extends the sunset date for the *filing* fees paid into the Foreclosure Prevention Program Fund, Foreclosure Prevention Program Graduated Fund, and the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund to Jan. 1, 2020. The *judicial sale* fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Fund will become inoperative on Jan. 1, 2020, and repealed on March 2, 2020. Actions taken before this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly are ratified, validated, and confirmed.