

## Senate Floor Action for May 25, 2017

**Student Online Personal Protection (SB 444):** Creates the Student Online Personal Protection Act. This legislation is an attempt at protecting student data and personal information. It allows a national assessment provider to use or disclose covered information solely to provide the student with access to employment opportunities, scholarships, and financial aid or college opportunities. This can only be done in response to a direct request from the student who owns the covered information including express written consent of the student or parent of the student.

**Supported Employment Program (SB 1453):** Changes the Personnel Code to provide for the creation of a supported employees program (a program for individuals with severe disabilities) by the Department of Central Management Services to be used by all State agencies.

**Prescription Monitoring (SB 1607):** Provides that before issuing a prescription for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance, a prescriber or his or her designee shall access the prescription monitoring program to determine compliance. Requires the prescription monitoring program to issue reports to the prescribing authority of potential "doctor shopping." Requires all electronic medical data available to interface with the prescription monitoring program by Jan. 1, 2021.

**CILA Resident Information (SB 1748):** Requires copies of investigative reports containing unsubstantiated allegation findings to be provided to agency directors. Extends the provisional CILA license cap from 6 months to 24 months. Prohibits any entity that has had its CILA license revoked from reapplying for a license or under a different name. Provides that in the event of a CILA license revocation, DHS has immediate and full access to the recipients

served by that agency, as well as their medications, records and personal possessions in order to ensure a timely, safe and smooth transition from the program. Requires CILA's to securely collect and store up-to-date basic identifying information of its residents as well as emergency contact information. Clarifies that local fire authority inspections are acceptable as long as the Code requirements are equal to the State Fire Marshal's.

**Juvenile Court (SB 2021):** Makes major changes to expungement of juvenile records. Expands the confidentiality protections of the Juvenile Court Act to extend to municipal ordinance violations and traffic offenses committed by minors and provides penalties for unlawful dissemination of juvenile records. States that a juvenile adjudication shall never be considered a conviction nor shall an adjudicated individual be considered a criminal. Mandates immediate automatic expungement of juvenile arrests that do not result in a finding of delinquency. Mandates automatic expungement of juvenile delinquency findings two years (rather than five years) after the youth's case is closed, but only if the youth does not pick up a new finding of delinquency during that two-year period. This eliminates the requirement that a person be 21 years of age be eligible for expungement by petition. Provides that applications for employment within this State shall contain specific language that states that the applicant is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile records of adjudication or arrest. Removes immunity for State Police or its employees for the failure to expunge juvenile records pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

### House Bills passed by the Senate

**Eyeglasses Following Surgery (HB 2909):** Exempts Medicaid recipients who need

different eyeglasses following a surgical procedure, such as cataract surgery, from the one-pair-per-two-years limitation.

**Out-Of-State Residential Treatment (HB 2910):**

Allows the court to approve the placement of a minor in an out-of-state residential treatment center upon application by DCFS when the court determines that the placement is in the best interest and is the least restrictive, most family-like setting for the minor.

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

**Prescription Synchronization (HB 2957):**

Requires insurers to allow patients who are on two or more maintenance prescriptions for one or more chronic condition (e.g. diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, etc.) to allow synchronization at least once per year. The drugs must be covered the by clinical coverage policy OR have been approved by a formulary exceptions process. Prescription synchronization is not available for controlled substances.

**Residential Mortgage Act (HB 2965):** States that when a mortgagor is in arrears for more than one month, a mortgagee can't refuse whole month payments by the mortgagor. These payments will be applied to the unpaid balance. This doesn't prevent the mortgagee from exercising its rights under the mortgage or to change the obligations of the mortgagor.

**IMRF Board (HB 2966):** Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code to update the qualifications for the Board of Trustees to ensure that board candidates are vested, regardless of the tier in which they participate. Makes additional changes to correct incorrect terminology referenced in the accelerated payment statute.

**Illinois Discharges Veterans' Service Task Force Repeal (HB 2973):** Transfers duties, information, and report responsibilities from the Illinois Discharged Service-members Task Force to the Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council. Dissolves the Task Force as of July 1, 2018.

**Higher Education Supplier Diversity Report (HB 2976):** Requires every private institution of higher education approved by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of the Monetary Award Program to submit a two-page report on its voluntary supplier diversity program to CMS. The report will include information on the funds spent by the institutions as it relates to the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

**Notification of Job Opportunities to Youth (HB 2987):** Creates the State Agency Student Worker Opportunity Act, and requires a state agency has a job opening for an intern or student worker. Also, the state agency shall notify the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Children and Family Services.

**DOC Video Visitations (HB 2989):** States the Department of Corrections may not restrict or limit in-person visits due to the availability of interactive video conferences.

**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.

**Repeal Agricultural Export Advisory Committee (HB 2995):** Repeals the Agricultural Export Advisory Committee and makes conforming changes in other parts of law.

**Diseased Animals Records (HB 2998):** Allows the Department of Agriculture to keep the rules

under the Illinois Diseased Animals Act on their website. Currently, these records are required to be printed.

**Unlawful Recycling Materials (HB 3014):** Provides that beginning on July 1, 2017, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly place specified materials into a container intended for collection by a residential hauler for processing at a recycling center. Exempts situations in which sharps collections are being carried out by local government.

**Department of Veterans' Affairs (HB 3018):** Technical change to amend statutory references of the "Illinois Veterans' Commission" to the "Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs." Ensures that the apostrophe in Veterans' is included throughout the statutes.

**Military Economic Development Committee (HB 3032):** Creates the Military Economic Development Committee out of the former Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee. As well as, gives the committee specific parameters and makes various program improvements to ensure the committee actually meets and is effective.

**Email Insurance Verification (HB 3045):** Provides that an application for a certificate of title and vehicle registrations shall include, if available, a person's email address. Provides that in preparation for selection of random samples for verification of a liability insurance policy, the Secretary of State may send to owners of randomly selected motor vehicles requests for information about their motor vehicles and liability insurance coverage electronically or, if electronic means are unavailable, via U.S. mail.

**Radioactive Waste Task Force (HB 3048):** Abolishes the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Task Group and makes corresponding changes including removing provisions concerning the adoption of criteria for selection of a site for a

regional disposal facility.

**Department of Agriculture Inspections (HB 3058):** Provides that upon receipt of an inspection request from any municipality, park board, or other board or person in control of public grounds the Department of Agriculture shall review the application and may comply with it as deemed appropriate. Repeals section regarding consignees' notifying the Department of receiving shipments of nursery stock from foreign countries.

**School Code Average Daily Attendance (HB 3059):** Requires school districts to report Average Daily Attendance data for each grade level served. Current law does not require grade-level data to be reported.

**Birth Certificates for Homeless (HB 3060):** Waives fees for a certified copy of a birth certificate for a homeless person. There are costs associated with the law of more than \$500,000 annually.

**Meat Inspection Licenses (HB 3081):** Provides that beginning July 1, 2018, licenses issued to Type I and Type II establishments (meat/poultry processing and slaughtering) shall not expire if the licensee remains in compliance with the Act. Makes an administrative change regarding requests for inspectors to conform to current practices.

**Aggravated DUI Causing Death (HB 3084):** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code so that driving suspended or revoked based on an aggravated DUI that causes death is treated the same way for sentencing purposes as driving suspended or revoked based upon a reckless homicide.

**Illinois Brand Act Documentation (HB 3090):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Agriculture must make available, in electronic format, all recorded brands. This is a way for the Department to reduce paper waste and address negative audit findings.

**Removal of Verified Response in DHR Investigations (HB 3092):** Eliminates the Verified Response which is currently is required by statute to be filed by a respondent. According to the IDHR the form has become outdated and often impedes investigations from being conducted in a timely matter. VR is a legal form much like an affidavit that must be filed by a respondent. It asks the respondent to either agree or disagree with the facts that were given to the department concerning the allegations of discrimination.

**Wildlife Hunting Licenses (HB 3093):** Adds new definition to the Wildlife Code of “hunting license” meaning an electronic or physical license authorizing a person to take a certain type of animal during a specified period of time.

**Makes Marshalls of the Supreme Court Peace Officers (HB 3106):** Provides that marshals of the Supreme Court are peace officers and have all the powers possessed by police officers in cities and by sheriffs. Provides that marshals may exercise these powers throughout the State. Provides that no marshal has peace officer status or may exercise police powers unless: he or she successfully completes the basic police training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board; or the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board waives the training requirement by reason of the marshal’s prior law enforcement experience or training or both.

**Emergency Services Loan Funds (HB 3108):** Changes the Illinois Finance Authority Act and makes technical changes in sections about the fire truck revolving loan program, the fire station revolving loan program, and the ambulance revolving loan program. Also, provides that repayments of loans made under those programs (and interest made) may be retained by the Authority and used for the purposes for which they are authorized to be used.

**Contract Notification (HB 3110):** Requires greater notification if state agencies do not have funds, or plan to reduce, terminate or suspend contracts with service providers, and only applies to non-governmental services providers who deliver social services and applies regardless of the source of funds. Provides that any contract between a State agency and an authorized service provider may be terminated, suspended, or reduced by either party to the contract upon 30 days prior written notice. Provides that if the State seeks to terminate, suspend, or reduce the amount of a contract due to the failure of appropriation or reduction in the amount of available funds, the State agency shall notify the Governor and the four legislative leaders in writing of its intent no less than 45 days before such action and include the level of appropriations required to prevent the action. Provides that the requirements of the Act may not be waived by agreement.

**Prevailing Wage Posting (HB 3120):** Provides that if Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) ascertains the prevailing wage for a public body, then the public body can satisfy the newspaper publishing requirement by posting the IDOL hyperlink detailing the prevailing wages on their website.

**Weights and Measures (HB 3121):** Provides that the Department of Agriculture may prohibit any person from using a commercial weighing or measuring device for failure to pay an administrative monetary penalty within 60 days of issuance of notice from the Department.

**Pesticide Registration (HB 3130):** Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act to clarify that the current biannual product registration fee is \$600 rather than it being listed as \$300 per year, and that the current biannual business registration fee is \$800 rather than having it being listed as \$400 per year.

**School Absences (HB 3139):** Mandates that beginning July 1, 2018, all schools receiving

public funds shall collect and review chronic absence data and determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage the students and their families. Defines “chronic absence” as “absences that total 10 percent or more of school days of the most recent academic year.” Includes with or without valid cause and out-of-school suspensions.

**State Prompt Payment Act—Youth Services**

**(HB 3143):** Expands Prompt Payment to cover a variety of youth services provided by a vendor under a contractual grant agreement. The agreement would state the following: qualify on behalf of the state by virtue of an appropriation from the General Assembly for payment from state funds; receive interest for late payments; seek alternative financing options when the state is unable to provide timely payment. This allows Boards of Directors and financial lenders confidence in fulfilling their respective fiduciary responsibilities in decisions related to investment, borrowing, refinancing, extending lines of credit, managing liabilities, agency growth and restructuring plans, etc.

**Food Deserts (HB 3157):** Requires the DPH to notify municipal governments identified as food deserts, and then send a report at the end of each year that identifies those governments to the General Assembly. Food deserts are those locations without an abundance of fresh fruit, vegetables and other health food options due to lack of grocery stores, farmers markets, healthy food providers, etc.

**Drug Abuse Website (HB 3161):** Requires DHS to create and maintain a website to educate the public on heroin and prescription opioid abuse.

**Restorative Justice Training for DJJ Personnel (HB 3165):** Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to require “restorative justice” training of Department of Juvenile Justice personnel.

**Child Classification Reports (HB 3168):** Ensures a child’s attorney or guardian ad Litem receives

all documents and reports from DCFS necessary to adequately represent the child by requiring that prior to classifying a report in the central register, the person making the classification must determine whether a child is the subject of a juvenile delinquency action with an open placement or intact family services case with DCFS, or the subject of an abuse, neglect, or dependent minor action. Establishes standards and requirements for transmitting the report to the attorney or guardian.

**Youth In Care (HB 3169):** Changes references of children “wards of the state” to “youth in care” throughout various statutes in response to an Executive Order that ordered DCFS to refrain from use of the term “ward.”

**12-month Semi-truck Safety Test (HB 3172):** Provides that semi-trucks be subject to a safety test at an official testing station at least every 12 months (rather than six months as provided by current law). This bill would provide savings of \$35-\$40 per vehicle per year that would result in a loss of revenue for the State.

**Repeal Wirsing Institute (HB 3188):** Repeals the David A. Wirsing Food Animal Institute Act.

**Specialty Farm Product Buyers Act Repeal (HB 3189):** Repeals the Specialty Farm Product Buyers Act.

**SNAP Benefits (HB 3211):** Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to identify SNAP-eligible college students. Expands eligibility to low-income adults pursuing career and technical education certificate or degree programs at community colleges.

**Youth Transitional Housing (HB 3212):** Amends the emancipation process allowing a youth to be placed in youth transitional housing without a court order. Removes language pertaining to homeless minors from provisions governing: purpose and policy; jurisdiction; rights and responsibilities of an emancipated minor; petitions; and hearings. Repeals the definition

of “homeless minor” and “youth transitional housing program.”

**Feminine Hygiene Product (HB 3215):** Requires a school district to make feminine hygiene products available, at no cost to students, in the bathrooms of school buildings. This requirement also applies to charter schools and Chicago Public Schools.

**Third-Party Contracting (HB 3216):** Amends the Departments of State Government Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the State would allow third-party contracting only when it’s in the “best interests of the State.”

**JCAR Rules Change (HB 3222):** Makes the following changes to JCAR operations: Amends the definition of “Rule” to include the prescription of standardized forms. Refines the definition of “emergency rule” to disallow the use of emergency rulemaking due to an avoidable administrative failure to properly enact a rule in accordance with statutory requirements. (Currently, an “emergency” means the existence of any situation that the agency finds reasonably constitutes a threat to the public interest, safety, or welfare.) Rewrites the section of the Act that covers JCAR’s scrutiny of existing and actively-enforced Illinois administrative rules. Amends the statute to mandate, in its place, that the Joint Committee evaluate rules at its own discretion. (Under existing law, the Joint Committee is mandated to evaluate the rules of each State agency at least once every five years). Adds a new section to the General Rulemaking requirements that when an agency fails to provide a first notice, then the Secretary, Director, other chief executive officer of that Agency, or if a constitutional officer that constitutional officer or designee will appear before JCAR to explain the agency’s failure to comply with the deadline.

**State Historical Library Clean-Up (HB 3234):** Modernizes the State Historical Library Act to

reflect current preservation practices of historical records by removing references to specific photographic technologies.

**Electronic Cyberstalking (HB 3251):** Expands the cyberstalking statute by prohibiting the electronic harassment of a person using spyware or electronic tracking software to transmit a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint towards that person or a family member of that person.

**Board of Higher Education Act (HB 3255):** Removes obsolete language concerning members of the Board of Higher Education, a vocational education, and the Tuition and Fee Waiver Task Force. Also repeals a matching grant program to engineering colleges in Illinois, a State student cooperative work program, a feasibility study at Parks College, and a technology grant program.

**Veterans’ Hiring Preference (HB 3261):** Provides that, for the purpose of veteran preferences, members of the Illinois National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces are considered veterans regardless of whether or not the person was mobilized to active duty, if they served a minimum of four years.

**Commercial Fishing Device Restrictions (HB 3272):** Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, copying a section stating lake trout, salmon, and Lake Whitefish may not be taken using commercial fishing devices like gill or pound nets in order to clean-up the statute.

**Commercial Fishing Licenses (HB 3273):** Cleans up language in the Fish and Aquatic Life Code regarding commercial fishing licenses. Five licenses will still be available, but the DNR must now advertise a public drawing for qualified applicants which will determine ranking for waiting list for unfilled licenses.

**Data Processing Ownership (HB 3282):** Provides that if a financial institution transfers any data from its records to an independent data processing servicer, then such data will always remain the property of the financial institution. The independent data processor only has temporary control of the data for the purpose of performing contracted services with the financial institution.

**Land Surveyor Act Changes (HB 3322):** Changes references to “Land Surveyor-in-Training” to “Surveyor Intern” and makes conforming changes throughout the Act and makes changes concerning the practices that constitute the practice of land surveying. Also, provides that IDFPR shall issue a license to a person who is a graduate of an approved land surveying curriculum of at least four years who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule, or is a graduate of a baccalaureate curriculum but has met certain requirements and passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule. As well as, makes changes to the minimum standards for enrollment as a Surveyor Intern.

**Public Water District (HB 3325):** Provides that a general manager of a public water district may be discharged at a meeting of the board of trustees upon a majority vote of the members present. Current law requires a unanimous vote.

**Eviction Terminology Update (HB 3359):** Changes references to “forcible entry and detainer actions” and “actions for possession” to references to “eviction actions” and “eviction orders.” Establishes that the Illinois Supreme Court shall provide a standardized residential eviction order form to be used statewide.

**Entrepreneurial Skills (HB 3368):** Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) shall post resources regarding teaching entrepreneurial skills in secondary schools. States that the ISBE shall gather input from

universities and business groups when developing the list resources.

**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 Employee Investigation (HB 3394):** Authorizes DCFS to recommend that a school district remove a school employee who is the subject of an investigation.

**Municipal Electric Power Act (HB 3396):** Allows electric co-op type cities to sell their power in the wholesale markets such as PJM and MISO. This bill applies to cities that are NOT in ComEd, Ameren, or MidAmerican.

**Public Utilities Back-Billing (HB 3400):** Limits public utilities to back-billing of water and sewage utilities to 12 months for residential customers and 24 months for non-residential customers.

**Expatriate Foreign Haven (HB 3419):** Prohibits the State from doing business with or investing the retirement system in companies that incorporate in foreign tax havens to avoid paying income taxes in Illinois. The retirement system has the authority to engage in activism. The Retirement System may bring shareholder resolutions and proxy voting on shareholder resolutions. If the retirement system determines the shareholder activism is unsuccessful, then they will divest from the company.

**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.

**Geolocation Privacy Protection (HB 3449):** Creates the Geolocation Privacy Protection Act. Prohibits private entities from collecting, using,

storing, or disclosing geolocation information from a location-based application on a person's device (smart phone, tablet, etc.) unless the person gives affirmative express consent. The Attorney General and State's Attorney are given authority to enforce the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Waivers and contracts that do not comply with the Act are void and unenforceable, but a private entity or individual that is in violation of the Act will have 15 days after being notified of a violation to rectify that violation. The Enforcement section is altered by adding that an agreement that is void and unenforceable does not give rise to a private right of action under this Act.

**Home Medical Equipment and Services Provider License Act Changes (HB 3450):**

Extends the repeal of the Home Medical Equipment and Services Provider License Act to Jan. 1, 2028, adds the definition of "email address of record" and allows IDFPR to send licensure information through either email or traditional mail. Additionally, states that IDFPR may consult with the board in adopting rules and clarifies provision related to board member compensation to allow members to be paid for his or her related expenses while engaged in the performance of their duties. Also, allows applicants to apply for licensure electronically and clarifies language related to findings and recommendations by the Secretary of the Department after a hearing on discipline of a licensee. Makes changes to clarify that board members shall be indemnified by the State for any actions occurring within their scope of services on the board. Adds new provisions regarding IDFPR's role in certifying a record to any court in a judicial review on behalf of the plaintiff and new provisions regarding confidentiality of applicant information.

**Adopt-a-Trail Program (HB 3455):** Creates the Adopt-A-Trail Program. The Department shall establish and maintain Adopt-A-Trail programs with individual or group volunteers in an effort to reduce and remove litter from trails and to provide other services. Programs available:

Spring cleanups, accessibility projects, special events, trail maintenance, enhancement, or realignment, public information and assistance, training.

**Pharmacy Practice Act Changes (HB 3462):**

Extends the sunset of the Pharmacy Practice Act to Jan. 1, 2019. Provides for the licensure, rather than registration, of registered pharmacy technicians, registered certified pharmacy technicians, and pharmacists, and makes conforming changes. Creates the Collaborative Pharmaceutical Task Force to discuss several pieces of legislation related to pharmacists and pharmacies in Illinois.

**Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act Changes (HB 3464):**

Amends the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 to include the Department of Corrections to the list of approved employers in which an applicant may gain the required experience for licensure.

**Fire Chief Siren (HB 3469):** Allows a vehicle operated by a fire chief, or the director or coordinator of a municipal or county emergency services and disaster agency to be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet.

**Nursing Education Scholarship Law Amendment (HB 3490):**

Amends the Nursing Education Scholarship Law by adding to the definition of "approved institution.

**Mental Health Council (HB 3502):** Establishes an Advisory Council on Early Identification and Treatment of Mental Health Conditions to report on evidence-based best practices, identify barriers to statewide implementation of early identification and treatment, and reduce the stigma of mental health conditions.

**Excused Absence Military (HB 3507):** Allows a child of an active duty armed services member to miss school days in the event the parent is about to leave for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from a deployment to either a combat zone or in a combat support role.

**Electronic Filings with SOS (HB 3514):** Declares that electric filings from LLCs and Corporations made with the Secretary of State shall not be deemed expedited services subject to certain fees solely because the filings are made electronically. As well as, provides continuity of funding within the Business Services Special Operations Fund while increasing electronic filings that are not expedited services.

**Eliminates Township Collector in Sangamon County (HB 3521):** Changes the Township Code to eliminate the township collector positions in all of Sangamon County beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

**Real Estate License Act Changes (HB 3528):** Consolidates the Real Estate Education Advisory Council with the Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board and transfers its functions to the Board. As well as, merges all pre-license schools and continuing education license schools into one “education provider” license in their place. Also, provides that aspiring leasing agents who receive a 120-day permit to practice without a license to enroll in the required educational program within 60 days of obtaining the 120-day permit, and removes language that stated no individual shall be allowed to work as a leasing agent more than a single time in that individual’s lifetime. Additionally, reinstates language that would allow IDFPR to establish continuing educational requirements for licensed leasing agents with advice and recommendations from the Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board as well as stating that of the 15-member board, 12 are required to have been actively engaged as managing brokers or brokers or both for at least the 10 years prior to the appointment.

**Joliet Port District (HB 3536):** Provides that at least one of the Governor’s appointments and one of Will County’s appointments for the Joliet Port District are to be residents of Romeoville.

**School Code/Community College Southwest Illinois College (HB 3601):** Allows East St. Louis School District 189 to encourage 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to take dual credit classes at Southwestern Illinois College at no cost to the student.

**Abused Child Reporting (HB 3615):** Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and removes a section that permits teachers under investigation to confront their accuser. The current statute is in conflict with current case law, rule, and best practices for protecting the interests of the child.

**Minimum Wage Exemption (HB 3631):** Provides for an exemption to the Illinois Minimum Wage Law regarding employees of a minor league professional baseball team so long as they don’t operate more than seven months per year.

**Liabilities Report to the State Comptroller (HB 3649):** Requires every state agency to submit a monthly report to the State Comptroller listing all current liabilities and interest penalties accrued under the State Prompt Payment Act. Also, allows the State Comptroller to waive the reporting requirement if a state agency does not have state liabilities.

**Reporting to Property Control Division (HB 3658):** Changes the reporting requirement imposed on agencies to the Property Control Division at CMS. Increases the property value that triggers the reporting requirement from \$500 (currently located in Administrative Rule) to \$1,000. Allows the administrator to set a higher limit by rule. Also, nothing relieves the responsible officers of the duty to reasonably ensure that State property is not subject to theft, and physical inventory checks should only

be made for more than a nominal value (\$1,000 or less). Also requires the value of the item to reflect its depreciated value, as determined by the administrator.

**Food Handling Regulations and Enforcement**

**(HB 3684):** Provides any individual who has completed a minimum of eight hours of Department of Public Health-approved training shall be considered a certified food sanitation manager or certified food sanitation manager instructor. Removes provisions allowing DPH to charge a \$35 fee for a certificate. Removes provisions regarding recertification, reciprocity, and revocation of a certification.

**Illinois Higher Education Savings Program Act and Fund (HB 3691):** Creates the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program Act and Illinois Higher Education Savings Program Fund at a projected cost of approximately \$10 million annually. This act would include the following: A 529 college savings account will be opened automatically for every child born in Illinois after 2018, which will be held by the Treasurer with the child as the beneficiary. It would be seeded from the Fund with an initial investment of \$50. Households with incomes less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level would qualify for annual dollar-to-dollar match up to \$150 to add to the Fund.

**Educational Credit for Military Act (HB 3701):**

Creates the Educational Credit for Military Experience Act which requires public universities and community colleges to establish a policy to award academic credits for corresponding military training.