

Senate Floor Action for May 5, 2017

Firefighter Pensions (SB 419): Allows a firefighter hired in 2008 by a municipality that did not create a firefighter pension fund until 2015, to purchase credit from the newly created pension fund for the years preceding the fund's creation.

SURS Disability Annuity (SB 654): Amends the State University Retirement System to provide for current administrative practices to be codified in law. Additionally, allows for the fund to issue subpoenas to assist in collecting debts owed to the fund.

Film Production and Live Theatre Tax Credit (SB 852): Extends the Film Production and Live Theater tax credit programs until Jan. 1, 2027.

Senate Rules (SB 870): States that for the operation and organization of the Senate, the rules adopted by the previous General Assembly will govern and be the rules of the Senate until new rules are adopted.

Student Booking Stations (SB 1122): Prohibits student booking stations on school grounds. Defines student booking station.

IDOR Technical Omnibus (SB 1285): Provides if a taxpayer overpays on his or her return, the taxpayer may credit the excess payment for the following years or transfer the credit to a similar taxpayer under the act. Also, removes the electronic posting mandate for the final and tentative multipliers.

Statements of Economic Interest (SB 1289): Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to revamp the entire Statement of Economic Interest. Statements can be filed electronically with either the SOS or the County Clerk, as appropriate. The electronic filing system will allow ethics officers to review and certify that

they have reviewed the statement prior to filing. In addition to, the electronic filing system will be required to allow amendments to previously filed statements, and ethics officers will have to complete online training on the new statements and filing system.

Adult Guardianship Video Conferencing (SB 1319): Provides that the Supreme Court and circuit courts may adopt rules permitting the use of video conferencing equipment in any adult guardianship hearing. It states that in order to use such equipment, all parties (respondent, attorneys, guardians, etc.) must agree to the terms of the video conferencing and that if an agreement is reached, any participant may utilize the method to testify remotely, unless there is a court rule specifically prohibiting the testimony.

Attorney General Information (SB 1439): Provides that at the time of first contact with an individual making a report of a missing child who is younger than 18, the local law enforcement agency shall provide the individual with information, prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and posted on its website.

County Clerk Board of Election Commissioners (SB 1592): Allows counties to create a board of election commissioners within the office of the county clerk, and exempts existing city election boards from this bill.

Property Tax Exemption for Free Parking (SB 1593): Provides a property tax exemption for parking areas owned by a religious institution and leased or rented to a municipality for the purpose of offering free public parking.

Single Risk Limit for Title Insurance Policies (SB 1667): Provides that a title insurance company shall provide a summary describing its

professional reinsurance placed outside of the title insurance industry and must be determined to be necessary and appropriate by the department.

Sexual Orientation-Panic Defense (SB 1761): Prohibits the use of a panic defense in murder cases where a defendant is accused of a violent crime against another party but is justified on the grounds that the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity is to blame for the defendant's reaction.

Nursing Facility Rate Appeal (SB 1773): Provides that HFS provide an update on the status of payments from GRF and the Long-Term Care Provider Fund and provide this information on the Department's website, or provide it upon request in compliance with this requirement.

Greenhouse Gas Task Force (SB 1775): Creates the Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions to review the status of municipal policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Task Force shall submit report to General Assembly. Provisions of this bill are repealed two years after the effective date.

River Edge Program Tax Credit (SB 1783): Extends the tax credit awarded for the restoration and preservation of historic structures in a River Edge Redevelopment Zone through Jan. 1, 2022. The credits' sunset date is currently Jan. 1, 2018.

Student Online Personal Protection Act (SB 1796): Creates a new Act known as the Student Online Personal Protection Act, which is an attempt at protecting student data and personal information. The legislation provides certain restrictions on operators of websites used primarily for school purposes.

Informant Testimony (SB 1830): Requires prosecution to disclose attempts to introduce evidence of incriminating statements made by

the accused to or overheard by an informant in a prosecution for certain serious offenses.

Special Prosecutor (SB 1843): Requires that a court presume a conflict of interest on behalf of a State's Attorney when considering a petition to appoint a special prosecutor in cases in which the defendant or defendants are members of any law enforcement agency.

Volunteer EMS/Firefighters (SB 1895): Provides that volunteer emergency workers may respond to emergency phone calls or text messages so long as they're acting in their capacity as a volunteer emergency worker.

Department of Ag Local Bank Accounts for Security (SB 1902): Allows the Department of Agriculture to open local bank accounts to receive and disburse security deposits for renting facilities at each State fairground during non-fair time periods.

Automatic Voter Registration (SB 1933): Establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration for the Secretary of State's Office: 1. Application for Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State; and 2. Application for Non-Real-ID Compliant Driver's License or State ID Card received by the Secretary of State; This bill also establishes two procedures for Automatic Voter Registration Agencies: 1. Application for a license, permit, program or service provided by a designated Automatic Voter Registration agency that collects or cross-references reliable personal information indicating citizenship status; and 2. Application for a license, permit, program or service provided by a designated Automatic Voter Registration agency that DOES NOT collect or cross-reference reliable personal information indicating citizenship status. This bill includes the Department of Human Services, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, The Department of Employment Security, The Department on Aging in the definition of "Designated Automatic Voter Registration Agency."

Bail Petition (SB 1980): Gives judges discretion to hold more high-level gun offenders in custody pre-trial. Adds additional weapons offenses to the current law which provides for a “no bond” determination for weapons violations near a school. Allows the State’s Attorney to request a source of bail hearing.

Agriculture Task Force (SB 1991): Establishes the Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force.

Angel Investment Credit (SB 2012): Provides an extension for the angel investment credit until Dec. 31, 2021. Makes several changes to the credit including creating a minimum investment threshold, changing reporting requirements, earmarking amounts to be awarded to female, minority, persons with a disability owned businesses, or businesses located in smaller counties.

Homestead Exemption Clean-up (SB 2084): Provides several technical and structural changes regarding homestead exemptions.