HB 4098

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description: PENSIONS-VARIOUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit-Steven Reick-Mark L. Walker

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes to Tier 2 benefits for members or participants under the 5 State-funded retirement systems and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, including changes to automatic annual increases, age and service requirements for retirement, and limits on the amount of salary for annuity purposes. Establishes an accelerated pension benefit payment option for the General Assembly and Judges Articles of the Code. Makes changes to the funding formula beginning in fiscal year 2025 for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. In the 5 State-funded retirement systems, provides for a deferred retirement option plan for certain participants under which a participant may continue in active service for up to 3 years while having his or her retirement pension paid into a special account, to be distributed to the participant upon retirement. Provides that any benefit increase that results from this Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Provides that each fiscal year after certain State pension funding bonds and income tax proceed bonds are retired, the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller shall transfer $500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Unfunded Liability Reduction Fund each fiscal year, which shall be used for making additional contributions to the pension funds and retirement systems established under the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, Downstate Teacher, Chicago Teacher, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Repeals provisions concerning optional benefits for certain Tier 2 members. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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HB 4112

Comment: HR

Short Description: INS CD-INFERTILITY COVERAGE

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no group policy of accident and health insurance providing coverage for more than 25 employees that provides pregnancy related benefits may be issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2025 unless the policy contains coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility. Requires such coverage to include procedures necessary to screen or diagnose a fertilized egg before implantation. Provides that coverage for in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian tube transfer, or zygote intrafallopian tube transfer shall be required only if the procedures: (1) are considered medically appropriate based on clinical guidelines or standards developed by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology; and (2) are performed at medical facilities or clinics that conform to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidelines for in vitro fertilization or the American Society for Reproductive Medicine minimum standards for practices offering assisted reproductive technologies. Makes changes in the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Illinois Public Aid Code to provide that infertility insurance must be included in health insurance coverage for employees. Effective immediately.

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HB 4128

Comment: HR

Short Description: VETERANS DAY-PAID LEAVE
House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin Schmidt

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Veterans Day Paid Leave Act. On and after January 1, 2025, requires each employer to provide each employee who is a veteran with a paid day off on Veterans Day if the employee would otherwise be required to work on that day. Provides that the employee must provide notice to the employer that he or she intends to take time off on Veterans Day and must provide the employer with documentation verifying that he or she is a veteran. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to 100% of the wages paid by the taxpayer to a veteran as a result of the paid day off required under the Veterans Day Paid Leave Act. Effective immediately.

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HB 4162

Comment:
OMA

Short Description: OMA-DEFAULT RULES

House Sponsors
Rep. Maurice A. West, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that, except as otherwise provided in the Act or any other Illinois statute (rather than except as otherwise provided in the Act), a quorum of members of a public body must be physically present at the location of an open meeting or present by video or audio conference at the open meeting (now, members must be physically present at the meeting). Provides that a member is present by video or audio conference at an open meeting if the member can hear and be heard by all other members of the body who are participating in the meeting. Specifies that, if a member wishes to attend a meeting by video or audio conference, the member must notify the recording secretary or clerk of the public body before the meeting, unless providing that advance notice is impractical for the member. Repeals existing provisions concerning the participation of public body members in open meetings by video conference or other means.

Last Action
HB 4173

Comment: Workforce Dev

Short Description: EDUC-TRADE COURSES-METT

House Sponsors
Rep. Jed Davis-La Shawn K. Ford, Kevin Schmidt, Brandun Schweizer, Dan Caulkins, Travis Weaver and Martin McLaughlin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Allows a METT Educator District License for teaching a course in manufacturing, engineering, technology, or a trade (METT) to be issued to an applicant who has at least 10,000 working hours in a trade. Provides that a METT Educator District License may be issued to qualified individuals who have not obtained a bachelor's degree or an equivalent number of hours in an educational program at an institution of higher education. Provides that a METT Educator District License is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued and may be renewed. Provides that a METT Educator District License is valid only for the teaching of a course that the State Board of Education has identified as related to the work experience of the licensee. Sets forth other provisions regarding the license. Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Provides that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or the Department of Labor, shall expand a database to identify METT labor shortages. Provides that by July 1, 2026, school districts in identified regions shall be notified by the State Board and shall participate in a College and Career Pathway Endorsement program and offer a METT endorsement. Makes other changes.

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HB 4186
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In the provisions concerning required high school courses, allows a pupil to take one year of a foreign language course (rather than 2 years), if, upon completing one year of foreign language coursework, the pupil, the pupil's parent or guardian, and the school counselor meet to discuss the pupil's postsecondary education or career goals, and, at that meeting, it is determined (i) that the pupil will take one year of career and technical education coursework, (ii) that a second year of foreign language coursework will limit the pupil's access to career and technical education coursework, and (iii) that the pupil does not need a second year of foreign language coursework to meet the pupil's postsecondary education and career goals. Provides that, following this meeting, the pupil's parent or guardian may opt the pupil out of a second year of foreign language coursework in a form and manner that is prescribed by the State Board of Education. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in this State. Provides that a university may not require a public high school student to have completed 2 years of foreign language coursework while in high school if it was determined in high school that the student was not required to and the student's parent or guardian opted the student out. Provides that if the student completed only one year of foreign language coursework in high school, the university may require the student to take no less than one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at the university. Effective immediately.

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HB 4200

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HEALTH-HIRING PROCESS

House Sponsors
Rep. Charles Meier and Tony M. McCombie
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall direct all State-operated developmental centers to conduct all interviews and testing of an applicant applying for a position as a mental health technician in a single day at the facility at which the applicant is applying for employment. Provides that, if the applicant passes the initial interview and testing process, any required drug testing and background check shall be completed at the direction of the State-operated developmental center within 7 days after the date of the initial interview and testing. Provides that, if the applicant is found to be eligible for employment as a mental health technician, the State-operated developmental center shall, within 30 days after the initial interview and testing, notify the applicant of its decision and inform the applicant of the date of his or her first day of employment at the facility. Provides that the Department may adopt rules necessary to implement and administer the provisions.

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HB 4201

Comment:
Telehealth

Short Description: MEDICAL CANNABIS-REMOTE EXAM

House Sponsors
Rep. Bob Morgan

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Provides that the physical examination required by the Act may (instead of may not) be performed by remote means, including telemedicine. Effective immediately.

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HB 4218

Comment:
Enrollment Mgmt

Short Description: COLLEGE/CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSE

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Provides that a postsecondary institution shall require applicants for admission to report which College and Career Pathway Endorsements, if any, they have received.

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HB 4234

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HEALTH-ATTORNEY GENERAL

House Sponsors
Rep. David Friess

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. Provides that the Attorney General (rather than the State's Attorneys of the several counties) shall represent the people of the State of Illinois in court proceedings under the Act, shall attend such proceedings either in person or by assistant, and shall ensure that petitions, reports and orders are properly prepared. Changes references from "State's Attorney" to "Attorney General". Makes corresponding changes.

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HB 4236

Comment: Early Childhood Ed

Short Description: SCH CONSTRUCT-EARLY CHLD GRANT

House Sponsors
Rep. Margaret Croke, Kevin John Olickal-Joyce Mason, Kam Buckner and Curtis J. Tarver, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning early childhood construction grants, removes a provision that specifies that grants made in fiscal year 2024 may be made only to public school districts. Provides that a not-for-profit early childhood entity that rents or leases from another not-for-profit entity shall be considered an eligible entity. Effective immediately.

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HB 4239

Comment: ADEI

Short Description: INSTITUTIONAL RACISM IN MED ED

House Sponsors
Rep. Mary E. Flowers

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical School Curriculum Act. Provides that, for medical students who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, matriculate into a medical school that is subject to the Act, the minimum required curriculum shall also include a medical humanities course that covers, among other things, the effects of institutional racism on medical education, medical research, and medical care in the United States. Effective immediately.

Last Action
HB 4252

Comment:  
Student Athletes

Short Description:  HIGHR ED-STUDENT-ATHLETE RIGHT

House Sponsors  
Rep. Kam Buckner

Synopsis As Introduced  
Creates the Student-Athlete Bill of Rights Act. Sets forth specific rights for students and student-athletes at postsecondary educational institutions. Provides that a postsecondary educational institution shall prepare and post a notice detailing specified rights that student-athletes have under federal law and where a complaint may be filed for a violation. Provides that a postsecondary educational institution may not intentionally retaliate against a student-athlete for (1) making or filing a complaint, in good faith, about a violation of a student-athlete's rights granted under any applicable statute, rule, or policy; (2) testifying or otherwise assisting in an investigation into a violation of a student-athlete's rights granted under any applicable statute, rule, or policy; or (3) opposing any practices that the student-athlete, in good faith, believes are a violation of a student-athlete's rights granted under any applicable statute, rule, or policy. Provides that each postsecondary educational institution offering athletic programs for student-athletes shall hire or appoint an ombudsperson, independent of the athletic department, who may be an employee, to provide specified support to student-athletes. Creates the Commission on College Athletics to pursue research and recommendations and monitor athletic programs at postsecondary educational institutions. Sets forth other duties of the Commission and the membership of the Commission. Requires the Board of Higher Education to provide administrative and other support to the Commission and adopt rules. Makes other changes.

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HB 4253
Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Higher Education Violation Reporting Act. Provides that each public and private institution of higher education shall maintain a report publicly reporting actual findings of violations by any student organization, athletic team, or living group of the institution's code of conduct or anti-hazing policy or State or federal laws relating to hazing or alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, or physical assault. Provides that an institution of higher education shall provide hazing prevention education to employees. Provides that if an employee or volunteer at an institution of higher education has reasonable cause to believe that hazing has occurred, the employee or volunteer shall report the incident. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. In provisions concerning hazing, provides that a person commits hazing when he or she knowingly requires the performance of any act by a student or other person in a school, college, university, or other educational institution of this State for the purpose of induction or admission into or maintenance of membership in (instead of only for the purpose of induction or admission into) any group, organization, or society associated or connected with that institution if the act meets certain requirements; makes changes to the requirements. Provides that an act may be considered hazing regardless of whether the student or other person is willing to participate in the act. Effective July 1, 2024.
Article of the School Code. Provides that, by no later than the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, a school district's accelerated placement policy may (instead of shall) allow for the automatic enrollment, in the following school term, of a student into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework offered by the high school if the student exceeds (instead of meets or exceeds) State standards in English language arts, mathematics, or science on a State assessment administered under the School Code. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 4277

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH-CD-EDUC LICENSE-ASL ENDORS

House Sponsors
Rep. Janet Yang Rohr-Maurice A. West, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Requires the world language endorsement on a Professional Educator License to include American Sign Language under rules of the State Board of Education.

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HB 4278

Comment:
Possible state collaboration
Short Description: REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY

House Sponsors
Rep. Dave Vella

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Reimagine Public Safety Act. Requires the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention to conduct a study to assess and analyze any funds appropriated under the Act to implement the Act. Provides that the study shall consider how the monies appropriated have aided the communities, prevention services, and organizations who receive funding under this Act in preventing and reducing the amount of violence in the State. Allows the Office to collaborate with other State agencies or organizations that collect or retain data or statistics related to violence in the State. Requires the Office to submit a report of the study to the General Assembly within one year of the effective date of the amendatory Act.

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HB 4303

Comment:
Task Force - SIU Appointee

Short Description: CD CORR-TAMMS REPURPOSE

House Sponsors
Rep. Paul Jacobs

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Creates the Tamms Minimum Security Unit Task Force. Provides for membership on the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall study the subject of a practical, efficient, and beneficial repurposing of the Tamms Minimum Security Unit and its property for the benefit of the public, including the possibility of providing mental health services, health services, public safety, law enforcement training purposes, fire services, medical training, incarceration of elderly, ill, or disabled inmates, and any other option for repurposing that the Task Force deems appropriate. Provides that each member of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. Provides that the Task Force shall meet 2 times per year or at the call of the Chairperson. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall provide administrative support to the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024 with its recommendations and is dissolved on January 1, 2025. Effective
HB 4313

Comment: Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-EDUCATOR LICENSE ENDORS

House Sponsors
Rep. Travis Weaver

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Authorizes the issuance of a college-level endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations if an applicant (i) holds at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, (ii) possesses an educational background that allows the applicant to teach college-level coursework in either a bachelor's degree or master's degree granting program, and (iii) has passed a content area test in the subject to be taught by the applicant. Provides that the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of being issued and may be renewed. Effective immediately.

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HB 4325

Comment: FOIA

Short Description: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-VARIOUS
House Sponsors
Rep. John M. Cabello

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Specifies that, as used in the Act, "commercial purpose" includes the use of public records (or information contained in public records) for solicitation of individuals to join an organization. Authorizes a public body to extend the time for responding to a request for a public record by 7 business days (rather than 5 business days) in specified circumstances. Provides that, in the case of a request for a commercial purpose, a public body shall (rather than may) require the person to pay the estimated copy fee in full before copying the requested documents. Changes the way that a public body may respond to requests by recurrent requesters. Provides that, in the case of a voluminous request, a requester shall pay the entire fee before releasing the requested public record. Allows a public body after the first 2 hours (rather than the first 8 hours) to charge up to $10 for each hour spent by personnel in searching for and retrieving a requested record or examining the record for necessary redactions. Removes a limitation on the imposition of this $10 per hour fee. Exempts from disclosure under the Act communications that do not pertain to the transaction of public business that are sent to or received by an individual's personal electronic device, such as text messages, voice messages, and emails.

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HB 4334

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description: PEN CD-POLICE AND FIRE

House Sponsors
Rep. John M. Cabello

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the General Provisions, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, Chicago Firefighter, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Employees, and State Universities Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. With regard to police officers, firefighters, and similar public safety employees, removes Tier 2 limitations on the amount of salary for annuity purposes; provides that the automatic annual increases to a retirement pension or survivor pension are calculated under the Tier 1 formulas; and provides that the amount of and eligibility for a retirement annuity are calculated under the Tier 1 provisions. Amends the State Finance
Act. Provides that, each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall pay to each unit of local government that makes a certification of certain employer costs under the Illinois Pension Code or under a specified provision of the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act an amount equal to 40% of the total amount certified by the unit of local government. Creates a continuing appropriation of that amount. Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that a unit of local government that provides health insurance to police officers and firefighters shall maintain the health insurance plans of these employees after retirement and shall contribute toward the cost of the annuitant's coverage under the unit of local government's health insurance plan an amount equal to 4% of that cost for each full year of creditable service upon which the annuitant's retirement annuity is based. Makes other and conforming changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB 4337

Comment: Veterans

Short Description: HIGHER ED-IL VETERAN GRANT

House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin Schmidt

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. In provisions concerning the Illinois Veteran Grant Program, provides that a person is a qualified applicant if, among other qualifications, the person returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after leaving federal active duty service or, if married to a person in continued military service stationed outside this State, returned to this State within one year (instead of 6 months) after his or her spouse left service or was stationed within this State.

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Comment:
Hi Ed Tax Credit

Short Description:  TREASURER-HIGHER EDUCATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Curtis J. Tarver, II

Synopsis As Introduced


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HB 4353

Comment:
Ed Policy - Suicide K-12 & Hi Ed

Short Description:  EDUC-SUICIDE PREVENTION

House Sponsors
Rep. Tom Weber

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that each school district, charter school, or alternative school or any school receiving public funds must develop a suicide contact tracing and intervention program in the event of an apparent suicide of a student to help direct resources to students who are close contacts to a deceased student. Provides that the program shall interview close contacts to determine if any external factors may be connected to the apparent suicide of a student and if the factors are affecting other students who are close contacts. Provides that each school district, charter school, or alternative school or any school receiving public funds must
ensure that counseling services are always available to students. Provides that counseling services may be provided either in person at the school building or in a virtual format. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board shall require each public institution of higher education to develop a suicide contact tracing and intervention program in the event of an apparent suicide of a student to help direct resources to students who are close contacts to a deceased student. Provides that the program shall interview close contacts to determine if any external factors may be connected to the apparent suicide of a student and if the factors are affecting other students who are close contacts.

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HB 4358

Comment:
Policy - Suicide Hi Ed

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MENTAL HEALTH PLAN

House Sponsors
Rep. Dagmara Avelar

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Provides that each public college or university shall develop and implement an evidence-based, comprehensive, campus mental health and suicide prevention plan.

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HB 4360

Comment:
Supplier Diversity
House Sponsors
Rep. Sonya M. Harper

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Repeals provisions relating to the higher education supplier diversity report and race and gender wage reports and moves those provisions, with changes, to the Commission on Equity and Inclusion Act. Amends the Energy Transition Act. Provides that the Commission on Equity and Inclusion certifies or recognizes certification for Minority Business Enterprise certification (rather than the Department of Central Management Services) or a program with equivalent requirements. Provides that the Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program shall provide participants with opportunities to be listed in any relevant directories and databases organized by the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than organized by the Department of Central Management Services). Amends the Blind Vendors Act. Provides that it is the intent of this Act that all State agencies, particularly the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than the Department of Central Management Services), promote and advocate for the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Business Enterprise Program is a program of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than the Department of Central Management Services). Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Removes provisions relating to a study and report that measured the impact of discrimination on minority and women business development in Illinois that was to be completed by October 28, 2010. Provides that the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than the Department of Central Management Services) shall conduct a new social scientific study that measures the impact of discrimination on minority and women business development in Illinois, shall issue a report, and shall establish a specified model between 2028 and 2029. Changes various references to the Department of Central Management Services to the Commission on Equity and Inclusion. Extends the date on which the Act will be repealed from June 30, 2029 to June 30, 2030. Effective immediately.

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HB 4401

Comment:
FOIA

Short Description: FOIA/LOCAL RECORDS-JUNK MAIL
House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act and the Local Records Act. In the definition provisions of those Acts, defines the term "junk mail" and specifies that the term "public record" does not include junk mail.

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HB 4402

Comment:
OMA

Short Description: OPN MTG-EMERGENCY DEFINED

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Defines the terms "bona fide emergency" and "exigent circumstances". Provides that, if a quorum of the members of a public body is physically present at a meeting, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other things, exigent circumstances concerning a family member (rather than because of, among other things, a family or other emergency).

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HB 4425

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: DHFS-PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Norine K. Hammond

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2025, for a person who is a resident in a facility licensed under the ID/DD Community Care Act, the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act, or the MC/DD Act for whom payments are made under the Article throughout a month and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance, the State shall pay an amount in addition to the minimum monthly personal needs allowance authorized under the Social Security Act so that the person's total monthly personal needs allowance from both State and federal sources equals $90. Provides that beginning January 1, 2026, the personal needs allowance described in the amendatory Act shall increase annually at the same rate as the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment to take effect on January 1 of each year.

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HB 4434

Comment:
Nursing

Short Description: NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Terra Costa Howard

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws. Provides that the State may not share with or disclose to the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators or any other state any of the contents of a nationwide criminal history records check conducted for the purpose of multistate licensure under the Nurse Licensure Compact.
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HB 4435

Comment:
Tax Credit - Hi Ed

Short Description: INC TX-STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax deduction for any amounts paid by the taxpayer's employer on behalf of the taxpayer as part of an educational assistance program. Creates an income tax deduction for any amounts paid by the taxpayer on behalf of an employee of the taxpayer as part of an educational assistance program. Provides that the deductions are limited to the first $5,250 of such assistance so furnished to any individual. Effective immediately.

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HB 4441

Comment:
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: LOCAL&SCHOOL CONTRACTING GOALS

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Counties Code, the Township Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, the Park District Code, the Illinois Local Library Act, the Public Library District Act of 1991, the School Code, and the Public Community College Act. Provides that the board of trustees and corporate authorities of the various local governmental entities referenced in the named Acts and Codes may establish aspirational goals for the awarding of contracts to minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities. Defines "minority-owned business", "women-owned business", and "business owned by a person with a disability".

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HB 4454

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: SCH CD-MENTAL HEALTH-NOTIFY

House Sponsors
Rep. Dagmara Avelar and Janet Yang Rohr

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require each school to notify students and the students’ parents or guardians twice each year on how to access any mental health services offered in school or in the community where the school is located.

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HB 4469

Comment:
Firearms
Short Description: FIREARMS-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Firearms Restraining Order Act to include in the definition of "petitioner" an intimate partner. Amends the Protective Orders Article of the Code of Criminal Procedures of 1963 and the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986. Provides that, if the petitioner seeks a court order prohibiting the respondent from possessing firearms, firearm ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, the court shall immediately issue a search warrant directing seizure of firearms at the time an ex parte or final order of protection is issued, if the court finds, based upon sworn testimony, that: (1) probable cause exists that the respondent possesses firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; (2) probable cause exists to believe that the respondent poses a danger of causing personal injury to the petitioner or child and that the danger is imminent and present; and (3) probable cause exists that firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are located at the residence, vehicle, or other property of the respondent. Provides that a finding of probable cause for a warrant upon oral testimony may be based on the same kind of evidence as is sufficient for a warrant upon affidavit. Effective immediately.

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HB 4472

Comment:
Prescription Drugs

Short Description: HEALTH CARE AVAILABILITY

House Sponsors
Rep. Nabeela Syed- Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Laura Faver Dias, Kelly M. Cassidy, Anne Stava-Murray, Janet Yang Rohr, Abdelnasser Rashid, Katie Stuart, Kevin John Olickal, Will Guzzardi, Sharon Chung, Norma Hernandez, Matt Hanson, Theresa Mah, Maura Hirschauer, Diane Blair-Sherlock, Sue Scherer, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Camille Y. Lilly, Sonya M. Harper, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Gregg Johnson and Yolonda Morris
Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Health Care Availability and Access Board Act. Establishes the Health Care Availability and Access Board to protect State residents, State and local governments, commercial health plans, health care providers, pharmacies licensed in the State, and other stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products. Contains provisions concerning Board membership and terms; staff for the Board; Board meetings; circumstances under which Board members must recuse themselves; and other matters. Provides that the Board shall perform the following actions in open session: (i) deliberations on whether to subject a prescription drug product to a cost review; and (ii) any vote on whether to impose an upper payment limit on purchases, payments, and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State. Permits the Board to adopt rules to implement the Act and to enter into a contract with a qualified, independent third party for any service necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Board. Creates the Health Care Availability and Access Stakeholder Council to provide stakeholder input to assist the Board in making decisions as required by the Act. Contains provisions concerning Council membership, member terms, and other matters. Provides that the Board shall adopt the federal Medicare Maximum Fair Price as the upper payment limit for a prescription drug product intended for use by individuals in the State. Requires the Attorney General to enforce the Act. Effective 180 days after becoming law.

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HB 4473

Comment:
Task Force - Tech Ed

Short Description: SCH CD-ST BD ED-CTE TASK FORCE

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the Career and Technical Education Task Force is created within the State Board of Education to examine how to involve more students in technical education. Specifies the members of the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall meet once every 3 months at the call of the State Board of Education and shall receive administrative and other support from the State Board of Education. Provides that the Task Force shall prepare and deliver to the State Board of Education a report
each year covering the Task Force's findings. Provides that the Task Force is dissolved and the provisions are repealed on January 1, 2026. Effective immediately.

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HB 4475

Comment: Mental Health

Short Description: INS CD-BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe-Maurice A. West, II-Jenn Ladisch Douglass, Suzanne M. Ness, Kelly M. Cassidy, Anne Stava-Murray, Hoan Huynh, Kevin John Olickal, Norma Hernandez, Dagmara Avelar, Will Guzzardi, Gregg Johnson and Michelle Mussman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Strengthening Mental Health and Substance Use Parity Act. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025, or any third-party administrator administering the behavioral health benefits for the insurer, shall cover all out-of-network medically necessary mental health and substance use benefits and services (inpatient and outpatient) as if they were in-network for purposes of cost sharing for the insured. Provides that the insured has the right to select the provider or facility of their choice and the modality, whether the care is provided via in-person visit or telehealth, for medically necessary care. Sets forth minimum reimbursement rates for certain behavioral health benefits. Sets forth provisions concerning responsibility for compliance with parity requirements; coverage and payment for multiple covered mental health and substance use services, mental health or substance use services provided under the supervision of a licensed mental health or substance treatment provider, and 60-minute individual psychotherapy; timely credentialing of mental health and substance use providers; Department of Insurance enforcement and rulemaking; civil penalties; and other matters. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to authorize emergency rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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HB 4482

Comment: Mental Health

Short Description: CRIM PRO-CONTINUED DETENTION

House Sponsors
Rep. Paul Jacobs

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. In the provision that states if a person remains in pretrial detention 48 hours after having been ordered released with pretrial conditions, the court shall hold a hearing to determine the reason for continued detention, provides that the 48-hour time limit does not apply if the person has been found to be in need of mental health treatment or services upon release. Provides that the court shall hold a hearing every 7 to 10 days of the person's pretrial detention to be reevaluated every 7 to 10 days until adequate mental health treatment or services may be obtained after the defendant's release from pretrial detention.

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HB 4487

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: ACUPUNCTURE-5-NEEDLE PROTOCOL

House Sponsors
Rep. Hoan Huynh and Lilian Jiménez

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Acupuncture Practice Act. Provides that none of the provisions of the Act shall prevent an unlicensed person from engaging in a standardized 5-needle protocol if the person
satisfies specified conditions. Provides that the treatment utilizing the 5-needle protocol shall be limited to the insertion of disposable, sterile acupuncture needles into the ear and only in compliance with the 5-needle protocol. Provides that the application or insertion of needles anywhere else on the body of another person by a person shall be considered engaging in the practice of acupuncture without a license.

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HB 4492

Comment: Tuition Waiver

Short Description: HIGHER ED-TUITION WAIVERS

House Sponsors
Rep. Dave Severin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. Provides that each academic year, a public university shall offer a 50% tuition waiver for undergraduate education to each child of an employee of the State Universities Civil Service System ("University System") who has been employed by the University System for an aggregate period of at least 7 years. Sets forth requirements relating to the 50% tuition waiver. Provides that each academic year, a public university shall offer a full tuition waiver for undergraduate education to each child of a person who died while employed full time by the University System or while on leave from full-time employment. Sets forth requirements relating to the full tuition waiver. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in this State to require full undergraduate tuition waivers for the children of persons who died while employed full time by any public university or while on leave from full-time employment. Sets forth requirements relating to the full tuition waiver. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 4498

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MHDD CD-NOTICE DISCHARGE

House Sponsors
Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. Provides that a voluntary recipient admitted to a mental health facility who gives a written notice to the treatment staff that the recipient wishes to be discharged from the facility may be involuntarily held at the facility if within 5 days after giving the notice, a copy of the notice and a petition and the 2 certificates executed by a physician, qualified examiner, psychiatrist, advanced practice psychiatric nurse, or clinical psychologist which states that the recipient is subject to involuntary admission on an inpatient basis and requires immediate hospitalization are filed with the court (rather than only the petition and 2 certificates).

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HB 4506

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HLTH/DISABIL-RECORDS

House Sponsors
Rep. Maurice A. West, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. Allows, upon request, an investigator or attorney employed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation investigating any provider of mental health or developmental disabilities services who is a licensee of the Department to inspect and copy a recipient's record or any part thereof. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits the use of a recipient's records in an administrative proceeding conducted by the Department.
HB 4508

Comment: Pensions

Short Description: PENCD-SURS&DNST POLICE-VARIOUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police Article, but only with respect to a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, is entitled under those Articles or through a participating system under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act to begin receiving a retirement annuity or survivor's annuity and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. In the State Universities Article, provides that a Tier 2 member who has at least 20 years of service in the System as a police officer is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application on or after the attainment of age 55 (instead of age 60) if a specified rule is applicable to the participant. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

HB 4521

Comment: Child Dev Centers / Child care
Short Description: CHILD CARE-VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Martin McLaughlin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that, on or before January 1, 2025, the Department of Children and Family Services shall require each licensed day care center to maintain a video security system and maintain video surveillance of all public areas within the premises of the day care center, including, but not limited to, hallways, entrances, play areas, common rooms, and eating areas. Provides that video surveillance shall not take place in private areas within the day care center, including, but not limited to, bathrooms and changing areas. Provides that, if a video security system is deemed inadequate by the Department, the day care center shall have 30 days to correct the inadequacy. Provides that each licensed day care center must notify all parents of children attending the day care center that public areas are under video surveillance and must post a sign at the entrance of the day care center that informs visitors that the area is under video surveillance. Provides that the minimum standards for licensing shall require that each child care institution, maternity center, day care center, group home, day care home, and group day care home require that every staff member involved in the direct care of children be certified in first aid, in the Heimlich maneuver, and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (rather than have on its premises during its hours of operation at least one staff member certified in first aid, in the Heimlich maneuver, and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

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HB 4567

Comment:
Public Safety

Short Description: CRIM CD-THREATS-LIBRARY

House Sponsors
Rep. Anne Stava-Murray-Diane Blair-Sherlock-Barbara Hernandez

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Includes in offense of threatening a public official or human service provider, threatening a library employee. Provides that the threat to a public official, human service provider, or library employee includes a threat made electronically or via social media. Defines "library employee". In the offense of threatening a public official, human
service provider, or library employee, includes in the definition of "public official" an employee of any State of Illinois constitutional office, State agency, or the General Assembly. Provides that the offense of disorderly conduct includes transmitting or causing to be transmitted threats or false reports electronically or via social media. Provides that disorderly conduct includes the knowing transmission of or causing to be transmitted in any manner, including electronically or via social media, a lewd, lascivious, indecent, or obscene message to a public official. Provides that making a terrorist threat or falsely making a terrorist threat includes making a terrorist threat or falsely making a terrorist threat by any means of communication, including electronically or via social media. Makes other changes.

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HB 4596

Comment: HR

Short Description: PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE

House Sponsors
Rep. Joyce Mason

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Removes a provision that the Act shall not apply to any employee who is covered by a bona fide collective bargaining agreement with an employer that provides services nationally and internationally of delivery, pickup, and transportation of parcels, documents, and freight. Provides that the definition of "employee" does not include an employee as defined in the Federal Employers' Liability Act.

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HB 4598
Comment: HR

Short Description: EMPLOYMENT-RETURN TO OFFICE

House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Hernandez

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that an employee that resigns from a position due to a return to office policy shall be paid any severance pay that the employee would have been entitled to if he or she had been terminated from the position by the employer. Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that specified provisions shall not apply to an individual who has left work voluntarily due to a return to office policy.

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HB 4602

Comment: HR

Short Description: ONE DAY OF REST-VARIOUS

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the One Day Rest In Seven Act. Provides that the calculation of required rest days does not include any time that the employee is on call. Provides that an employee who voluntarily agrees to work on a day of rest must be paid at his or her regular hourly rate or, if applicable, at the overtime wage rate as required by the Illinois Minimum Wage Law. Provides that every employer shall permit its employees who are scheduled or expected to work (rather than are to work) for 7 1/2 continuous hours at least 20 minutes for a meal period beginning no later than 5 hours after the start of the work period. Provides that any employer, or agent or officer of an employer, has violated the Act if he or she discharges, takes an adverse action against, or in any other manner discriminates against any employee because that employee has exercised a right under the Act. Provides that the Director of Labor may (rather than shall) grant long term and short permits authorizing the employment of persons on days of rest. Makes changes in provisions concerning definitions; posting requirements; recordkeeping; and civil
offenses. Makes other changes.

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HB 4637

Comment:
Physician Assistants

**Short Description:** PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE

**House Sponsors**

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987. Provides that a physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, order, administer, and procure drugs and medical devices without delegation of authority by a physician. Provides that a physician assistant may practice without a written collaborative agreement. Provides that a physician assistant who files with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation a notarized attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of continuing education or training and at least 2,000 hours of clinical experience after first attaining national certification shall not require a written collaborative agreement. Makes changes in provisions concerning definitions; physician assistant title; collaboration requirements; written collaborative agreements, prescriptive authority, and physician assistants in hospitals, hospital affiliates, or ambulatory surgical treatment centers; inactive status; limitations; and grounds for disciplinary action. Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to make corresponding changes.

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HB 4642

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: COUNSELING COMPACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Counseling Compact Act. Provides that the State of Illinois enters into the Counseling Compact. Specifies that the Compact's purpose is to facilitate interstate practice of licensed professional counselors with the goal of improving public access to professional counseling services. Sets out provisions concerning the privilege to practice, obtaining a new home state license, active duty military personnel, telehealth, adverse actions, Counseling Compact Commission, data systems, rulemaking, oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement. Contains other provisions concerning the Commission, the Compact, and the procedures governing participating in and construction of the Compact. Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act. Requires the Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board to submit a report to the General Assembly with recommendations of any statutory changes and budgetary changes needed to comply with the requirements of the Counseling Compact. Requires the Board and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to modify, if needed, Board and Department rules to comply with the requirements of the Counseling Compact. Provides that the changes to the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act are effective immediately.

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HB 4648

Comment: State Revenue

Short Description: GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM-BAN

House Sponsors
Rep. Anthony DeLuca

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Prohibition on Taxpayer Funding of Guaranteed Income Act. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2024, no unit of government may use taxpayer money to fund a guaranteed
income program. Preempts the exercise of home rule powers. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 4650

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy - Univ & CC

Short Description: HIGHER ED-COMM COLLEGES-MISC

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Regional Superintendent of Schools Article of the School Code. Makes changes concerning high school equivalency testing. Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Removes provisions concerning funding transitional mathematics instruction. Amends the Student Parent Data Collection Act to make changes regarding the date that public universities shall report collected data. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board shall submit to the Board of Higher Education by December 15 (instead of November 15) of each year its budget proposal for the operation and capital needs of the institutions under its governance or supervision for the ensuing fiscal year. Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes changes concerning standing advisory organizations recognized by the Illinois Community College Board, the Board's powers and duties, spending local funds after the dissolution or reorganization of a community college district, the academic term, the bond a treasurer shall execute, contract bidding, the report on administrator and faculty salaries and benefits, and building program participation. Repeals a Section concerning the building program's plan approval. Amends the Know Before You Owe Private Education Loan Act. Repeals a Section concerning annual certification and maintenance of approval.

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HB 4652

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: HIGHR ED-STUDENT TEACH STIPEND

House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Hernandez-Joyce Mason-Dave Vella-Sharon Chung, Kelly M. Cassidy, Daniel Didech, Hoan Huynh, Aaron M. Ortiz and Anna Moeller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Board of Higher Education shall create a student teaching stipend program to alleviate the financial burden of student teaching and to encourage students to pursue teaching careers to alleviate this State's teacher shortage. Provides that to participate in the stipend program, an eligible student must be placed as a student teacher no later than June 1, 2025 or no later than June 1 each year thereafter. Provides that an educator preparation program shall notify the Board of all eligible students who qualify for the stipend program by July 1, 2025 and no later than July 1 each year thereafter and all eligible students shall be participants in the stipend program. Provides that no later than August 1, 2025 and no later than August 1 each year thereafter, subject to available appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible student a stipend of up to $10,000 per semester for up to 2 consecutive semesters, plus additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the stipend program. Provides that the educator preparation program shall distribute stipend funds using the standard methods for allocating State-based financial aid or as wages for employment to each eligible student in monthly installments. Sets forth additional provisions concerning the distribution of funds. Provides for rulemaking.

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HB 4653

Comment:
HR

Short Description: SCH CD-EMPLOYE TRAUMA TRAINING
House Sponsors
Rep. Michelle Mussman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes stylistic changes in provisions concerning institutes or inservice training workshops. In provisions concerning inservice training programs, removes the requirement that the training regarding health conditions of students include the chronic health conditions of students and provides that school district employees who are trained to respond to trauma under the provisions shall be immune from civil liability in the use of a trauma kit unless the action constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Provides that training regarding the implementation of trauma-informed practices under the provisions concerning institutes or inservice training workshops satisfies the requirements under the provisions concerning inservice training programs. Removes certain provisions that require a school board to conduct inservice training for all school district employees on the methods to respond to trauma. Makes technical changes having a revisory function. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 4658

Comment:
K-12 Policy

Short Description: SCH CD-PERSONAL FINANCE EDUC

House Sponsors
Rep. Curtis J. Tarver, II-Dave Vella

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Instead of requiring consumer education to be taught and studied, provides that, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2027-2028 school year, pupils in the public schools in grade 11 or 12 shall be taught and be required to complete a stand-alone, one-semester or equivalent course covering personal finance. Sets forth what topics must be included. Provides that the State Board of Education shall devise or approve the personal finance education standards for the course. Provides that the school board shall oversee implementation of the course for each high school student prior to graduation. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a Financial Literacy Implementation Committee no later than June 30, 2024 to make recommendations to the State Superintendent of Education concerning the implementation of the course for each high school student prior to graduation. Sets forth provisions concerning Committee members, meetings, and
support. Provides that the State Board of Education shall present regular and timely reports to the Committee regarding the implementation of the course. Requires a pupil to successfully complete a course on personal finance education as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma (rather than allowing a financial literacy course to be included as part of the social studies requirement). Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 4663

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $GRANTS-HFS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates the sum of $25,000,000, or so much of that sum as may be necessary, from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide grants to certified community behavioral health clinics that have been selected to participate in the Department's certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration programs with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 4664

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MEDICAID-COMM MENTAL HLTH CNTR
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that beginning on January 1, 2025, rates for psychiatric evaluations performed by community mental health centers and substance use disorder treatment providers and practitioners as set forth on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' Practitioner Fee Schedule shall be increased to $237.57. Provides that beginning on January 1, 2025, rates for medication monitoring performed by community mental health centers and substance use disorder treatment providers and practitioners as set forth on the Department's Practitioner Fee Schedule shall be increased to $140.77 per quarter hour. Provides that no existing or future reimbursement rates or add-ons shall be reduced or changed to address these rate increases. Provides that no later than October 1, 2024, the Department shall submit any necessary application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver or State Plan amendment to implement the requirements of the amendatory Act. Provides that beginning in State Fiscal Year 2025, and every State fiscal year thereafter, reimbursement rates for those community-based mental health and substance use disorder services shall be adjusted upward by an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index-U from the previous year, not to exceed 5% in any State fiscal year. Effective immediately.

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HB 4665

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HLTH PROFESSIONAL GRANT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Program Act. Creates within the Department of Human Services a Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Program to provide grants to mental health facilities and substance use disorder treatment programs. Creates the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that money in the Fund shall be used by the Secretary of the Department to make grants to eligible
mental health facilities and substance use disorder treatment programs. Requires grant recipients to use grant funds for expenses related to recruiting, retaining, and compensating licensed mental health or substance use disorder professionals. Provides that each grant recipient shall receive up to $200,000 in grant funding for each mental health or substance use disorder professional employed, engaged, or contracted by the recipient. Contains provisions concerning application requirements and Department rulemaking authority. Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Provides that the amendatory provisions may be referred to as the Equity in Accessibility Law. Requires the Department to provide funding and reimbursement for those costs associated with the provision of American Sign Language services and interpretive services for non-English speaking patients at substance use disorder treatment programs and facilities. Provides that funding and reimbursement shall be based upon the actual cost incurred by the substance use disorder treatment program or facility and shall reflect regional differences in costs and expenses related to the provision of American Sign Language and interpretive services at each location. Contains provisions on applications requirements and Department rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

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HB 4666

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $DHS-MENTAL HLTH PROFESSIONALS

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $40,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Human Services for the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 4667

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: HEALTH-BEHAVIORAL CLINIC GRANT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Act. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide grants to certified community behavioral health clinics that have been selected to participate in the Department's demonstration programs with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Provides that grants awarded by the Department shall be used for expenses related to identifying, planning, preparing for, and implementing plans and operations in accordance with State and federal certification criteria. Provides that each recipient of a grant shall be eligible for up to $1,500,000 for each certified community behavioral health clinic operated by the recipient and approved by the Department. Provides that the Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions. Effective immediately.

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HB 4672

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-SPEECH-LANG PATHOLOGIST

House Sponsors
Rep. Michelle Mussman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning educator testing, provides that an applicant for a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for non-teaching speech-language pathologist may satisfy the
requirement of passing a test of content area knowledge by passing the national Praxis test in speech-language pathology administered by the Educational Testing Service. Provides that an applicant for a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for non-teaching speech-language pathologist may complete a school internship, externship, or practicum prior to taking the Praxis test, but must pass the Praxis test in speech-language pathology prior to licensure.

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HB 4674

Comment:
Day Care

Short Description: DAY CARE LICENSING-ISBE

House Sponsors
Rep. Bradley Fritts

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall have the power to license day care centers, licensed day care homes, and licensed group day care as described in the Child Care Act of 1969. Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that the transfer of responsibility for licensure under the Act from the Department of Children and Family Services to the State Board of Education shall begin on the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that the State Board of Education may adopt any rules and emergency rules and execute any intergovernmental agreements necessary to assume responsibility for the transfer. Changes references in provisions concerning day care licensing from "Department of Children and Family Services" to "State Board of Education". Makes conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to provide for emergency rulemaking.

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HB 4679

Comment:
appropriations

short description: $DHS-mental health care

House sponsors
rep. Cyril Nichols

Synopsis as introduced
appropriates $1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Human Services to provide mental health services to pre-incarcerated and post-incarcerated individuals. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 4690

Comment:
K-12

Short description: Communication in Public School

House sponsors
rep. Tim Ozinga

Synopsis as introduced
Creates the Communication and Actions in Public Schools Act. Provides that no communication by a public school entity, official representative thereof, professional employee, or guest school speaker may compel a person to adopt, affirm, adhere to, or profess an idea that violates Title IV or Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 or adopt, affirm, adhere to, or profess specified concepts. Provides that nothing in those provisions may be construed to prohibit the discussion of ideas and history of the described concepts or may be construed to prohibit the discussion of public policy issues of the day or ideas that individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or offensive. Sets forth provisions concerning a refusal to engage in any of the specified concepts. Provides that no public school entity may use funds from any source to engage in any of the specified concepts. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop and make available to professional employees technical assistance, guidance, and professional development in accordance with specified provisions. Sets forth requirements for
contractors with a public school entity. Provides that a parent, student, professional employee, or other person interacting with a public school entity may file a complaint with the school board of the school district alleging a violation of the Act by a professional employee or contractor. Sets forth other enforcement provisions. Provides that the State Board shall develop a policy on how a complaint may be filed. Provides that the policy shall be made available on the State Board's Internet website. Provides that the State Board may adopt rules to implement the Act.

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HB 4705

Comment:
AI

Short Description: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Artificial Intelligence Reporting Act. Provides that each State agency shall prepare an annual report concerning the State agency's use of covered algorithms in its operations. Sets forth reporting requirements. Provides that, within 6 months after the effective date of the Act, and each year thereafter, each State agency shall submit the report to the General Assembly, the Auditor General, and the Department of Innovation and Technology. Provides that the Department of Innovation and Technology shall create and maintain a website to make the annual reports accessible to the public. Provides that each State agency shall designate among current staff a Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer to oversee the preparation and submission of the report. Effective immediately.

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HB 4713

Comment:
Telehealth

Short Description: MEDICAID-TELEHEALTH-CILAS

House Sponsors
Rep. Anna Moeller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to incorporate telehealth services in community-integrated living arrangements for individuals with an intellectual and developmental disability for the purpose of providing medical services. Requires the Department to pay the telehealth originating site facility fees for such telehealth services. Provides that the implementation of telehealth services shall not impede the choice of any individual receiving waiver-funded services through the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities to receive in-person health care services at any time. Provides that the use of telehealth services shall not be used for the convenience of staff at any time. Removes a provision requiring the Department to file an amendment to the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities to incorporate telehealth services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Provides that implementation of the amendatory Act is subject to appropriation and federal approval. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 4720

Comment:
State Treasurer

Short Description: HIGHER ED SAVINGS-MEDICAID

House Sponsors
Rep. Maura Hirschauer, Diane Blair-Sherlock and Laura Faver Dias

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Treasurer Act. Provides that, beginning in 2026, the Department of
Healthcare and Family Services shall provide the State Treasurer with information on Medicaid recipients with one or more dependent children born after December 31, 2025 for the purpose of identifying the amount of seed funds to be deposited for each beneficiary. In provisions concerning supplementary deposits, provides that the State Treasurer may make supplementary deposits to each eligible child who is enrolled in Medicaid or whose parent or legal guardian is enrolled in Medicaid in the amount of $50 or a greater amount if designated by the State Treasurer by rule. Makes conforming changes.

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HB 4725

Comment: DACA

Short Description: HIGHER ED-AID ELIGIBILITY

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Retention of Illinois Students and Equity Act. Provides that a noncitizen graduate student who is an Illinois resident but who does not possess a valid visa or status as a lawful permanent resident is eligible for State financial aid and benefits.

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HB 4728

Comment: Child Care / Head Start

Short Description: CHILD CARE COLLABORATION PROG
House Sponsors
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to implement a Child Care Collaboration Program by no later than July 1, 2024 to facilitate high quality collaborative programming between child care and other early care and education providers and funding streams in order to increase, through collaboration, the quality and quantity of early care and education for families in Illinois who are eligible to receive child care assistance under the Department's Child Care Assistance Program. Provides that to be eligible to participate in the Child Care Collaboration Program a provider must meet certain eligibility requirements, including: (i) be a profit or nonprofit early childhood center or licensed family child care home; (ii) receive or be eligible to receive child care assistance funding; and (iii) be a part of an existing or pending collaborative arrangement with a Head Start or Early Head Start Program or with a pre-kindergarten program funded by the Illinois State Board of Education through the Early Childhood Block Grant. Sets forth approvable models of collaboration and application requirements for providers seeking approval of their existing or proposed child care collaboration program. Provides that each eligible provider that receives Department approval of its existing or proposed child care collaboration program shall receive an annual contract from the Department that allows for the advance payment of child care services at a rate that is based on the license capacity of the program. Provides that a family's eligibility for collaboration services under the approved child care collaboration program shall be determined in accordance with all current child care rules, with certain exceptions, including, but not limited to: (1) a family's eligibility period for collaboration services shall be up to 36 months to coincide with the family's eligibility for a Head Start or Early Head Start Program or an early childhood or preschool program funded through the Early Childhood Block Grant; and (2) no child care co-payments shall be assigned or collected from the family. Effective immediately.

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HB 4733

Comment:
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Short Description: HIGHER ED-U OF I-SCHOLARSHIPS

House Sponsors
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the University of Illinois Act. In provisions concerning scholarships for the children of veterans, provides that an honorary scholarship may also be given to the children of persons who served at any time during the invasion of Panama between December 20, 1989 and January 31, 1990.

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HB 4736

Comment:
Hi Ed Tax Credit

Short Description: INC TX-SCHOLARSHIPS

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for an amount equal to the amount included in the taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income that is attributable to student loan repayment assistance received by the taxpayer during the taxable year from a qualified community foundation if the taxpayer is a qualified worker. Effective immediately.

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HB 4737

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: JOINT PURCHASING-RANKING
House Sponsors
Rep. Terra Costa Howard

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act. Provides that a governmental unit may award contracts based on its own ranking of the offerors without regard to whether or not a cooperative purchasing program has ranked the offerors. Effective immediately.

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HB 4738

Comment:
IBHE Omnibus

Short Description: BD HIGHER ED-CEASE AND DESIST

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012. Provides that the Board of Higher Education may issue a cease and desist order to any school operating without the required permit of approval and may impose a civil penalty. Sets forth various requirements for the cease and desist order and the penalty. Amends the Private College Act and the Academic Degree Act to make similar changes.

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HB 4739

Comment:
Mental Health
DHFS - MENTAL HLTH FEE SCHEDULE

House Sponsors
Rep. Terra Costa Howard and Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in order to give providers more time to prepare for and implement changes to the Medicaid Mental Health Fee Schedule and to ensure that the quality and delivery of behavioral health care is not disrupted, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide an approved Medicaid Mental Health Fee Schedule to all behavioral health care providers no later than 45 days prior to the date such rate change takes effect, unless contrary to federal law and regulation. Requires the Department to obtain federal approval on any Medicaid Mental Health Fee Schedule by submitting all necessary documentation in a timely manner, including, but not limited to, submitting any required State Plan amendments to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Provides that if the Department is unable to provide 45 days' notice prior to the date such rate change takes effect due to external circumstances beyond the Department's control, the Department must provide a reasonable amount of notice. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act shall be construed as a requirement to delay or prohibit implementation of rate changes that impact enrollee benefits as determined in the sole discretion of the Department.

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HB 4742

Comment:
HR

Short Description: ORGAN DONATION-PART TIME

House Sponsors
Rep. Jay Hoffman and Dagmara Avelar

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Employee Blood and Organ Donation Leave Act. Provides that an employee or part-time employee (rather than an employee) may use up to 10 days of leave in any 12-month period to serve as an organ donor.

Last Action
HB 4749

Comment: Enrollment Mgmt

Short Description: HIGHER ED-TRANSFER-FEE WAIVER

House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Hernandez

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that the governing board of each public university shall waive any admissions application fee for a student transferring from a public community college in this State if the transferring student is enrolled in the last semester of a degree program and is on schedule to graduate with a degree. Effective immediately.

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HB 4762

Comment: AI

Short Description: DIGITAL LIKENESS PROTECTION

House Sponsors
Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Digital Voice and Likeness Protection Act. Provides that a provision in an agreement between an individual and any other person for the performance of personal or professional services is contrary to public policy and is deemed unenforceable if the provision
meets all of the following conditions: (1) the provision allows for the creation and use of a digital replica of the individual's voice or likeness in place of work the individual would otherwise have performed in person; (2) the provision does not clearly define and detail all of the proposed uses of the digital replica or the generative artificial intelligence system; and (3) the individual was not represented by legal counsel or by a labor union acting in a specified capacity. Provides that the Act shall apply retroactively. Provides that any person who is currently under, or has entered into, an agreement with an individual performing personal or professional services containing an unenforceable provision shall notify that individual in writing that the provision is unenforceable by January 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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HB 4782

Comment:
AG

Short Description: EXOTIC WEEDS-PERMITS

House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Hernandez and Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Exotic Weed Act. Changes the title of the Act to the Illinois Exotic Weeds Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall determine the plants that are exotic weeds for the purposes of the Act and shall compile and keep current a list of such exotic weeds, which list shall be published and incorporated in the rules of the Department. Provides that the Department, by rule, shall exempt varieties of any species listed in Department rule. Provides that, for the control of exotic weeds, a municipality may adopt an ordinance to eradicate exotic weeds listed in the rules of the Department. Deletes the listing of specified exotic weeds from the Act. Amends various Acts to make conforming changes.

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HB 4787

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description:  PARAPROF TO TEACHER PROGRAM

House Sponsors
Rep. Amy L. Grant

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Paraprofessional Fast Track to Teaching Degree Pilot Program Act. Makes findings. Provides that the Paraprofessional Fast Track to Teaching Degree Pilot Program is created for a 2-year degree pathway by which paraprofessional educators may enroll to achieve the education requirements to attain a professional educator license in this State, which shall comply with the standards of the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education. Provides that, subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year or, if funds are not appropriated for the Program that academic year, beginning with the academic year in which funds are appropriated for the Program, the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education shall coordinate with each other to assign a qualified individual to serve as a Program director to develop the curriculum for the Program. Provides that one public elementary or public secondary school and one public university in this State shall be chosen to develop a program for transitioning paraprofessionals to teachers. Includes the core components of the Program. Provides that the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education must submit a report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Reference Bureau detailing the impact of the Program and then the Program is dissolved and the Act is repealed. Effective immediately.

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HB 4829

Comment:
Dept of Corrections

Short Description:  INDEP CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT
House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin John Olickal

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Independent Corrections Oversight Committee Act. Creates the Independent Corrections Oversight Committee. Provides for membership of the Committee. Provides that the Committee shall be separate and independent from the Department of Corrections and shall not be staffed or operated by corrections officials from the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice. Establishes duties of the Committee. Provides that the Committee shall appoint a Director as head of the Committee. Provides that the Director may be removed only for cause. Provides that each member of the Committee shall serve 3-year terms. Provides that the Committee shall choose a Director who may only be removed from office for cause. Provides that the Committee shall appoint the Independent Corrections Ombudsperson. Provides that the Committee shall hold regular public hearings to present, review, and discuss data, reports, and findings. Provides that the Committee may issue findings, and recommendations, including policy and legislative proposals. Provides that the members of the Committee and the Director of the Committee may: (1) access and inspect correctional institutions upon demand; (2) enter any part of any correctional facility, at any time, without notice, to conduct inspections, respond to or investigate complaints, and monitor facility conditions and the quality of services provided to committed persons; (3) obtain documents and data upon demand, including documents or data from the Department of Corrections, for which the Department of Corrections must respond to such requests promptly and fully; and (4) speak with committed persons or staff confidentially and have unmonitored conversations with committed persons or staff in a safe environment. Effective immediately.

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HB 4836

Comment:
AI

Short Description: STATE AGENCIES-AI SYSTEMS

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Departments of State Government Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that all State agency artificial intelligence systems or State-funded artificial
intelligence systems must follow the trustworthiness, equity, and transparency standards framework established by the National Institute for Standards and Technology's AI Risk Management Framework. Specifies timeframes for compliance. Requires a State agency or an entity deploying a State-funded artificial intelligence system to submit a National Institute for Standards and Technology-based algorithmic impact assessment to the General Assembly, the Illinois Auditor General, and the Department of Innovation and Technology, the submission of which shall be overseen by a chief artificial intelligence officer or chief intelligence officers appointed at the discretion of the chief executive officer of each State agency submitting the report or the entity deploying a State-funded artificial intelligence system that is submitting the report. Requires algorithmic impact assessments to be submitted for all covered algorithms used by a State agency or entity deploying a State-funded artificial intelligence system. Requires the Department of Innovation and Technology to create 2 standardized algorithmic impact assessments, one for State agencies and one for entities deploying a State-funded artificial intelligence system, and includes requirements for the assessment. Effective immediately.

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HB 4846

Comment:
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Curtis J. Tarver, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Provides for a uniform standard of contract goals for State agencies, public institutions of higher education, and other departments. Specifies further requirements concerning the uniform standard of contract goals. Provides that the Secretary of the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities shall have the duty to establish an enforcement procedure whereby the Council may recommend to the appropriate State legal officer that the State exercise its legal remedies which shall include, among other legal remedies, the imposition of a penalty in the amount of the discrepancy between the commitment contained in a utilization plan, as such amount may be amended over the term of the contract, and the qualifying payments made to the eligible certified vendors listed in the utilization plan. Provides that the terms of every contract entered into by a State agency or public institution of higher education for purposes of the Act shall include a provision requiring vendors who fail to comply with a
utilization plan to return all funds paid to that vendor with an expectation of compliance. Provides that the Council may (rather than shall) grant a waiver when the contractor demonstrates that there has been a good faith effort to comply with the goals for participation by businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Makes conforming and other changes.

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HB 4858

Comment:
Tax Credits - Hi Ed

Short Description: INC TAX-STUDENT LOAN

House Sponsors
Rep. Mark L. Walker

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a qualified taxpayer who has annual student loan repayment expenses is eligible for an income tax credit equal to the taxpayer's student loan repayment expenses for the taxable year, but not to exceed $3,000 per taxpayer. Effective immediately.

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HB 4870

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description: PENCD-SERS-ALTERNATIVE ANNUITY
Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a member who is eligible to receive an alternative retirement annuity may elect to receive an estimated payment that shall commence no later than 30 days after the later of either the member's last day of employment or 30 days after the member files for the retirement benefit with the System. Provides that the estimated payment shall be the best estimate by the System of the total monthly amount due to the member based on the information that the System possesses at the time of the estimate. Provides that if the amount of the estimate is greater or less than the actual amount of the monthly annuity, the System shall pay or recover the difference within 6 months after the start of the monthly annuity. Excludes a benefit increase resulting from the amendatory Act from the definition of "new benefit increase". Effective immediately.

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HB 4873

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description: PEN CD-VARIOUS

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes to Tier 2 benefits for members or participants under the 5 State-funded retirement systems and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, including changes to automatic annual increases, age and service requirements for retirement, and limits on the amount of salary for annuity purposes. Establishes an accelerated pension benefit payment option for the General Assembly, Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Code. Establishes a deferred retirement option plan for certain members who are otherwise eligible to retire under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, or Chicago Teachers Article of the Code under which a participant may continue in active service for up to 5 years while having his or her retirement pension paid into a special account. Requires the State Treasurer to administer the deferred retirement option plan for the State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles. Amends the General
Obligation Bond Act. Provides that each fiscal year after certain State pension funding bonds and income tax proceed bonds are retired, the Comptroller shall order and the State Treasurer shall transfer $500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Unfunded Liability Reduction Fund each fiscal year, which shall be used for making additional contributions to the 5 State-funded retirement systems. Restricts participation in the General Assembly Retirement System and Judges Retirement System to persons who become participants before January 13, 2027. Provides for participation in the State Employees Retirement System by judges and members of the General Assembly. Authorizes the transfer of service credit from those Systems to the State Employees Retirement System. Authorizes investigators for the Department of the Lottery and Tier 2 security employees of the Department of Corrections and security employees of the Department of Human Services to establish eligible creditable service under the alternative annuity provisions of the State Employees Article. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2025.

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HB 4882

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy - Use of 529 Plans

Short Description: 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS POOL

House Sponsors
Rep. Dennis Tipsword, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Treasurer Act. In provisions relating to the College Savings Pool established by the State Treasurer pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, provides that an "eligible educational institution" includes elementary or secondary public, private, or religious schools and "qualified expenses" include expenses, up to $10,000 per taxable year, for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school. Amends the Deposit of State Moneys Act, Illinois Income Tax Act, the Code of Civil Procedure, and the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action
HB 4886

Comment:
Ethics

Short Description: EX INSPECTOR GENERAL-STATEMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Fred Crespo

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that an Executive Inspector General may issue a public statement when the Executive Inspector General concludes its investigation and (i) recommends systemic or procedural action based on the investigation or (ii) finds reasonable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and the Executive Inspector General believes that a complaint concerning the investigation should not be filed by the Attorney General with the Executive Ethics Commission. Limits the scope of a public statement that may be issued. Provides that, before issuing a public statement, the Executive Inspector General shall share the public statement with the agency head and ultimate jurisdictional authority affected by the investigation and allow the agency head and ultimate jurisdictional authority affected by the investigation a period of 10 business days to provide the Executive Inspector General with a response to the proposed public statement, which must be included with the public statement. Effective immediately.

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HB 4898

Comment:
OMA

Short Description: REMOTE MEETINGS-SEVERE WEATHER
House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an open or closed meeting subject to the Act may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, if the National Weather Service has determined that all or part of the jurisdiction of the public body is located within an area that is subject to a severe weather alert on the day of the meeting. Makes conforming changes.

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HB 4901

Comment:
Dental Issues

Short Description: MEDICAID-DENTAL RATES-SEDATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Natalie A. Manley

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that on and after January 1, 2025, the rates paid for sedation evaluation and the provision of deep sedation and intravenous sedation for the purpose of dental services shall be increased by 33% above the rates in effect on December 31, 2024. Provides that the rates paid for nitrous oxide sedation shall not be impacted by the amendatory Act and shall remain the same as the rates in effect on December 31, 2024. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 4913

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $BD HIGHER ED-STUDENT TEACHER

House Sponsors
Rep. Barbara Hernandez

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $50,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for all costs and expenses associated with a student teaching stipend program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 4914

Comment:
HR

Short Description: EQUAL PAY ACT-PAY SCALE

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that the definition of "pay scale and benefits" means the wage or salary, or the wage or salary range, and a general description of the benefits and other compensation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, stock options, family and medical leave benefits, parental leave benefits, or other incentives the employer reasonably expects in good faith to offer for the position (rather than bonuses, stock options, or other incentives the employer reasonably expects in good faith to offer for the position), set by reference to any applicable pay scale, the previously determined range for the position, the actual range of others currently holding equivalent positions, or the budgeted amount for the position, as applicable.

Last Action
HB 4922

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: CHILDREN-MENTAL HEALTH

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe, Terra Costa Howard and Maurice A. West, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts concerning children's mental health. Amends the School Code. Provides that on or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Team, the Office of the Governor, and relevant stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to implement universal mental health screening of students. Provides that the State Board of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on school district readiness and plan for phased approach to universal mental health screening of students on or before April 1, 2025. Repeals the Wellness Checks in Schools Program Act. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall implement guidance to managed care organizations and similar care coordination entities contracted with the Department, so that the managed care organizations and care coordination entities respond to lead indicators with services and interventions that are designed to help stabilize the child. Amends the Children's Mental Health Act. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Partnership shall advise the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative on designing and implementing short-term and long-term strategies to provide comprehensive and coordinated services for children from birth to age 25 and their families with the goal of addressing children's mental health needs across a full continuum of care, including social determinants of health, prevention, early identification, and treatment. Provides that the Department of Public health (rather than the Department of Healthcare and Family Services) shall provide technical and administrative support for the Partnership. Deletes provision that the Partnership shall employ an Executive Director and set the compensation of the Executive Director and other such employees and technical assistance as it deems necessary to carry out its duties. Amends the Interagency Children's Behavioral Health Services Act. Provides that the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Team in collaboration with the Department of Human Services shall develop a program to provide one-on-one in-home respite behavioral health aids to youth requiring intensive supervision due to behavioral health needs. Effective immediately.

Last Action
HB 4931

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: INS-NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

House Sponsors
Rep. Margaret Croke

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In a provision concerning billing for services provided by nonparticipating providers or facilities, provides that when calculating an enrollee’s contribution to the annual limitation on cost sharing set forth under specified federal law, a health insurance issuer or its subcontractors shall include expenditures for any item or health care service covered under the policy issued to the enrollee by the health insurance issuer or its subcontractors if that item or health care service is included within a category of essential health benefits and regardless of whether the health insurance issuer or its subcontractors classify that item or service as an essential health benefit. Effective immediately.

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HB 4938

Comment: SIU Initiated Legislation

Short Description: SIU-ETHANOL RESEARCH BOARD

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Southern Illinois University Management Act. In provisions concerning the members of the Illinois Ethanol Research Advisory Board, provides that the Board may be composed of designees of the members. Effective immediately.

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HB 4945

Comment: 
Liquor

Short Description: LIQUOR-DRINKING AGE W/ PARENT

House Sponsors
Rep. John M. Cabello

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Changes the age at which a person may possess and consume alcoholic liquor to the age of 18 (instead of 21) so long as a parent or guardian is present, including at licensed establishments. Makes conforming changes. Amends the Video Gaming Act and the Innkeeper Protection Act to make conforming changes.

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HB 4955

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-STATE ASSESSMENTS
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall administer no more than one assessment (instead of 3 assessments), per student, of English language arts and mathematics for students in a secondary education program. Removes a provision that specifies that students who do not take the State's final accountability assessment or its approved alternate assessment may not receive a regular high school diploma unless otherwise exempted. Provides that the State Board of Education may not assess students in any manner beyond that required for compliance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. Provides that the State Board shall also explore any flexibility afforded to states through waivers under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 4962

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: DHFS-DHS-DIRECT SUPPORT WAGE

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish reimbursement rates that build toward livable wages for front-line personnel in residential and day programs and service coordination agencies serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Provides that for community-based providers serving persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, subject to federal approval, the rates taking effect for services delivered on or after July 1, 2024 shall be increased sufficiently to: (i) provide a minimum $3.00 per hour wage increase over the wages in effect on June 30, 2024 for front-line personnel; and (ii) provide wages for all other residential non-executive direct care staff, excluding direct support professionals, at the U.S. Department of Labor's average wage as defined, by rule, by the Department. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that for ID/DD facilities and MC/DD facilities, the rates taking effect for services delivered on or after July 1, 2024, shall be increased sufficiently to: (i) provide a minimum $3.00 per hour wage increase over the wages in effect on June 30, 2024 for front-line personnel; and
(ii) provide wages for all other residential non-executive direct care staff, excluding direct support professionals, at the U.S. Department of Labor’s average wage as defined, by rule, by the Department. Requires the same increase for front-line personnel employed at community-based providers serving persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Grants the Departments of Human Services and Healthcare and Family Services emergency rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

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HB 4975

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description:  DHS-GAMBLING DISORDERS

House Sponsors
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. In provisions requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a public education program regarding gambling disorders, requires the program to (i) promote public awareness to create a gambling informed State regarding the impact of gambling disorders on individuals, families, and communities and the stigma that surrounds gambling disorders and (ii) use screening, crisis intervention, treatment, public awareness, prevention, in-service training, and other innovative means to decrease the incidents of suicide attempts related to a gambling disorder or gambling issues. Requires the Department to determine a statement regarding obtaining assistance with a gambling disorder, which each licensed gambling establishment owner shall post and each master sports wagering licensee shall include on the master sports wagering licensee's portal, Internet website, or computer or mobile application. Permits the Department: to provide advice to State and local officials on gambling disorders; to support gambling disorder prevention, recognition, treatment, and recovery projects; to collaborate with other community-based organizations, substance use disorder treatment centers, or other health care providers engaged in treating individuals who are experiencing gambling disorder; and to perform other actions. Permits the Department to award grants to create or support local gambling prevention, recognition, and response projects. Makes other changes.

Last Action
HB 4977

Comment:
Medicaid

Short Description: DHFS-INPATIENT STABILIZATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Robyn Gabel

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Makes changes to provisions requiring Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO) to make payments for emergency services. Requires an MCO to pay any provider of emergency services, including inpatient stabilization services provided during the inpatient stabilization period, that does not have in effect a contract with the MCO. Defines "inpatient stabilization period" to mean the initial 72 hours of inpatient stabilization services, beginning from the date and time of the order for inpatient admission to the hospital. Provides that when determining payment for all emergency services, including inpatient stabilization services provided during the inpatient stabilization period, the MCO shall: (i) not impose any service authorization requirements, including, but not limited to, prior authorization, prior approval, pre-certification, concurrent review, or certification of admission; (ii) have no obligation to cover emergency services provided on an emergency basis that are not covered services under the MCO's contract with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services; and (iii) not condition coverage for emergency services on the treating provider notifying the MCO of the enrollee's emergency medical screening examination and treatment within 10 days after presentation for emergency services. Provides that the determination of the attending emergency physician, or the practitioner responsible for the enrollee's care at the hospital, of whether an enrollee requires inpatient stabilization services, can be stabilized in the outpatient setting, or is sufficiently stabilized for discharge or transfer to another facility, shall be binding on the MCO. Provides that an MCO shall not reimburse inpatient stabilization services billed on an inpatient institutional claim under the outpatient reimbursement methodology and shall not reimburse providers for emergency services in cases of fraud. Requires the Department to impose sanctions on a MCO for noncompliance, including, but not limited to, financial penalties, suspension of enrollment of new enrollees, and termination of the MCO's contract with the Department. Effective immediately.

Last Action
HB 4980

Comment:
Medicaid

Short Description: MEDICAID-SERVICE AUTHORIZATION

House Sponsors
Rep. Robyn Gabel

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to: (1) adopt a single, uniform service authorization program under which service authorization determinations for all individuals enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO) shall be made by the Department's contracted utilization review organization (URO), as defined; (2) require all service authorization determinations made by the URO to be binding upon the MCO; (3) prohibit an MCO from denying or reducing payment of a claim, or recouping payment of a paid claim, for health care services approved by the URO, except in cases of fraud; (4) adopt certain rules concerning service authorization determinations; (5) seek approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for enhanced federal matching funds for such improvements to the Department's Medicaid Management Information System to implement the single, uniform service authorization program; and other matters. Makes these changes applicable to managed care contracts issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025. Makes changes to provisions on when an MCO is required to pay for post-stabilization services as a covered service. Prohibits MCOs and the URO from imposing any requirements for prior approval of emergency services. Provides that MCOs are not obligated to cover health care services, as defined, that are provided on an emergency basis but are not covered services under its contract with the Department. Requires the Department to impose sanctions on a MCO for noncompliance, including, but not limited to, financial penalties, suspension of enrollment of new enrollees, and termination of the MCO's contract with the Department. Effective immediately.

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HB 4988

Comment:
Nursing

Short Description:  NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Ryan Spain-Norine K. Hammond-Tony M. McCombie and Travis Weaver

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws. Provides that the State may not share with or disclose to the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators or any other state any of the contents of a nationwide criminal history records check conducted for the purpose of multistate licensure under the Nurse Licensure Compact. Makes conforming changes.

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HB 4991

Comment:
Facilities Management

Short Description:  BUILDING CODES-ENERGY

House Sponsors
Rep. Ryan Spain

Synopsis As Introduced

Last Action
HB 5002

Comment: Enrollment Mgmnt

Short Description: COLL STUDENT IMMUNIZATION-TDAP

House Sponsors
Rep. Anthony DeLuca

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the College Student Immunization Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, for any tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine requirement, if a student who enrolls in a post-secondary education institution cannot provide the dates of 3 or more doses of the Tdap vaccine, then the student may provide the date of at least one or more doses of the Tdap vaccine within one year prior to enrolling in the post-secondary education institution. Effective immediately.

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HB 5005

Comment:
Treasurer - Hi Ed Savings

Short Description: EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAMS

House Sponsors
Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock-Gregg Johnson-Suzanne M. Ness-Hoan Huynh-Sue Scherer, Jenn Ladisch Douglass, Anne Stava-Murray, William "Will" Davis, Lindsey LaPointe, Laura Faver Dias, Maura Hirschauer, Joyce Mason, Sharon Chung and Cyril Nichols
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Treasurer Act. In provisions concerning the College Savings Pool, provides that an account may be rolled over into a Roth IRA account, to the extent permitted by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. In provisions concerning the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program, provides that the definition of "eligible child" includes a child born or adopted after December 31, 2022, to a parent who is a resident of Illinois at the time of the birth or adoption, as evidenced by documentation received by the Treasurer from a parent or legal guardian of the child. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 5014

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: VALUE-ADDED RESELLER

House Sponsors
Rep. Justin Slaughter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that, if a public institution of higher education or a State agency uses a value-added reseller for the purchase of any information technology hardware under the Code, then that public institution of higher education or State agency may require the value-added reseller to include in its bid an attestation from the manufacturer of the goods stating that the manufacturer offers the goods for sale to all value-added resellers at substantially the same terms that apply to the bidder's purchase of the goods. Requires the Department of Innovation and Technology and the University of Illinois each to include those requirements when making at least one procurement of information technology hardware during State fiscal year 2025. Effective immediately.

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HB 5019

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: ART THERAPY LICENSING

House Sponsors
Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Art Therapy Licensing and Practice Act. Provides for licensure of licensed professional art therapists and licensed associate art therapists by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Establishes the Art Therapy Advisory Board. Establishes the powers and duties of the Advisory Board, including advising the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation on all matters pertaining to licensure, education, and continuing education requirements for licensees. Establishes the powers and duties of the Department, including prescribing rules defining what constitutes an appropriate curriculum for art therapy, reviewing the qualifications of applicants for licenses, investigating alleged violations of the Act, conducting hearings on disciplinary and other matters, and establishing a schedule of fees for the administration and enforcement of the Act. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a licensed clinical professional art therapist and licensed associate art therapist. Establishes grounds for discipline of a license. Provides for civil and criminal penalties for violations of the Act. Creates provisions concerning formal hearings, including transcripts of proceedings, appointment of hearing officers, subpoenas and depositions, and rehearings. Provides for judicial review of all final administrative decisions of the Department. Preempts home rule powers by providing that regulation and licensing of professional art therapists are exclusive powers and functions of the State. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to repeal the Art Therapy Licensing and Practice Act on January 1, 2030. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to provide that licensed clinical professional art therapists and licensed associate art therapists are mandatory reporters under the Act.

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HB 5020

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy - Dual Credit
Short Description: EDUC-DUAL CREDIT QUALITY ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Dual Credit Quality Act. Makes changes concerning high school and community college partnership agreements, the Dual Credit Committee, instructor and other standards for dual credit courses, and the data in reports made by institutions of higher learning. Provides that a Dual Credit Instructor Endorsement Framework shall be developed through a committee involving collaboration between the Illinois Community College Board and the State Board of Education by December 31, 2024. Sets forth the membership of the committee. Provides that the Framework shall establish criteria for evaluating instructors on the basis of academic credentials, progress toward academic credentials, equivalent experience, or some combination of these. Sets forth what the criteria shall include and what the Framework may do. Effective immediately.

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HB 5022

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: APRN PSYCHIATRIC VISITS

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013. Provides that an advance practice registered nurse shall observe consumers and staff and their interactions at least weekly, and the psychiatric medical director shall be present at the facility at least monthly to review interactions and make necessary modifications. Effective immediately.

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HB 5024

Comment:
Early Childhood Ed

Short Description: HIGHR ED-EARLY CHLD CONSORTIUM

House Sponsors
Rep. Joyce Mason

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Act. Removes provisions concerning geographic regional hubs established by the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and member institutions. Removes references to the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development. In provisions concerning the membership of the advisory committee to the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity, provides that specified appointments made by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development shall instead be made by the Department of Human Services. Provides that all appointed positions on the advisory committee shall have their term length chosen by agreement among the co-chairpersons of the advisory committee. Provides that the advisory committee shall meet at least twice a year (instead of quarterly). Makes changes regarding what information shall be reported. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall implement and administer an early childhood educator scholarship program, to be known as the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program. Provides that under the Program, the Commission shall annually award scholarships to early childhood education students enrolled in the institutions of higher education participating in the Consortium. Provides for rulemaking and consultation. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to provide for emergency rulemaking for the Program. Effective immediately.

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HB 5025

Comment:
Teacher Education
Short Description: SCH CD-SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE

House Sponsors
Rep. Laura Faver Dias

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Allows an applicant to qualify for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License if the applicant has retired in good standing while holding a valid paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations.

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HB 5028

Comment:
HR

Short Description: LABOR-OSHA-OPIOID GUIDANCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Labor Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, not later than 270 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Labor shall direct the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to issue non-mandatory guidance to employers on: (1) acquiring and maintaining opioid overdose reversal medication; and (2) training employees on an annual basis on the usage of such medication. Provides that, not later than 270 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Labor shall direct the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt rules to require each State agency to: (1) acquire and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication; and (2) train employees on an annual basis on the usage of such medication.

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Amends the State Records Act, the Secretary of State Merit Employment Code, the State Library Act, the Illinois Literacy Act, the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Act, the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act, and the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act. Provides that an appointed Board, Foundation, or Council member who fails to attend in person 2 consecutive Board, Foundation, or Council meetings without an excused absence shall no longer serve as a member. Requires the Secretary of State to fill any vacancy by the appointment of a member for the unexpired term of the member in the same manner as in the making of original appointments. Requires the Boards to evenly divide its meetings between Chicago and Springfield unless good cause exists to meet in one location over the other. Provides that if no final action is required under the Open Meetings Act, a member may participate in the meeting by virtual presence. Amends the Court of Claims Act. Provides the court shall hold sessions at such places or remotely as it deems necessary to expedite the business of the court. Allows the court to adopt administrative rules to provide for remote participation and electronic filing in any proceeding and for the conduct of any business of the court. Allows the clerk of the court to administratively determine certain claims against the State if the claim possesses specified characteristics. Provides that one judge may decide on claims made with respect to lapsed appropriations or matters involving the award of emergency funds under the Crime Victims Compensation Act. Provides that all claims filed under the Crime Victims Compensation Act must be filed within 5 years (rather than one year) of the crime on which the claim is based. Makes other changes.

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Comment: Mental Health
Short Description: PSYCH PRACT-INCENTIVE-GRANTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Jenn Ladisch Douglass and Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Psychiatry Practice Incentive Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish a Collaborative Care Demonstration Grant program and set criteria for the program. Provides that the Director of Public Health may establish a program, and criteria for the program, to provide grants, training, and technical assistance to eligible primary health care practices to support implementation of the program. Establishes the purposes and use of the grants. Provides that grants awarded under the program shall be for a minimum amount of $100,000. Provides that the minimum award amount shall increase by $1,000 per 1% share of patients to be seen by the awardee during the applicable grant period that are expected to be enrolled in Medicaid, up to $500,000 total per award. Provides that the Director of Public Health may solicit proposals from and enter into grant agreements with eligible collaborative care technical assistance centers to provide technical assistance to primary health care practices on providing behavioral health integration services through the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model, including, but not limited to, recipients of grants under the program. Provides that the Director of Public Health may develop and implement a public awareness campaign to raise awareness about the psychiatric Collaborative Care Model. Provides that the program is subject to appropriation. Defines terms. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 5047

Comment:
Nursing

Short Description: DFPR-AUTOMATIC NURSE LICENSURE

House Sponsors
Rep. Terra Costa Howard

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that a license under the Act shall be automatically granted to an individual who has graduated from an approved program of professional nursing education or an approved program of practical nursing education, as applicable to the license being granted; passed a criminal background check with the Illinois State Police and Federal
Bureau of Investigation; and completed and passed an examination specific to State laws that regulate the nursing profession as an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or registered nurse. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules.

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HB 5052

Comment:
Food Service

Short Description: LOCAL FOOD-GOOD FOOD PROGRAM

House Sponsors
Rep. Sonya M. Harper

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act. Provides that the Act may be referred to as the Good Food Purchasing Law. Repeals provisions regarding procurement goals for local farm or food products. Provides that, no later than one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, each State agency and State-owned facility that purchases food, including, without limitation, facilities for persons with mental health and development disabilities, correction facilities, and public institutions of higher education, including community colleges, shall have a timely plan for undergoing a Good Food Purchasing Program baseline assessment, conducted by the Center for Good Food Purchasing, to determine current alignment with Good Food Purchasing Program core values and Good Food Purchasing Program equity, transparency, and accountability. Provides that, no later than one year after completion of the baseline assessment, each State agency and State-owned facility shall develop and adopt a multi-year action plan with benchmarks to align food purchasing processes with Good Food Purchasing Program core values and Good Food Purchasing Program equity, transparency, and accountability and food purchases with Good Food Purchasing Program core values. Sets forth other provisions regarding the Program. Provides that the Good Food Purchasing Task Force created by House Joint Resolution 33 of the 102nd General Assembly is reestablished and shall continue with its study of current procurement of food within the State and to explore how good food purchasing can be implemented to maximize the procurement of healthy foods that are sustainably, locally, and equitably sourced. Provides that the Good Food Purchasing Fund is established as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Agriculture to administer the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act. Makes other
changes. Amends the State Finance Act and the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act to make conforming changes.

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HB 5057

Comment:  
Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-PRIMARY SCH TEACH TEST

House Sponsors  
Rep. Sue Scherer

Synopsis As Introduced
  Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a content area test for applicants seeking a State license to teach in any of grades kindergarten through 8. Provides that the test shall include foundational teaching skills and methods that are developmentally and educationally appropriate for students in grades kindergarten through 8. Provides that, in addition to this test, the State Board of Education shall establish specialty content area tests in mathematics, music, and science that are optional for applicants seeking an endorsement in mathematics, music, or science.

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HB 5064

Comment:  
Facilities

Short Description: FAIR CONTRACTING-VARIOUS
House Sponsors
Rep. Dagmara Avelar-Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Comptroller Act. Provides an exception for vendors to receive payment by non-electronic means. Provides that outstanding liabilities as of June 30, payable from appropriations which have otherwise expired and interest penalties payable on those liabilities under the State Prompt Payment Act, may be paid out of the expiring appropriations during the 4-month period ending at the close of business on October 31 of each year, without regard to the fiscal year in which the payment is made. Amends the Prompt Payment Act. Removes provisions concerning payments made under the Public Aid Code. Provides that when a State official or agency responsible for administering a contract receives a bill or invoice from a contractor, that State official or agency shall electronically confirm the date on which the bill or invoice was received within 5 business days of receipt, and shall transmit any approved amount to the Comptroller within 30 days of receipt. Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that a pre-qualification requirement may include consideration of past performance in administering grants if past performance failed to meet performance goals, indicators, and milestones. Amends the Court of Claims Act. Provides that all claims against the State founded upon any contract entered into with the State of Illinois, except that undisputed individual claims below $2,500 resulting from lapsed appropriations do not fall under the jurisdiction of Court of Claims. State agencies may pay undisputed individual claims below $2,500 resulting from lapsed appropriations from current fiscal year appropriations. Sets forth that the provisions are not intended to prohibit more frequent reporting to assess items such as service needs, gaps, or capacity. Sets forth other provisions concerning grant agreement specifications, separate accounts for State grant funds, expenditures prior to grant execution and reporting requirements.

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HB 5071

Comment:
HR

Short Description: WORK WITHOUT FEAR ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lilian Jiménez-Kevin John Olickal, Rita Mayfield, Dagmara Avelar, Michelle Mussman and Diane Blair-Sherlock
Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Work Without Fear Act. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to engage in, or to direct another person to engage in, immigration-related retaliation against any person or his or her family member or household member for the purpose of, or with the effect of, retaliating against any person for exercising any right protected under State employment laws or by any local employment ordinance. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Allows the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action to obtain appropriate relief if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person has violated the Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to prevent any person from making complaint or prosecuting his or her own claim for damages caused by retaliation. Allows a person who is the subject of retaliation prohibited by the Act to bring a civil action for: (1) back pay, with interest, and front pay, or, in lieu of actual damages, liquidated damages of $30,000; (2) a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed $10,000; (3) reasonable attorney's fees and court costs; and (4) equitable relief as the court may deem appropriate and just. Provides that a person that violates any provision of the Act shall be subject to an additional civil penalty in an amount of $25,000 for each violation, or $50,000 for each repeat violation within a 5-year period. Sets forth license suspension penalties for violations of the Act. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 5076

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION

House Sponsors
Rep. Jenn Ladisch Douglass

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Sexually Transmissible Disease Control Act. Changes the short title of the Act to the Illinois Sexually Transmitted Infection Control Act. Changes references to "sexually transmissible diseases" to "sexually transmitted infections". Makes conforming changes throughout the statutes. Provides that, in determining which infections are to be designated sexually transmitted infections, the Department of Public Health shall consider human papillomavirus (HPV) and mpox. Effective immediately.

Last Action
### HB 5079

**Comment:**
HR

**Short Description:** HIGHER ED-SUCSS-BARGAINING

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Sharon Chung

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. Provides that nothing in the Act or any rules adopted under the Act prevents the parties to a collective bargaining agreement subject to the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act from agreeing to a provision that enhances employee rights.

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### HB 5083

**Comment:**
Mental Health

**Short Description:** PUBLIC BENEFITS-MENTAL HEALTH

**House Sponsors**
Rep. Lilian Jiménez

**Synopsis As Introduced**
Amends the Public Employee Disability Act, the Line of Duty Compensation Act, and the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Includes mental health professionals within the scope of the Acts. Defines "mental health professional" as any person employed and dispatched by a unit of local government to respond to crisis calls received on public emergency service lines instead
of or in conjunction with law enforcement.

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HB 5085

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: EMS ACT TRAINING & CURRICULUM

House Sponsors
Rep. William "Will" Davis

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that "clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a patient's medical or mental health condition by a licensed health care professional utilizing a medical skill set while continuing assessment and care. Provides that the EMS Medical Directors on the EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task Force may be active or retired. Provides that an education plan within a resource hospital may include classes performed outside of the region in which the resource hospital is located. Provides that "paramedic" means a person who has successfully completed a course in advanced life support care as approved by the Department of Public Health or accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP), is licensed by the Department, and practices with an Advanced Life Support EMS System. Provides that the Department shall have the authority to adopt rules governing the curriculum, practice, and necessary equipment applicable to emergency medical responders and shall allow curriculum in addition to the National Registry curriculum. Provides that a fee for EMS personnel examination, licensure, and license renewal shall be reasonable. Provides that a lead instructor is permitted to oversee a paramedic with at least 3 years of experience to teach EMT classes in high schools with a licensed teacher. Provides that pass rates for classes taught in high schools shall not adversely impact the lead instructor or affiliated EMS system, resource hospital, or provider. Provides that the Department may not include any additional criteria for approval of a staffing waiver utilizing an EMR other than the criteria outlined. Provides that the EMR pilot program shall not be implemented before Department approval which must be granted upon EMS System Medical Director approval.

Last Action
HB 5089

Comment:
HR

Short Description: LABOR RELATIONS-PD SUPERVISOR

House Sponsors
Rep. Gregg Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. In the definition of "supervisor", as used in the Act, provides that the term "supervisor" includes only those individuals who devote a preponderance of their employment time to exercising that authority (removing an exception to police employment).

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HB 5093

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Kimberly Du Buclet

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Student Bill of Rights Act. Provides that the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education shall jointly establish, no later than January 1, 2025, a student bill of rights to outline that students in public schools and public institutions of higher education have a right to educational equity and to be free from discrimination based on race, sex, gender,
socioeconomic status, and mental or physical ability. Provides that the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education shall publish the student bill of rights on their Internet websites and make a handout available. Provides that each public institution of higher education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall have on their Internet websites a link to the student bill of rights published on the Board of Higher Education's Internet website. Effective immediately.

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HB 5094

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: DIRECT CARE EXPANSION ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe-Jackie Haas-Maurice A. West, II

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Workforce Direct Care Act. Establishes the Behavioral Health Administrative Burden Work Group within the Office of the Chief Behavioral Health Officer. Sets forth membership and responsibilities of the Work Group, including to review policies and regulations affecting the behavioral health industry to identify inefficiencies, duplicate or unnecessary requirements, unduly burdensome restrictions, and other administrative barriers that prevent behavioral health professionals from providing services and to analyze the impact of administrative burdensome the delivery of quality care and access to behavioral health services. Requires the Work Group to meet at least once a month and to prepare an administrative burden reduction plan with policy recommendations to improve access to behavioral health care.

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HB 5099

Comment:
AI

Short Description: AI USE IN GOVT CONTRACTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires a vendor who contracts for government services, grants, or leases or purchases of software or hardware to disclose if artificial intelligence technology is, has been, or will be used in the course of fulfilling the contract or in the goods, technology, or services being purchased. Provides that the disclosure must be provided to the chief procurement officer, the Department of Innovation and Technology, and the General Assembly. Provides that, if the role of artificial intelligence changes during the course of the contract, or if the vendor plans to use artificial intelligence when it had not originally planned on doing so, the vendor must provide a new or updated disclosure. Allows a State agency, at its discretion, to require that a vendor provide detailed information on the technology's capacity, data sets, and limitations on the use of artificial intelligence technology. Provides that the chief procurement officer may disqualify a vendor who fails to provide the required disclosure or provides false or misleading information from contracting with the State for a period of up to 2 years.

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HB 5105

Comment:
HR

Short Description: PROHIBIT COVID-19 VAX MANDATE

House Sponsors
Rep. Adam M. Niemerg

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the COVID-19 Vaccination Employer Mandate Prohibition Act. Provides that it is unlawful for an employer in the State of Illinois to create, implement, or otherwise enforce a
workplace vaccination program that requires any employee to demonstrate to the employer that he or she has received a vaccine or its related booster that was approved under emergency use authorization by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Effective immediately.

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HB 5116

Comment:
AI

Short Description: AUTOMATED DECISION TOOLS

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Automated Decision Tools Act. Provides that, on or before January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, a deployer of an automated decision tool shall perform an impact assessment for any automated decision tool the deployer uses or designs, codes, or produces that includes specified information. Provides that a deployer shall, at or before the time an automated decision tool is used to make a consequential decision, notify any natural person who is the subject of the consequential decision that an automated decision tool is being used to make, or be a controlling factor in making, the consequential decision and provide specified information. Provides that a deployer shall establish, document, implement, and maintain a governance program that contains reasonable administrative and technical safeguards to map, measure, manage, and govern the reasonably foreseeable risks of algorithmic discrimination associated with the use or intended use of an automated decision tool. Provides that, within 60 days after completing an impact assessment required by the Act, a deployer shall provide the impact assessment to the Department of Human Rights. Provides that the Attorney General may bring a civil action against a deployer for a violation of the Act.

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HB 5117

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description:    DEFORESTATION-FREE PROCUREMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Deforestation-Free Procurement Act. Prohibits the State and any governmental agency, political subdivision, or public benefit corporation of the State from purchasing or obtaining for any purpose any tropical hardwoods or tropical hardwood products. Prohibits a bid proposal or solicitation, request for bid or proposal, or contract for the construction of any public work, building maintenance, or improvement for or on behalf of the State and any government agency, political subdivision, or public benefit corporation of the State from requiring or permitting the use of any tropical hardwood or tropical wood product. Provides that every contract entered into by a State agency or authority that includes the procurement of any product comprised of a tropical forest-risk commodity shall require the contractor to confirm that the commodity furnished to the State under the contract was not extracted from, grown, derived, harvested, reared, or produced on land where tropical or boreal deforestation or primary forest degradation occurred on or after January 1, 2022. Sets forth forest policies that large contractors must adopt. Provides for sanctions against a contractor or subcontractor who violates the Act. Requires the Department of Central Management Services to adopt rules to implement the Act. Requires the Director of the Department to submit an assessment to the General Assembly regarding the details of all contracts certified under the Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to complete a study to determine whether the requirements of the Act shall apply to tropical forest-risk commodities originating in boreal forests. Requires the Director to issue a report every 2 years on the implementation of the Act. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 5119

Comment:
Facilities
Short Description: STREET LIGHTS-LED LIGHTING

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Street Light Energy Conservation Act. Provides that, within 5 years after the effective date of the Act, each street light entity (a unit of local government, a public utility, and the State) exercising control over any street lights in the State shall install or replace each street light in the State, subject to appropriation, as follows: (1) the street light must be installed or replaced using LED technology; (2) the minimum illuminance must be adequate for the intended purpose of the street light and must be used with consideration given to nationally recognized standards; (3) for lighting of the State highway system, installation or replacement applies only if the Department of Transportation determines that the purpose of the street light cannot be achieved by the installation of reflective road markers, lines, warning, informational signs, or other effective passive methods; and (4) installation or replacement shall occur only after full consideration has been given to energy conservation, reducing glare, minimizing light pollution, and preserving the natural night environment. Includes exceptions to the requirement to install or replace each street light in the State with LED technology. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Effective immediately.

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HB 5129

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HEALTH-DANGER NOTICE

House Sponsors
Rep. Dan Ugaste-Nicole La Ha-Amy L. Grant-Jennifer Sanalitro-Jackie Haas and Dave Severin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. Provides that, if a person is determined to pose a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or to others by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner, whether employed by the State, by any public or private mental health facility or part thereof, or by a law enforcement official or a school administrator, then the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall notify the Department of Human Services and a law enforcement official or school administrator shall
notify the Illinois State Police and the appropriate local law enforcement agency (rather than shall notify the Illinois State Police), within 24 hours of making the determination that the person poses a clear and present danger.

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HB 5145

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: EV CHARGER GRANT ACT

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Electric Vehicle Charger Grant Act. Provides that any State agency that disburses grant funds for electric vehicle charging stations must include provisions in the criteria for awarding grant funds that encourage the use of equity eligible contractors by the grantees. Provides that the provisions shall include, but not be limited to, additional points to those grantees who commit to exclusively using equity eligible contractors, a portion of the grant funds devoted exclusively for equity eligible contractors, and inclusion of aspirational goals for all grantees to use equity eligible contractors. Effective immediately.

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HB 5146

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX ACT
House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Short-Term Rental Occupation Tax Act. Imposes taxes upon short-term rental transactions facilitated by a hosting platform. Provides that one tax is imposed at the rate of 5% of 94% of the gross rental receipts from the transaction. Provides that an additional tax is imposed at the rate of 1% of 94% of the gross rental receipts from the transaction. Provides that operators of short-term rentals shall obtain a business license from the Department of Revenue. Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 5150

Comment:
HR

Short Description: EMPLOYMENT-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

House Sponsors
Rep. Gregg Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that with respect to a week of unemployment beginning on or after March 15, 2020 (rather than beginning on or after March 15, 2020, and before September 4, 2021 (including any week of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and on or before June 25, 2021)) benefits shall be payable to an individual on the basis of wages for employment in other than an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity performed for an educational institution or an educational service agency under specified circumstances, as long as the individual is otherwise eligible for benefits.

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HB 5152

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: INC TX-HEALTH CARE

House Sponsors
Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for each individual taxpayer who (i) is a healthcare provider who, for the purpose of providing lawful health care services in this State, permanently relocates during the taxable year to this State from a State with more restrictive abortion laws or more restrictive laws concerning access to other lawful health care, (ii) is a patient or the parent or guardian of a patient who, for the purpose of receiving those health care services in this State, permanently relocates during the taxable year to this State from a State with more restrictive abortion laws or more restrictive laws concerning the access to lawful health care, or (iii) is a qualified cohabitant of a person described in item (i) or (ii). Provides that the credit is in the amount of $500. Creates an income tax credit in the amount of $500 for taxpayers who are public school teachers or qualifying cohabitants of public school teachers who permanently relocate to the State from any other State as a result of content-based restrictions on educational materials imposed by the taxpayer's state of origin. Effective immediately.

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HB 5155

Comment:
Nursing

Short Description: NURSING PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

House Sponsors
Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Removes a measurement of program effectiveness based on a passage rate of all graduates over the 3 most recent calendar years without reference to first-time test takers. Sets forth provisions concerning how to measure a registered professional nurse education program's effectiveness based on the pass rates on a State-approved licensure examination. Provides that outliers may be removed when calculating State-approved licensure examination pass rates. Provides that a registered professional nurse education program is responsible for tracking outliers. Defines "outlier". Provides that a registered professional nurse education program is responsible for calculating the passage rate of the program's graduates. Provides that the registered professional nurse education program must submit a calculation of the passage rate of the program's graduates and supporting documentation to the Board of Nursing in an annual report due October 30 of every year. Provides that a registered professional nurse education program meeting one of the measurements of program effectiveness shall be deemed to be in good standing. Makes conforming changes.

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HB 5158

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $DCEO/ICCB-GRANTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Nabeela Syed

Synopsis As Introduced

Appropriates $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for grants to specified organizations as deemed appropriate by the Department for purposes of administering preapprenticeship workforce development programs that support education and training programming targeted to individuals under the age of 18 who reside in underserved areas in specified fields. Appropriates $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for grants to community college districts and public high schools for the purposes of administering the 21st Century Employment grant program. Effective July 1, 2024.

Last Action
HB 5159

Comment:
HR - PFLAW

Short Description: PAID LEAVE RELIEF ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Tony M. McCombie

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" means an individual who (i) meets the definition of "employee" in specified provisions of the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act and (ii) works at least 130 hours for an employer over a period of at least 90 days.

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HB 5160

Comment:
HR - PFLAW

Short Description: PAID LEAVE RELIEF ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Tony M. McCombie

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" means an individual who (i) meets the definition of "employee" in specified provisions of the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act and (ii) works at least 195 hours for an employer over a period of at least 90 days.
HB 5161

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: PROTECT EMPLOYEES ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Tony M. McCombie

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the COVID-19 School Health Care Program Vaccination Program Limitation Act.
Effective immediately.

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HB 5162

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: PROTECT EMPLOYEES ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Tony M. McCombie

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the COVID-19 Workplace Conscientious Objection Waiver Act. Provides that each employer in the State of Illinois shall be required to accept from an employee a sincerely held conscientious objection waiver to receiving a vaccine or its related booster that was approved
under emergency use authorization by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Effective immediately.

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HB 5163

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: DATABASE RESOURCES FOR STUDENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Chris Miller

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Database Resources for Students Act. Provides that a school district, State agency, public library, or public university or community college may offer digital or online library database resources to students in grades kindergarten through 12 only if the provider of the resources verifies that all the resources have safety policies and technology protection measures that prohibit and prevent a user of the resources from sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading and filter or block access to child pornography, obscene materials, or materials that depict child sexual exploitation. Provides that, notwithstanding any contract provision to the contrary, if a provider fails to comply with these provisions, the school district, State agency, public library, or public university or community college shall withhold further payments to the provider pending verification of compliance. Provides that if a provider fails to timely verify that the provider is in compliance, then the school district, State agency, public library, or public university or community college shall consider the provider's act of noncompliance as a breach of contract. Provides that nothing in the Act exempts from prosecution an employee of a school district, State agency, public library, or public university or community college for a willful violation of the provisions of the Criminal Code of 2012 regarding obscenity and child pornography. Sets forth reporting provisions. Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code to provide that the Act applies to charter schools.

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HB 5170

Comment: HR

Short Description: WHISTLEBLOWER ACT-VARIOUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Whistleblower Act. Defines "adverse action" to have the same meaning as "adverse employment action" in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Defines "retaliation" to mean the protected activity proximately caused any adverse action by any employer. Prohibits an employer from making, adopting, or enforcing any rule, regulation, or policy that prevents the disclosure or for retaliating against an employee for disclosing information to a government or law enforcement agency if the employee has a good faith belief that the disclosed information is a violation of law (now, a "reasonable cause to believe"). Prohibits an employer from retaliating against an employee for refusing to participate in any past, current, or future activity that could result in a violation of a municipal, county, State, or federal law or rule. Allows an employee to request front pay in a civil action for a violation of this Act.

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HB 5182

Comment: Liquor

Short Description: LIQUOR-THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY

House Sponsors
Rep. Kam Buckner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Creates a third-party retailer delivery license. Provides that a third-party retailer delivery license shall authorize a person who is not licensed to
sell alcoholic liquor to deliver alcoholic liquor on behalf of a retailer licensee and to deliver alcoholic liquor on behalf of or at the request of an unlicensed purchaser of alcoholic liquor from a retailer licensee. Provides that a third-party retailer delivery license is not required for an employee or independent contractor of a person holding a third-party retailer delivery license or for an employee of a retailer licensee who is not an independent contractor of a retailer licensee. Provides that the issuance and regulation of a third-party retailer delivery license is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and does not require local approval prior to issuance by the State Commission. Preempts home rule powers. Sets forth fees for licensure and requirements for the delivery of alcoholic liquor by third-party retailer delivery licensees, including limitations on fees that may be charged, maintenance of an insurance policy, recordkeeping, labeling of alcoholic liquor, and verification that the recipient is 21 years of age or older. In a provision requiring alcohol servers to complete responsible alcohol service server training, adds a person who delivers alcoholic liquor on behalf of a third-party retailer delivery licensee to the definition of "alcohol server". Makes changes in provisions authorizing the delivery and carry out of mixed drinks. In a provision concerning prohibited possession and delivery of alcoholic liquor, removes an exemption from the provisions for persons under the age of 21 making a delivery of an alcoholic beverage in pursuance of his or her employment.

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HB 5197

Comment: Firearms

Short Description: REPEAL PA 102-1116 IN PART

House Sponsors
Rep. Brad Halbrook

Synopsis As Introduced
Repeals the provisions of Public Act 102-1116 that make amendatory changes to the Firearms Restraining Order Act that provide that a petitioner for a firearms restraining order may request a plenary firearms restraining order of up to one-year, but not less than 6 months (restores the 6 months provision). Repeals provisions that the firearms restraining order may be renewed for an additional period of up to one year. Repeals amendatory provisions of the Criminal Code of 2012 making it unlawful, beginning January 1, 2024, for any person within the State to knowingly possess an assault weapon, assault weapon attachment, .50 caliber rifle, or .50 caliber cartridge, with exemptions. Repeals provisions that make it unlawful for any person within the State to knowingly manufacture, deliver, sell, purchase, or cause to be manufactured,
delivered, sold, or purchased a large capacity ammunition feeding device, with specified exemptions. Repeals amendatory provisions of the Criminal Code of 2012 that prohibit the manufacture, possession, sale, or offer to sell, purchase, manufacture, import, transfer, or use any device, part, kit, tool, accessory, or combination of parts that is designed to and functions to increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm above the standard rate of fire for semiautomatic firearms that is not equipped with that device, part, or combination of parts. Repeals amendatory provisions of the Freedom of Information Act that exempt from disclosure under the Act certain information concerning assault weapons endorsements received by the Illinois State Police. Effective immediately.

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HB 5199

Comment:
Firearms

Short Description: FIREARM OWNERS ID ACT-REPEAL

House Sponsors
Rep. Brad Halbrook

Synopsis As Introduced

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HB 5201

Comment:
State Finances
Short Description: SUSTAINABLE INVESTING ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Brad Halbrook

Synopsis As Introduced
Repeals the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act. Amends the Public Funds Investment Act and the Illinois Pension Code to make conforming changes, including removal of sustainability factors from investment policies.

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HB 5206

Comment:
Workforce Development

Short Description: DCEO-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

House Sponsors
Rep. Brad Halbrook

Synopsis As Introduced

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HB 5207

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: FINANCE-LUMP SUM TRANSFERS

House Sponsors
Rep. Brad Halbrook

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Finance Act. Removes language providing that, for State fiscal year 2024, transfers among line item appropriations to a State agency from the same State treasury fund may be made for operational or lump sum expenses only, provided that the sum of such transfers for a State agency in State fiscal year 2024 shall not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount appropriated to that State agency for operational or lump sum expenses for State fiscal year 2024.

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HB 5210

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: INC TX-HIGHER EDUCATION CREDIT

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for any amount included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income as a result of discharge of student loan indebtedness. Creates an income tax credit for qualified higher education expenses incurred during the taxable year by or on behalf of a qualifying public university student or community college student. Creates an income tax credit for qualified higher education expenses incurred during the taxable year by the parent or guardian of a qualified apprentice, trade, or vocational student. Effective immediately.

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HB 5212

Comment: OMA

Short Description: REMOTE MEETINGS-SEVERE WEATHER

House Sponsors
Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an open or closed meeting subject to the Act may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, if the National Weather Service has determined that all or part of the jurisdiction of the public body is located within an area that is subject to a severe weather alert on the day of the meeting. Makes conforming changes.

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HB 5213

Comment: Dental Issues

Short Description: DENTAL PRACTICE-DENTAL THERAPY

House Sponsors
Rep. Lilian Jiménez

Synopsis As Introduced

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HB 5217

Comment:
Law Enforcement

Short Description:  POLICE TRAINING ACT-VARIOUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Dave Vella

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that probationary police officers do not include lateral hires or previously certified officers reentering the profession seeking a training waiver. Modifies the composition of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Makes changes to provisions regarding automatic decertification of full-time and part-time law enforcement officers; discretionary decertification of full-time and part-time law enforcement officers; review of final administrative decisions; decertification procedures; full-time law enforcement and county corrections officers; law enforcement compliance verification; mandatory training for a police chief and deputy police chief; and sexual assault and sexual abuse training. Removes and repeals existing provisions about in-service training and replaces the existing provisions by requiring the Board to establish a system for the development, delivery, and tracking of in-service training courses, including specific requirements of the training. Amends the Counties Code to make a conforming change. Effective immediately.

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HB 5228

Comment:
AI

Short Description:  AI USE IN GOVT CONTRACTS
House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires a vendor who contracts for government services, grants, or leases or purchases of software or hardware to disclose if artificial intelligence technology is, has been, or will be used in the course of fulfilling the contract or in the goods, technology, or services being purchased. Provides that the disclosure must be provided to the chief procurement officer, the Department of Innovation and Technology, and the General Assembly. Provides that, if the role of artificial intelligence changes during the course of the contract, or if the vendor plans to use artificial intelligence when it had not originally planned on doing so, the vendor must provide a new or updated disclosure. Allows a State agency, at its discretion, to require that a vendor provide detailed information on the technology's capacity, data sets, and limitations on the use of artificial intelligence technology. Provides that the chief procurement officer may disqualify a vendor who fails to provide the required disclosure or provides false or misleading information from contracting with the State for a period of up to 2 years.

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HB 5242

Comment:
Facilities

Short Description: MULTI-STORY HOUSING-ACCESSIBLE

House Sponsors
Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Environmental Barriers Act. Defines "ICC/ANSI A117.1", as used in the Act, as meaning either of the 2 most recent editions of the International Code Council/American National Institute Standard A117.1 ("Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities"). Provides that no public facility may be constructed or altered and no multi-story housing may be constructed or altered (rather than only constructed) without the statement of an architect registered in the State of Illinois that the plans for the work to be performed comply with the provisions of the Act and the Code promulgated under the Act unless the cost of such construction or alteration is less than $50,000. Provides that multi-story housing that is not a public facility but that is subject to specified requirements shall be deemed to be in compliance
with the Code if all dwelling units in the multi-story housing are required to be adaptable
dwelling units comply with the requirements for Type A units in ICC/ANSI A117.1, if dwelling
units in the multi-story housing comply with the requirements for Type B units in ICC/ANSI
A117.1, and if all common use and public uses spaces comply with the Code. Provides that an
election to use this alternative compliance method must be explicitly identified in the required
statement made by a professional engineer or a structural engineer.

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HB 5243

Comment: Energy

Short Description: UTIL-BATTERY STORAGE

House Sponsors
Rep. Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Power Agency Act. Provides that in competitive procurements
carried out by the Agency for utility-scale energy storage resources from owners of existing or
retired fossil-fueled power plants, the Agency, in ranking the bids, shall apply a downward bid
price adjustment to any project bid that is located or proposed to be located within a one mile
radius of an existing substation that serves or has served as a point of interconnection for a fossil-
fueled power plant and that meets one of 3 specific criterion. Provides that if the project meets 2
or more of the criterion, the Agency shall apply the bid price adjustment 2 times. Provides that
the Agency shall develop a storage procurement plan that results in the electric utilities
contracting for energy storage resources. Provides that, within 90 days after the effective date of
the amendatory Act, the Agency shall develop an energy storage procurement plan. Provides that
an owner of the energy storage resources must have entered into a project labor agreement for
the construction of the energy storage resource and certify that not less than the prevailing wage
was or will be paid to employees who are engaged in construction activities. Provides that, if the
owner or owners of the energy storage resources own existing or retired fossil-fueled power
plants, the owner shall commit to a job training and education program to provide the requisite
skills, knowledge, and training required to operate and maintain energy storage resources and
create employment opportunities for graduates of the program. Provides that the Agency shall
conduct analysis every 2 years to determine whether the contracted quantity of energy storage
in energy storage capacity and energy storage duration is sufficient. Provides that the Agency
shall retain an independent consultant to conduct the analysis. Sets forth requirements of the
independent consultant and the analysis. Provides that the Agency is authorized to collect costs for conducting the analysis from electric utilities. The electric utilities are authorized to recover the cost of the analysis. Provides that if the Agency determines that the need for energy storage capacity or energy storage duration is greater than the energy storage resources already procured, the Agency shall establish and the Commission shall approve new energy storage resources targets to meet the identified need. Effective immediately.

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HB 5244

Comment:
Facilities

Short Description: ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Energy Efficient Building Act. Requires the Board to adopt rules requiring all buildings to be designed and constructed to provide natural gas service and electric power. Species that a unit of local government may not enact or enforce a resolution, ordinance, rule, code, or policy, or take any other action that restricts or prohibits or has the effect of restricting or prohibiting the type of fuel source or source of energy production that may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by a natural gas utility. Limits home rule powers.

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HB 5250

Comment:
K-12
Amends the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district's accelerated placement policy may allow for the waiver of a course or unit of instruction completion requirement if (i) completion of the course or unit of instruction is required by the Code or rules adopted by the State Board of Education as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma and (ii) the school district has determined that the student has demonstrated mastery of or competency in the content of the course or unit of instruction. Provides that the school district shall maintain documentation of this determination of mastery or competency for each student, which must include identification of the learning standards or competencies reviewed, the methods of measurement used, student performance, the date of the determination, and identification of the district personnel involved in the determination process. Provides that a school district must provide notification to a student's parent or guardian that the student will receive a waiver. Makes a corresponding change in the Courses of Study Article of the Code. Effective immediately.

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Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is unlawful for a child sex offender with the duty to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act to knowingly reside within 250 (rather than 500) feet of a school building or the real property comprising any school that persons under the age of 18 attend, a playground, child care institution, day care center, part day child care facility, (deletes day care home and group day care home) or a facility providing programs or services exclusively directed toward persons under 18 years of age. Provides that the
provisions do not apply if the property was established as the child sex offender's current address of registration prior to the date that entity was opened, or if the entity must obtain a license in order to provide programs or services, the date that the license was issued. Amends the Arsonist Registration Act, the Sex Offender Registration Act, and the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act. Provides that if the registrant is an indigent person, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall (rather than may) waive the registration fee. Lowers various penalties from felonies to misdemeanors for violations of these Acts. Reduces the registration period under the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act from 10 years to 5 years. Defines in the various Acts "indigent person" and "poverty guidelines". Provides that the amendatory changes apply retroactively. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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HB 5259

Comment:  
State Government

Short Description:  DHS-REFUGEE SOCIAL SERVICES

House Sponsors
Rep. Hoan Huynh

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Adds the Refugee Social Services Article to the Code. Requires the Department of Human Services to allocate appropriated federal funds, or appropriated State funds, for refugee social services programs to each county impacted by refugee arrivals and, at the Department's discretion, to a qualified nonprofit organization, based on the number of refugees receiving aid in the county or the number of refugees who reside in the eligible county. Permits the Department to utilize funding adjustments based on the length of time that the refugees have resided in the United States. Permits the Department to allocate any federal funds from the Office of Refugee Resettlement among eligible counties and qualified nonprofit organizations consistent with federal law. Permits the Department to contract with, or award grants to, qualified nonprofit organizations for the purpose of administering refugee social services programs within a county. Requires reporting, monitoring, and audits of services funded by such contracts or grants. Provides that counties administering refugee services must designate an agency to develop and implement a plan for the provision of services funded by refugee social services funds. Set forth minimum requirements for such county plans. Contains provisions concerning extended refugee social services. Requires each refugee social services program to
provide culturally appropriate and responsive case management services. Requires the Department to, in collaboration with service providers, determine outcome metrics to define program success.

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HB 5268

Comment:
U of I Specific

Short Description: U OF I-FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Will Guzzardi and Joyce Mason

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the University of Illinois Act. Provides that the Board of Trustees shall direct the University of Illinois Foundation, in accordance with sound investment criteria and consistent with fiduciary obligations, to not invest the assets of any endowment fund in the stocks, securities, or other obligations of any fossil fuel company or any subsidiary, affiliate, or parent of any fossil fuel company. Provides that this does not preclude the de minimis exposure of any funds held by the endowment fund to the stocks, securities, or other obligations of any fossil fuel company or any subsidiary, affiliate, or parent of any fossil fuel company. Requires the Board of Trustees to direct the University of Illinois Foundation to not invest in any prime commercial paper or corporate bonds issued by a fossil fuel company. Provides that, beginning one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Board of Trustees, subject to an affirmative determination of prudence and in accordance with sound investment criteria and consistent with its fiduciary obligations, shall direct the University of Illinois Foundation to ensure that any endowment fund does not have any indirect investments; defines "indirect investment". Provides that the Board of Trustees shall direct the University of Illinois Foundation to adopt updates to its written investment policies, if necessary, to meet the requirements of these provisions and publish a copy of those updated policies within 90 days after the adoption of the updated policies. Effective immediately.

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HB 5284

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: CAMPASSIONATE USE MED CANNABIS

House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin John Olickal

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Provides that no health care facility shall prohibit the use of medical cannabis by a registered qualifying patient within a health care facility, unless the patient is receiving emergency services and care that is deemed medically necessary by the patient's health care provider. Provides that no health care facility shall unreasonably restrict the manner in which the registered qualifying patient stores and uses medical cannabis.

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HB 5290

Comment: State Government

Short Description: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES COUNCIL

House Sponsors
Rep. Jenn Ladisch Douglass

Synopsis AsIntroduced

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HB 5292

Comment: 
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description:  SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Nabeela Syed

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Scholarship Displacement Act. Provides that the Act applies beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year. Provides that a public institution of higher education may reduce a student's institutional financial aid as a result of the awarding of private scholarships to the student only if the student's total financial aid from all sources exceeds the student's financial need until the student's total financial aid no longer exceeds the student's financial need or only if the student is a student-athlete and the institution is complying with the individual or team financial aid restrictions of any athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics. Effective immediately.

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HB 5294

Comment: 
HR

Short Description:  NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE LEAVE

House Sponsors
Rep. Laura Faver Dias
Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Family Neonatal Intensive Care Leave Act. Provides that all employees shall be entitled to use a maximum of 10 days of unpaid neonatal intensive care leave while a child of the employee is a patient in a neonatal intensive care unit. Provides that an employer shall not require that an employee use leave the employee is entitled to under the Family Medical Leave Act instead of leave the employee is entitled to under the Act. Sets forth provisions concerning unlawful employer practices; Department of Labor responsibilities; and enforcement. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Neonatal Intensive Care Leave Fund.

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HB 5300

Comment:
HR

Short Description: WAGE PAYMENT-PAY STUBS

House Sponsors
Rep. Dagmara Avelar

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that every employer shall, upon an employee's request which the employer may require be in writing on a form supplied by the employer, permit the employee to inspect his or her pay stubs. Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that employers shall keep records of names and addresses of all employees and of wages paid each payday, and shall furnish each employee with a pay stub for each pay period (rather than shall furnish each employee with an itemized statement of deductions made from the employee's wages for each pay period). Provides that an employer shall maintain a copy of an employee's pay stub for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of payment, whether the pay stub is provided electronically or in paper form, and the employer shall furnish the pay stub to the employee or former employee upon the employee or former employee's request. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that is restricted to the employer's current employees must, upon an employee's separation from employment, furnish the employee or former employee with a paper or emailed electronic record of all of the employee's or former employee's pay stubs for up to 3 years prior to the date of separation, in the method specified by the employee or former employee. Provides that an employer who fails to furnish an employee with a pay stub or commits any other violation of this Act, except for specified violations, shall be subject to a civil penalty of $500 per violation payable to the Department of Labor. Defines "pay stub".
HB 5302

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description:  LAKE CNTY COMMUNITY COALITION

House Sponsors
Rep. Rita Mayfield

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Township Code. Provides that, on July 1, 2025, the State Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund into the Lake County Community Coalition Fund. Provides the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority may provide grants from the Lake County Community Coalition Fund to the Waukegan Township Board for the purpose of providing grants to local nonprofit organizations that assist the community with services, including transitional housing assistance, violence prevention efforts, youth mentorship programs, substance abuse treatment, reentry services, cultural training, and vocational training, including administrative costs. Creates a yearly continuing appropriation into the Lake County Community Coalition Fund of all amounts necessary to implement the provisions should the aggregate appropriations appropriated by the General Assembly for grants from all State funds for each State fiscal year be less than $5,000,000. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Lake County Community Coalition Fund. Effective July 1, 2025.

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HB 5310

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: INC TX-529 CONVERSION

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for amounts that are included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year that are attributable to the conversion of funds from a qualified tuition program established pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code to a Roth IRA. Effective immediately.

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HB 5312

Comment: Child Care

Short Description: CHILD CARE-QUALIFICATIONS

House Sponsors
Rep. Harry Benton

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that an early childhood teacher must meet one of the following qualifications: (1) complete 60 semester hours from an accredited college or university with either 6 semester hours in early childhood education or complete the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 1 training; (2) complete 1,560 clock hours of child development experience and 30 semester hours from an accredited college or university with either 6 semester hours in early childhood education or Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 1 training; (3) complete 2,080 clock hours of child development experience as a teacher assistant in a day care center, complete the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 1 training, and provide proof of enrollment from an accredited college or university until 30 semester hours are attained or proof of enrollment in an early childhood teacher credentialing program, either of which must be completed in no more than 5 years from the date of initial enrollment; or (4) complete a credentialing program approved by the Department of Children and Family Services in accordance with administrative rule.
HB 5320

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: HOSPITAL STAFFING LEVELS

House Sponsors
Rep. Kam Buckner and Kelly M. Cassidy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that "hospital worker" means any person who receives an hourly wage directly or indirectly via a subcontractor by a hospital licensed under the Act. Replaces references to "nurse" with "hospital worker". Provides for additional staffing transparency and reporting requirements. Provides that hospitals licensed under the Act must employ and schedule enough hospital workers to provide quality patient care and ensure patient safety. Provides that hospitals must make available, at the beginning of each calendar year and upon request, all staffing matrices and other staffing metrics, if any, used to assess and maintain safe staffing levels for hospital workers in each unit. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall produce an annual report based on staffing disclosures. Provides that the Department shall make recommendations for minimum staffing standards for hospital workers in each hospital unit. Provides that hospitals licensed under the Act shall conduct, within the first month of employment and at no cost, a competency validation for each hospital worker hired. Provides that a hospital must submit documentation of each hospital worker's competency validation to the Department within 4 weeks after the worker's start date. Provides that hospitals shall conduct ongoing verification for each hospital worker employed during a given calendar year to determine each worker's continued competency to perform the worker's job and shall submit documentation of each worker's ongoing verification to the Department within 2 weeks of completion. Provides that hospitals shall submit a list of all competent employees currently employed at the end of each calendar year. Provides for a public registry of all competent employees to be maintained by the Department. Provides for the imposition of civil penalties for specified violations of the Act. Describes an assignment despite objection resolution process to be implemented by each hospital that is licensed under the Act. Provides for a Hospital Safety Advocate role to be created within the Department.

Last Action
HB 5321

Comment:
AI

Short Description: CONSUMER FRAUD-AI LABELING

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that each generative artificial intelligence system and artificial intelligence system that, using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce, produces image, video, audio, or multimedia AI-generated content shall include on the AI-generated content a clear and conspicuous disclosure that satisfies specified criteria. Provides that any entity that develops a generative artificial intelligence system and third-party licensee of a generative artificial intelligence system shall implement reasonable procedures to prevent downstream use of the system without the required disclosures. Provides that a violation of the provisions constitutes an unlawful practice within the meaning of the Act.

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HB 5322

Comment:
AI

Short Description: ALGORITHMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid
Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Illinois Commercial Algorithmic Impact Assessments Act. Defines "algorithmic discrimination", "artificial intelligence", "consequential decision", "deployer", "developer" and other terms. Requires that by January 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, a deployer of an automated decision tool must complete and document an assessment that summarizes the nature and extent of that tool, how it is used, and assessment of its risks among other things. Requires on or after January 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, developers of an automated decision tool must complete and document a similar assessment. Provides that upon the request of the Attorney General, a developer or deployer must provide that Office any impact assessment performed that is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. Requires that a developer must provide a deployer with a statement regarding the intended uses of the automated decision tool and documentation regarding all of the following: (i) the known limitations of the automated decision tool, including any reasonably foreseeable risks of algorithmic discrimination arising from its intended use; (ii) a description of the types of data used to program or train the automated decision tool; and (iii) a description of how the automated decision tool was evaluated for validity and the ability to be explained before sale or licensing. Exempts a deployer with fewer than 50 employees unless, as of the end of the prior calendar year, the deployer deployed an automated decision tool that affected more than 999 people per year.

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HB 5324

Comment:
HR

Short Description: LABOR RELATION-SCHEDULE-REPORT

House Sponsors
Rep. Jay Hoffman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Specifies the annual reporting requirements of the Illinois Labor Relations Board and Illinois Educational and Labor Relations Board. Provides that the Board shall maintain the following schedule upon the filing of unfair labor practice charges filed under this Act: (i) complete the investigation and issue a complaint, dismissal or deferral within 30 days of the charges being filed; (ii) if a complaint is issued, a hearing shall be scheduled to begin within 30 days of its issuance; (iii) post-hearing briefs shall be issued within 30 days of the close of the hearing; and (iv) recommended decisions and orders shall be issued within 45 days of the submission of post-hearing briefs.
HB 5354
Comment: Workforce Development
Short Description: CUSTOM EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Customized Employment for Individuals with Disabilities Act. Changes the name of the Customized Employment Pilot Program to the Customized Employment Demonstration Program. Provides that the program shall consist of components consistent with specified standards published by the Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center and the Youth Technical Assistance Center under grants from the federal Department of Education. Provides that the Division of Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Human Services shall collect data concerning the successes and challenges of the program and shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on March 1st of each year beginning in 2026 until the program terminates. Defines "customized employment".

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HB 5365
Comment: U of I Specific
Short Description: U OF I-DOIT EFFICENCY REPORT
House Sponsors
Rep. Harry Benton

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the University of Illinois Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, not later than June 30, 2025, the Government Finance Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in coordination with an intergovernmental advisory committee, must issue a report evaluating the efficiency of Department of Innovation and Technology. Provides that the report must provide recommendations for policy within the Department of Innovation and Technology and for the agencies it serves based on its findings. Sets forth other provisions for the report to include. Provides that in developing the report, the Government Finance Research Center shall form an advisory committee. Provides for the committee's membership. Requires the Government Finance Research Center to provide administrative and other support to the committee. Effective immediately.

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HB 5369

Comment:
Workforce Development

Short Description: CAREER AND WORKFORCE-MASONRY

House Sponsors
Rep. Mary Gill

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Career and Workforce Transition Act. Provides that a public community college district shall accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from an institution approved by the Illinois Community College Board if a student has completed a masonry program at that institution.

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HB 5371

Comment:
HR

Short Description: HUMAN RIGHTS-VARIOUS

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that an employer is responsible for harassment and sexual harassment of its employees by the employer's nonmanagerial and nonsupervisory employees, nonemployees, and third parties only if the employer becomes aware of the conduct and fails to take reasonable corrective measures. Changes the definition of "real estate transaction" to include any act that otherwise makes available such a transaction or alters a person's right to real property. Makes it a civil rights violation in a real estate transaction to: make unavailable or deny real property to discriminate in making available such a transaction; or use criteria or methods that have the effect of subjecting individuals to unlawful discrimination or discrimination based on familial status, immigration status, source of income, or an arrest record in a real estate transaction. Provides that an aggrieved party may take action to collect on a judicial order issued by the Circuit Court in an action initiated by the State, regardless of whether or not the aggrieved party intervened in an enforcement action of a Human Rights Commission order. Provides that, in imposing a penalty based on a real estate transaction violation, the Commission may order a respondent to pay a civil penalty per violation to vindicate the public interest, and in imposing a civil penalty to vindicate the public interest, a separate penalty may be imposed for each specific act constituting a civil rights violation and for each aggrieved party injured by the civil rights violation. Deletes language authorizing each commissioner of the Human Rights Commission to hire a staff attorney. Repeals language regarding the collection of information concerning employment discrimination in relation to persons affected by the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Makes other changes.

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HB 5375

Comment:
Social Workers
Short Description: SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Social Work Licensure Compact Act. Provides that the State of Illinois ratifies and approves the Compact. Provides that the purpose of the Compact is to facilitate interstate practice of regulated social workers by improving public access to competent social work services and that the Compact preserves the regulatory authority of States to protect public health and safety through the current system of State licensure. Includes provisions about state participation in the compact, social worker participation in the compact, issuance of a multistate license, creation of the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission, the authority of the Commission and state licensing authorities, reissuance of a multistate license by a new home state, licensing of active military members, adverse actions against a multistate licensee, development of a multistate data system, rulemaking authority of the Commission, effect and conflict with state laws, oversight, dispute resolution, enforcement, the effective date of the Compact, withdrawal from the Compact, amendments to the Compact, and construction and severability of provisions of the Compact.

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HB 5387

Comment:
State Government Policy

Short Description: LANGUAGE EQUITY & ACCESS ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Dagmara Avelar

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Language Equity and Access Act. Creates the Division of Language Equity and Access within the Governor's Office of New Americans to lead statewide efforts in the implementation of the State's language equity and access policy for limited English proficient persons and to ensure meaningful access to information, services, programs, and activities offered by State agencies and other covered entities, including departments, offices, commissions, boards, or other agencies, for limited English proficient persons. Provides that the
Division shall provide expertise and monitor implementation of the Act. Provides that the Division shall work with State agencies and covered entities and use other available State resources, such as the Office of New Americans, the Office of Equity, and the Department of Human Services Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services, to ensure that the State compiles available U.S. Census data on languages used across the State, including the identification of geographic patterns and trend data. Provides that each State agency and covered entity shall prepare a language access plan that will describe its limited English proficient service population, the policy and programmatic actions it will implement and the metrics that will be used to measure compliance. Provides that the Division will prepare and submit a Language Equity and Access Compliance Report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026 and annually thereafter. Provides that the Governor's Office shall provide administrative and other support to the Governor's Office of New Americans and its Division of Language Equity and Access. Defines terms. Effective July 1, 2025.

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HB 5389

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $ST BD ED-SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $340,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Education to address shortages of school psychologists in this State through specified methods. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 5391

Comment: Appropriations

Short Description: $BD HIGHER ED-SCH PSYCHOLOGIST

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $2,950,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education to address shortages of school psychologists in this State through specified methods. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 5393

Comment: Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-TEACH LICENSE-CONTENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Rita Mayfield

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Creates a Provisional Educator License and provides that a Provisional Educator License may be issued to persons who have completed the required education coursework in a State-approved educator preparation program, an educator preparation program approved by another state, or comparable educator program in another country, have completed 2 years of student teaching with satisfactory evaluation of performance, and met any other requirements set by the State Board of Education, but have failed to pass a content area knowledge test under the Code. Provides that a Provisional Educator License is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance and may not be renewed. In provisions concerning educator testing, removes provisions stating that there shall be no exceptions for passing a test of content area knowledge. Removes provisions stating that no candidate shall be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record until he or she has passed the applicable content area test. Sets forth exceptions as to when a candidate seeking licensure may not be
required to pass a test of content area knowledge. Provides that a candidate seeking licensure for a Professional Educator License may either complete the required testing under the Code or have held a Provisional Educator License for 2 years (instead of completing the required testing under the Code).

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HB 5399

Comment:
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Short Description: BD HIGHER ED-AI IN EDUC REPORT

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that within 6 months of the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Board of Higher Education shall prepare a report to the General Assembly on the state of artificial intelligence education and development in public and private institutions of higher education. Sets forth what the report shall contain.

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HB 5407

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: EDU-HOMELESS CHILD-REPORT/GRNT
House Sponsors
Rep. Michelle Mussman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Provides that by June 31, 2026, the Office of the Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth shall create the School District Homeless Student Identification Performance Assessment and submit the Assessment to the State Board of Education for a school district with an enrollment greater than 100 students. Sets forth what information shall be included in the Assessment. Amends the School Code to provide that the information in the Assessment shall be included in the school report card. Further amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. In provisions concerning the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program, provides that when awarding competitive grants under the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant Program, grants shall be made to applicant school districts based on the percentage of students experiencing homelessness in the applicant school district in accordance with the Program (instead of to applicant school districts in accordance with the Program). Removes specified provisions concerning what factors the State Board of Education may use in awarding grants. Specifies other activities eligible for assistance. Provides that the State Board of Education may use up to 25% (instead 5%) of the funds appropriated for the purposes the Program for administrative costs. Makes other changes.

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HB 5414

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: HIGHR ED-STUDENT TEACH STIPEND

House Sponsors
Rep. Laura Faver Dias-Joyce Mason-Aaron M. Ortiz, Mary Beth Canty, Sharon Chung, William "Will" Davis, Lindsey LaPointe, Theresa Mah, Nabeela Syed, Kam Buckner, Norma Hernandez, Cyril Nichols, Diane Blair-Sherlock, Will Guzzardi, Abdelnasser Rashid, Anne Stava-Murray, Rita Mayfield, Anna Moeller, Kimberly Du Buclet, Kelly M. Cassidy and Justin Slaughter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Board of Higher Education shall create a student teaching stipend program to reduce financial barriers into the teaching profession and increase the quality of the student teaching experience
in order to better prepare teaching candidates for the classroom and increase teacher retention. Provides that to participate in the stipend program, an eligible student must be placed as a student teacher. Provides that an educator preparation program shall notify the Board of all eligible students who qualify for the stipend program by July 1. Provides that all eligible students shall be enrolled in the stipend program. Provides that subject to available appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible student a stipend of up to $10,000 for one academic semester, plus additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the stipend program. Sets forth provisions concerning funding if the amount appropriated for the program is insufficient to fund all eligible students. Provides that subject to available appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible student a stipend of up to $1,500 per academic semester, plus additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the stipend program. Provides that a cooperating teacher may receive professional development hours for completing cooperating teacher training that counts towards the cooperating teacher's license renewal or Gateways credential. Provides that an educator preparation program may not prohibit an eligible student or an eligible teacher from participating in the program or receiving a stipend from the program. Provides that, subject to available appropriations, the Board of Higher Education, in collaboration with the State Board of Educations shall report and evaluate about the program to the Governor and General Assembly on or before June 30, 2028 and each June 30 thereafter. Provides for rulemaking.

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HB 5437

Comment:
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Short Description: GROW YOUR OWN 2.0

House Sponsors
Rep. Tony M. McCombie

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. Transfers the powers and duties under the Act from the Board of Higher Education to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Replaces the requirement that the Board of Higher Education must contract annually for an independent evaluation of program implementation with the requirement that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission may elect to contract for an independent evaluation
with an outside entity. Effective immediately.

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HB 5448

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description: PENSIONS-VARIOUS

House Sponsors
Rep. Steven Reick

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2024, the annual earnings, salary, or wages (based on the plan year) of a Tier 2 member or participant under the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, Chicago Teachers, or Judges Article shall not exceed 90.5% of the federal Social Security Wage Base then in effect or the amount otherwise calculated under the Tier 2 provisions, whichever is greater. Makes changes to the funding formula beginning in fiscal year 2025 for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. Restricts participation in the General Assembly Retirement System and Judges Retirement System to persons who first become participants before January 8, 2025. Provides for participation under the State Employees Article by members of the General Assembly and judges. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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HB 5450

Comment:
Short Description: BD HIGHER ED-REPORTING

House Sponsors
Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Retirement System Article of the Illinois Pension Code. With respect to a Section concerning reports on cost reduction, removes provisions requiring that on or before November 15th of each year, the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, prepare a report showing, on a fiscal year by fiscal year basis, the amount by which the costs associated with compensable sick leave have been reduced as a result of the termination of compensable sick leave accrual on and after January 1, 1998 by employees of higher education institutions who are participants in the System. Amends the Higher Education Veterans Service Act. In provisions concerning reporting, provides that each October 15, each public college and university shall report to the Board of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Illinois Community College Board, on the expenditures for the prior fiscal year for the programs and services related to the efforts of the public college or university in attracting, recruiting, and retaining veterans and military personnel (instead of providing that each September 1, each college and university that is required to have a Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services shall report to the Board of Higher Education on the fiscal impact of the programs and services related to the requirements of the Act and on the efforts of the public college or university in attracting, recruiting, and retaining veterans and military personnel). Requires the Board's report to be filed with the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board.

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HB 5451

Comment:
Early Childhood Education

Short Description: DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

House Sponsors
Rep. Mary Beth Canty-Joyce Mason-Camille Y. Lilly-Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, Kelly M. Cassidy and Bob Morgan
Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Department of Early Childhood Act. Creates the Department of Early Childhood to begin operation on July 1, 2024 and transfers to it certain rights, powers, duties, and functions currently exercised by various agencies of State Government. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2026 the Department of Early Childhood shall be the lead State agency for administering and providing early childhood education and care programs and services to children and families including: home-visiting services; early intervention services; preschool services; child care services; licensing for day care centers, day care homes, and group day care homes; and other early childhood education and care programs and administrative functions historically managed by the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Children and Family Services. Makes conforming changes to various Acts including the Department of Human Services Act, the Illinois Early Learning Council Act, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Early Intervention Services System Act and the Children and Family Services Act. Effective immediately.

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HB 5452

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: EDUC/CITIZEN PART ACT-GENDER

House Sponsors
Rep. Mary Beth Canty and Kelly M. Cassidy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. Provides that all higher education institutions shall include in the comprehensive policy concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, information about how the higher education institution protects individuals who report from retaliation. Provides that the higher education institutions procedure for responding to a report shall also include protecting the survivor from retaliation, including a policy and process for early dismissal of any retaliatory claim by a respondent against a survivor, including, but not limited to, claims of defamation, harassment, bullying, and any other violation of policy claims where the actions alleged by the respondent are related to the survivor's report. Makes related changes in provisions concerning student notification of rights and options, confidential advisors, complaint resolution procedures, and campus training. Amends the Citizen Participation Act. Provides that a court shall not permit any person to pursue a defamation action to silence or retaliate against, a person reporting gender-
based violence, including cases where the alleged perpetrator is publicly named. Provides that the exception to motions under this Act are when the acts are not genuinely aimed at procuring favorable government action, result, or outcome or when the plaintiff presents clear and convincing evidence that the reporting of gender-based violence constituted speaking with actual malice. Makes related changes.

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HB 5453

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-DIRECT ADMISSION

House Sponsors
Rep. Carol Ammons

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public University Uniform Admission Pilot Program Act. Changes the short title of the Act to the Public University Direct Admission Program Act. Repeals the provisions concerning the uniform admission system pilot program on December 31, 2025. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the Board of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and the State Board of Education, shall establish and administer a direct admission program to automatically offer admission to a public university to qualified high school seniors in this State and public community college students in this State who qualify to transfer to a public university. Provides that under the direct admission program, a public university is required to offer admission to any high school senior who meets the public university's coursework standards for admission and to any public community college transfer student who meets specified criteria. Sets forth program and reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

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HB 5455

Comment:  
K-12

Short Description:  SCH CD-LICENSE BD/RECOGNITION

House Sponsors  
Rep. Sharon Chung

Synopsis As Introduced  
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the operating procedures of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may provide for the inclusion of nonvoting, ex officio members on the Board. With respect to a for-profit or not-for-profit entity being recognized as an educator preparation institution, provides that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity with a presence in this State must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board (instead of providing that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education).

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HB 5475

Comment:  
Nursing

Short Description:  NURSING CORRECTIONAL SCHOLAR

House Sponsors  
Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

Synopsis As Introduced  
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall award a nursing in correctional facilities scholarship to each qualified applicant in an amount sufficient to pay the tuition and fees of the eligible institution at which the recipient is enrolled, with specified limits. Provides that scholarship recipients shall also receive a stipend, the amount which shall not exceed $10,000, to cover other costs of attendance, including but not limited to, reasonable living expenses. Sets forth provisions concerning eligibility, scholarship terms, the total amount of
assistance, application for the program, repayment, compliance with State and Federal laws, a report, and rulemaking. Effective July 1, 2025.

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HB 5479

Comment:
Facilities

Short Description: PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin John Olickal

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Progressive Design-Build Pilot Program Act. Provides that the Capital Development Board may elect to use the progressive design-build delivery method. Provides that "progressive design-build delivery method" means a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity that is selected through a qualifications-based selection at the earliest feasible stage of the project. Sets forth other provisions concerning procedures for selection and submission of qualifications, the award of contracts, pricing, and federal requirements.

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HB 5483

Comment:
Audit

Short Description: AUDIT-INVESTIGATION-REPORTS
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois State Auditing Act. Provides that in order to protect and preserve the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the network, infrastructure, and data of a State agency, any findings resulting from the testing conducted under the provisions shall be included within the applicable State agency's compliance examination report and made available only to the applicable State agency under review. Provides that in order to protect and preserve the integrity, security, and confidentiality of the network, infrastructure, and data of a State agency, any investigations, findings, and recommendations pertaining to State agencies and their information technology controls, privacy programs and practices, and cybersecurity programs and practices, must be redacted and withheld from public disclosure. Restricts the Auditor General from disclosing the contents of the specific findings or recommendations except as permitted. Provides that all audit reports shall be maintained in the Office of the Auditor General as a public record. Establishes that where records or information are required to be disclosed, the Office of the Auditor General shall collect, maintain, and store, all records or information classified as confidential, legally protected, or maintaining an equivalent or greater privacy designation, under the same or greater privacy and security requirements to which such records or information were disclosed by the State agency to the Office of the Auditor General. Effective immediately.

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HB 5492

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: EDUC-SCH SUPPORT PERSONNEL

House Sponsors
Rep. Michelle Mussman and Camille Y. Lilly

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall establish a program of paid internships for students enrolled in educator preparation programs in the school support personnel endorsement areas of school social worker, school psychologist, school counselor, school nurse, and speech-language pathologist. Sets forth provisions concerning the program. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall establish and maintain a mentorship and recruitment program to develop and
maintain interest in the school support personnel endorsement areas of school social worker, school psychologist, school counselor, school nurse, and speech-language pathologist. Sets forth provisions concerning the program. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall establish a school support personnel educator preparation scholarship program to annually award up to 250 scholarships for school psychology, school counseling, school nursing, and school speech-language pathology. Sets forth provisions concerning the scholarship program. Provides that, to encourage Illinois students to enter the fields of school psychology, school counseling, school nursing, and school speech-language pathology and to continue to work in those fields in public schools in this State, the Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications for loan repayment assistance under a School Support Personnel Work Shortage Loan Repayment Program. Sets forth provisions concerning the Program. Effective immediately.

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HB 5494

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-DISPLAY BOOK COSTS

House Sponsors
Rep. Kimberly Du Buclet

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Provides that a public institution of higher education shall display the estimated costs of all required course materials and directly related course fees for no less than 75% of the total number of for-credit courses offered by the public institution of higher education. Sets forth provisions regarding the information to be displayed. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in consultation with relevant stakeholders and any other interested party identified by the Board of Higher Education, shall adopt, by rule, a list of incidental items that are not required to be reported. Provides that by December 31, 2025, the Board of Higher Education shall submit a report to the General Assembly that details how each public institution of higher education is ensuring compliance with these provisions. Provides that a public institution of higher education shall timely provide to the Board of Higher Education any information that the Board of Higher Education determines is necessary to submit the required report. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.
HB 5501

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: SCH CD-ABSENCE-APPRENTICESHIP

House Sponsors
Rep. Kevin John Olickal

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code. Provides that any child who is (i) 17 years of age or older or (ii) projected to graduate from a high school at the completion of the current school year shall be excused from attendance for no more than one-half of each school day in order to participate in an unpaid apprenticeship program. Provides that the student shall be excused from any mandatory school events during the school day.

HB 5510

Comment:
Social Work

Short Description: SCH CD-EDU LICENSE-SOCIAL WORK

House Sponsors
Rep. Gregg Johnson
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning types of licenses, creates the School Social Work Associate License. Provides that an applicant may apply to the State Board of Education for issuance of a School Social Work Associate License. Provides that a School Social Work Associate License holder shall be authorized to perform all responsibilities associated with traditional school social work roles, with the exception of direct work with students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, a student with an individualized education program. Provides that a School Social Work Associate License may be issued to an applicant who (i) holds a degree from a graduate program of social work that has been approved by the Council on Social Work Education and (ii) has an active license through the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act as either a licensed clinical social worker or licensed social worker. Provides that if the applicant is a licensed social worker under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, then the applicant shall be limited to the restrictions in the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act regarding independent clinical practice. Provides for a $150 application fee. Effective immediately.

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HB 5511

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-BID PREFERENCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Jay Hoffman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. In a provision concerning bid preferences for Illinois businesses, makes changes to the definition of "Illinois business". Provides that the chief procurement officer shall require at the time of submission of a bid, and may require at the Chief Procurement Officer's option at any time during the term of the contract, that the bidder or contractor submit an affidavit and other supporting documents demonstrating that the bidder or contractor is an Illinois business and, if applicable, submit an affidavit and other supporting documents demonstrating that the bidder or contractor is eligible for a 4% bid preference under the provisions. Provides that if a contractor who is awarded a contract through the use of a preference for Illinois businesses provided false information in order to obtain that preference, then the contractor is subject to disciplinary procedures under the Act.
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HB 5513

Comment:
State Finance

Short Description: ACFR-INTERNAL CONTROL UNIT

House Sponsors
Rep. Natalie A. Manley

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Governor's Office of Management and Budget Act. Creates the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Internal Control Unit. Provides that the ACFR Internal Control Unit may develop policies, plans, and programs to be used by the Office for the coordination of the financial audit and may advise and assist State agencies in improving internal controls related to the State's financial statements and reporting. Provides that the ACFR Internal Control Unit is authorized to direct State agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor in the adoption of internal control procedures and documentation necessary to address internal control deficiencies or resolve ACFR audit findings, and to direct implementation of such corrective actions. Requires each State agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor to furnish to the Office of Management and Budget such information as the Office may from time to time require. Provides that the Director or any duly authorized employee of the Office of Management and Budget shall, for the purpose of securing such information, have access to, and the right to examine and receive a copy of all documents, papers, reports, or records of any State agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor to assist in carrying out the Office's responsibilities under the provisions. Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, the Motor Fuel Tax Law, and the Workers' Compensation Act. Deletes provisions requiring the Auditor General to conduct certain audits. Repeals a provision concerning annual audits. Effective immediately.

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HB 5532

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATH ASSISTANT

House Sponsors
Rep. Travis Weaver

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning the educational requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 5539

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: PUBLIC UTILITIES-UNIVERSITIES

House Sponsors
Rep. Jay Hoffman

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Public Utilities Act. Adds public institutions of higher education to the list of organizations from which cost-effective energy efficiency measures may be procured for purposes of the Act. Effective immediately.

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HB 5547

Comment: Appropriations

Short Description: $HIGHER ED-WAGE INCREASE

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates funds from the General Revenue Fund to the governing board of each public university for personal services and the related costs of increasing the wage rates of university personnel employed in positions covered under the State Universities Civil Service System, beyond the annual cost of living adjustment, adjustments provided for in collective bargaining agreements, and any increases required by the Minimum Wage Law, in a fair and equitable manner so as to close the pay gap between public university workers and other State employees. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 5553

Comment: Mental Health

Short Description: DHS-CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS

House Sponsors
Rep. Sharon Chung

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department of Human Services shall establish and administer a program to provide grants to crisis walk-in centers that provide services in a homelike environment to persons experiencing a mental health crisis who would otherwise be placed in improper care settings. Provides that to be eligible for a grant under the program a crisis walk-in center must provide crisis intervention and support services to adults 18 years of age or older at a facility that operates a minimum of 8 to 16 hours per day, 5 to 7 days a week. Requires staff at the crisis walk-in center to include at least
one certified peer recovery support specialist and at least one licensed mental health professional who is available during the center's hours of operation to assess the severity of a client's mental health crisis, assist in developing a safety plan, and connect a client to appropriate community resources and other long-term behavioral health providers. Provides that grants awarded under the program may be used to fund increased staffing, facility improvements, or security measures at existing crisis walk-in centers. Provides that grants may also be awarded to behavioral health providers for the establishment or operation of crisis walk-in centers in underserved communities. Permits the Department to adopt rules on application requirements and any other rules necessary to implement the program.

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HB 5560

Short Description:  VEH CD-REDUCING PROFILING

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency shall engage in profiling. Creates a cause of action against the State for individuals injured by profiling. Allows a court to award of attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff. Requires law enforcement agencies in the State to adopt policies designed to eliminate profiling by: (i) prohibiting profiling; (ii) including profiling issues as part of law enforcement training; (iii) establishing procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to complaints alleging profiling by law enforcement officers or law enforcement agencies; (iv) adopting the model policies promoted by the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board; (v) collecting data in accordance with the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Act; and (vi) ceasing practices that permit profiling. Defines terms.

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HB 5561

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: WHISTLEBLOWER ACT

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Whistleblower Act. Changes the definitions of "employer" and "employee". Defines "adverse employment action", "public body", "retaliatory action", and "supervisor". Provides that an employer may not take retaliatory action against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose information about an activity, policy, or practice of the employer that the employee has a good faith belief that such activity, policy, or practice violates a State or federal law, rule, or regulation or poses a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. Includes additional relief, damages, and penalties for violation of the Act. Allows the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action to obtain appropriate relief if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person or entity is engaged in a practice prohibited by the Act. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act apply to claims arising or complaints filed on or after January 1, 2025. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 5568

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-IN STATE TUITION

House Sponsors
Rep. Aaron M. Ortiz

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Makes changes to the provisions concerning the in-state tuition charge to require that, for tuition purposes beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the governing board of each public university, at a minimum, deem an individual, other than an excluded nonimmigrant alien, an
Illinois resident, until the individual establishes a residence outside of this State, if the individual (1) attended a specified institution located in this State; (2) graduated from a high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State, attained an associate degree from a public community college, or completed a General Education Core Curriculum package under the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act for students transferring from a public community college; (3) is a current student or is registering as an entering student in the university; and (4) attests, if the individual is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity.

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HB 5572

Comment:
HR

Short Description: EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Worker Freedom of Speech Act. Provides that an employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, threaten to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, or take any adverse employment action against an employee: (1) because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative, or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; (2) as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to communications; or (3) because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of the Act. Provides for a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the Act. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Provides that, within 30 days after the effective date of the Act, an employer shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under the Act where employee notices are customarily placed. Provides for exceptions under the Act.

Last Action
HB 5576

Comment: State Government

Short Description: STATE HOLIDAY- LUNAR NEW YEAR

House Sponsors
Rep. Hoan Huynh

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the date corresponding with the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the third new moon following the winter solstice should an intercalary month intervene, is a holiday to be observed throughout the State and to be known as the Lunar New Year. Provides that, when the Lunar New Year falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday shall be held and considered the holiday. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to include the Lunar New Year as a holiday.

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HB 5581

Comment: BIPA

Short Description: ILLINOIS PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT

House Sponsors
Rep. Hoan Huynh

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Illinois Privacy Rights Act. Defines terms such as "biometric data", "consumer", 
"controller", "deidentified data", and "processor". Creates a consumer protection of privacy in which, with some exceptions, provides an individual with the right to: (i) confirm whether or not a controller is processing the consumer's personal data and access such personal data; (ii) correct inaccuracies in the consumer's personal data; (iii) delete personal data provided by or obtained about the consumer; (iv) obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data processed by the controller in a portable and, to the extent technically feasible, readily usable format; and, (v) opt out of the processing of the personal data for purposes of targeted advertising, the sale of personal data, or profiling in furtherance of solely automated decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning the consumer. Defines a consumer as a resident of this State excluding an individual acting in commercial or employment context. Provides that this Act applies to persons that conduct business in this State or persons that produce products or services that are targeted to residents of this State that during a 1-year period: (i) controlled or processed the personal data of not less than 35,000 unique consumers, excluding personal data controlled or processed solely for the purpose of completing a payment transaction; or (ii) controlled or processed the personal data of not less than 10,000 unique consumers and derived more than 25% of their gross revenue from the sale of personal data. Provides that the Attorney General has the exclusive authority under this Act to enforce violations of it. Makes a violation of this Act an unfair method of competition or any unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Prohibits a private cause of action under this Act. Effective January 1, 2025.

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HB 5601

Comment: BFR Clean-up

Short Description: STATE AGENCY FND

House Sponsors
Rep. William "Will" Davis

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts concerning various State programs, State funds, and State fund transfers. Deletes obsolete language and makes technical changes. Effective immediately.

Last Action
HB 5613

Comment: State Finance

Short Description: INC TX-EDUCATION SAVINGS

House Sponsors
Rep. Tim Ozinga

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. In provisions concerning a deduction for contributions to a College Savings Pool account or the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund, provides that a $10,000 limitation does not apply for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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HB 5615

Comment: State Finance

Short Description: STATE TREAS-EDU SCHOLAR ACCT

House Sponsors
Rep. Tim Ozinga

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Treasurer Act. Provides that the State Treasurer may establish and administer the Education Scholarship Account as a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. Provides that distributions from an account in the Education Scholarship Account may be used for the designated beneficiary’s qualified expenses; defines
"qualified expenses". Provides who may open an account under the Program. Provides that the Treasurer and the State Board of Education shall each cooperate in providing each other with account information, as necessary, to prevent contributions in excess of those necessary to provide for the qualified expenses of the designated beneficiary. Sets forth provisions concerning funds for the Program. Sets forth provisions concerning investment policies for the Account. Provides that the Treasurer shall work with the State Board of Education to coordinate the marketing of the Education Scholarship Account. Sets forth other provisions concerning administering the Education Scholarship Account Program. Provides for rulemaking.

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HB 5624

Comment:
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Short Description: OPEN MEETINGS ACT-EXCEPTIONS

House Sponsors

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that for a 3-member public body, "meeting" does not include a gathering of 2 members of the public body, except when gathered for a regularly scheduled meeting, or otherwise gathered to adopt any motion, resolution, or ordinance. Provides that for a 3-member body, 2 members of the body constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of 2 members is necessary to adopt any motion, resolution, or ordinance, unless a greater number is otherwise provided. Allows a Police District Council to conduct a closed meeting if discussion of an issue of public safety concerns: (i) the privacy of individuals involved; (ii) law enforcement or official misconduct investigations involving specific individuals; or (iii) other topics that if discussed in an open meeting would pose an unreasonable risk to an ongoing criminal investigation, or an unreasonable risk to the safety of the general public. Allows a public body that has a website which is maintained by full-time staff of the public body to post public notice for a special meeting solely by posting notice on its website. Adds a provision allowing Police District Councils, created pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, to hold meetings (other than the required regularly scheduled monthly meetings) by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of the members, subject to specified conditions.

Last Action
HB 5625

Comment: Student Athletes

Short Description: WORK COMP-STUDENT ATHLETES

House Sponsors
Rep. Kam Buckner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" includes every student participant in an athletic program at an institutions of higher education, but only when the student is participating in an athletic event, travel to and from an athletic event, or an organized training activity. Sets forth a provision to calculate the average weekly wage of a student athlete.

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HB 5629

Comment: Vehicle Bill

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

House Sponsors
Rep. Robyn Gabel

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.
HB 5630

Comment:
Possible State Collaboration

Short Description: IEMA-OHS-REACTOR ADVISORY BODY

House Sponsors
Rep. Lilian Jiménez

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Nuclear Safety Law of 2004. Directs the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security to convene an advisory body, to be known as the Small Modular Reactor Advisory Committee, which shall consist of relevant stakeholders and members of the public, including, but not limited to, members of the environmental community, electric utilities, appropriately credentialed academics, energy economists, energy engineers, public interest organizations, consumer protection organizations, and others whose insights are relevant to the preparation of the small modular reactor study and small modular reactor rules to be adopted under the Act. Directs the Small Modular Reactor Advisory Committee to provide current, expert information germane to the topic, critique and fact-check the development of the draft modular reactor study and rules, provide meaningful point and counter-point analysis on the small modular reactor issue, and provide additional access and referrals to additional experts in fields relating to the preparation of the draft small modular reactor study. Specifies that members shall not be compensated for service on the Small Modular Reactor Advisory Committee but shall be reimbursed by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security, not less than quarterly, for such items as travel to meetings, meals, copying expenses, and other related expenses. Provides for the repeal of the provision that creates the Small Modular Reactor Advisory Committee on July 1, 2027. Effective immediately.

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HB 5632

Comment:
State Mandates

Short Description: SCH CD-STATE MANDATES

House Sponsors
Rep. Rita Mayfield

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that notwithstanding any other State law to the contrary, from July 1, 2024 until July 1, 2028, any State mandate under the State Mandates Act enacted after July 1, 2024 does not apply to a school district if the State mandate is non-academic. Provides that the State Board of Education shall determine if a State mandate is non-academic. Effective July 1, 2024.

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HB 5649

Comment:
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Short Description: DFPR-AI-MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

House Sponsors
Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that it is an unlawful practice within the meaning of the Act for a licensed mental health professional to provide mental health services to a patient through the use of artificial intelligence without first obtaining informed consent from the patient for the use of artificial intelligence tools and disclosing the use of artificial intelligence tools to the patient before providing services through the use of artificial intelligence. Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Nurse Practice Act, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, and the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act. Makes corresponding changes in grounds for discipline. Provides that the
Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may adopt rules to regulate the use of artificial intelligence tools to provide mental health services.

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HB 5650

Comment:
State Finances

Short Description: ICJIA-COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

House Sponsors
Rep. Justin Slaughter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Reimagine Public Safety Act. Provides for the Community Organization Capacity Building Program. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall allocate $10,000,000 for community organization capacity building. Provides for the issuance of $150,000 to $500,000 grants in specified reimbursable service categories to small, emerging community-based organizations in Reimagine Public Safety Act communities. Provides for the issuance of $300,000 to $500,000 grants in specified reimbursable service categories for existing Reimagine Public Safety Act grantees to build other smaller organizations' capacities. Provides for requirements to receive grants and permits the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, with the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, to create other criteria to award grants. Provides for the Community Violence Initiative Workforce Development Training Centers Program. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall allocate $5,000,000 for Community Violence Initiative organizations. Provides for the issuance of $2,500,000 grants in specified reimbursable service categories for 2 Community Violence Initiative workforce training organizations. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, with the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, shall create criteria to award grants. Provides for 4 prospective three-month grant payments based on specified criteria for any community-based organization funded by Restore, Reinvest, and Renew programs at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Climate and Equitable Jobs Act programs at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or Reimagine Public Safety Act programs at the Illinois Department of Human Services. Provides for peer assessment and evaluation for all grantees under the Reimagine Public Safety Act program. Defines terms. Amends the Illinois Criminal Justice
Information Act and authorizes the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to act according to the powers and duties granted it in the Reimagine Public Safety Act. States findings and purpose.

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HB 5655

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-NATL GUARD/RESERVIST

House Sponsors
Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Provides that the governing board of each public institution of higher education shall adopt a policy to allow a student who is a member of the National Guard of any state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the United States or any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States to submit classwork and complete any other class assignments missed due to the student participating in a drill required as a member of the National Guard or the reserve component.

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HB 5717

Short Description: $SIUOCE

House Sponsors
Synopsis As Introduced

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as follows: General Funds $225,703,100; Other State Funds $1,267,000; Total $226,970,100.

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SB 93

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MONETARY AWARD PROG

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jil Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. With regard to the Monetary Award Program, provides that, in addition to other eligibility requirements for applicants of the grant program enrolled at a qualified for-profit institution, the following shall apply to the qualified for-profit institution in which the applicant is enrolled: (i) beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, a qualified for-profit institution may not exceed a 15% national 3-year student loan cohort default rate, as published by the U.S. Department of Education, and (ii) beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, a qualified for-profit institution must maintain an 80% student success rate; defines "student success rate". Provides that a for-profit institution's failure to meet those eligibility requirements shall result in a probationary academic year during which the institution is required to notify all current and prospective students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants of the student's possibility of losing that eligibility. Provides that if the institution fails to meet the for-profit institution eligibility requirements for 2 consecutive academic years, an applicant enrolled at the institution must lose Monetary Award Program grant eligibility and for a student to regain Monetary Award Program grant eligibility at that institution, the institution must meet the for-profit institution eligibility requirements for at least 2 consecutive academic years. Effective immediately.

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SB 238

Comment:
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: BUSINESS ENTERPRISE-VETERANS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Craig Wilcox

Synopsis As Introduced

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SB 284

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: MAP GRANT-TEACHER EXTENSION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the monetary award program. Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year through the 2028-2029 academic year, provides that an applicant who is otherwise eligible for grant assistance under the program may receive grant assistance for an additional academic year after receiving a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit hours if he or she (i) enrolls in a State-approved educator preparation program and (ii) within 5 years after receiving a Professional Educator License,
teaches in this State for a minimum of 3 years. Requires repayment if at any time a person fails to meet the requirements. Effective immediately.

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SB 331

Comment:
HR

Short Description: HIGHER ED-PAY DURING CLOSURE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner, Meg Loughran Cappel, Laura Fine, Paul Faraci, Patrick J. Joyce, Michael W. Halpin, Ram Villivalam and David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Requires the governing board of each public university and community college district to pay employees and contractors their daily, regular rate of pay and benefits if a campus is closed due to a city, county, or State declaration of a winter weather emergency.

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SB 457

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: EDUCATION-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ram Villivalam-Adriane Johnson-Rachel Ventura-Sara Feigenholtz

House Sponsors
(Rep. Kevin John Olickal, Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, Aaron M. Ortiz, Lilian Jiménez, Kimberly Du Buclet, Sonya M. Harper, Ann M. Williams, Hoan Huynh, Kelly M. Cassidy, Michael J. Kelly, Lindsey LaPointe, Abdelnasser Rashid, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Theresa Mah, Kam Buckner, Justin Slaughter, Mary E. Flowers, Cyril Nichols, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Nicholas
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a financial oversight panel's powers.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, including funding for any administrative costs reasonably incurred by the State Board of Education, upon the execution of one or more required statewide master contracts entered by the State Board of Education and annually thereafter, the State Board of Education shall notify school districts of any prepackaged meal options, including, but not limited to, halal and kosher food options, available for purchase under a statewide master contract for the upcoming school year. Requires the State Board to enter into one or more statewide master contracts to purchase religious dietary food options, and sets forth provisions concerning the contracts. Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act. Provides that the University of Illinois Hospital shall offer religious dietary food options that comply with federal and State nutritional guidelines. Amends the Halal Food Act. Provides that any halal food product offered by a State-owned or State-operated facility shall be purchased from a halal-certified vendor; defines "State-owned or State-operated facility". Provides that any person, organization, or vendor falsely representing a food product it provides as halal or falsely representing itself as a halal-certified vendor is subject to penalties under the Act. Amends the Kosher Food Act. Defines "kosher". Makes substantially similar changes as to kosher food products at State facilities. Provides that a violation of the provisions concerning State facility kosher food products is a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class A misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent offense. Amends the Facilities Article of the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that any Department of Corrections facility that provides food services or cafeteria services for which food products are provided or offered for sale shall also offer religious dietary food options that comply with federal and State nutritional guidelines. Provides that nothing in providing religious dietary food options is intended to expand any Department of Corrections facility's obligations beyond that required under federal law. Contains a severability clause. Effective June 1, 2024.

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SB 1509

Comment:
Dental Issues

Short Description: TELEDENTAL-STANDARD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Bill Cunningham, Julie A. Morrison, Michael E. Hastings-Dale Fowler, Dave Syverson and Sally J. Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Provides that a person who provides teledentistry is considered to practice dentistry under the Act. Provides that a dentist practicing teledentistry is subject to the same standard of care as if those services were being delivered in a clinic or office setting. Provides that a patient receiving dental services through teledentistry shall be provided with the name, direct telephone number, and physical practice address of the treating dentist who will be involved in the teledentistry services. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may adopt rules to implement the provisions of the use of teledentistry services. Provides that it shall be a violation of the Act for a provider of dental services utilizing care through teledentistry to require a patient to sign an agreement that limits in any way the patient's ability to write a review of services received or file a complaint with the Department or other regulatory agency. Provides that a person may not sell a clear aligner to a patient unless the person has received written or electronic confirmation from a dentist licensed in this State that the patient has received an intraoral or extraoral dental examination and has had a review of new or recently conducted x-rays, panoramic x-rays, computed tomography, bone imaging scans, or other appropriate diagnostic imaging sufficient to allow the dentist to detect conditions in the patient that would preclude or contraindicate the provision of safe orthodontic treatment. Provides that a person who sells a clear aligner to a patient shall maintain any documents for not less than 7 years after the date of sale. Defines "informed consent" and "clear aligner". Changes the definitions of "patient of record" and "teledentistry".

Senate Committee Amendment No. 2
Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Further amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Provides that prior to providing teledentistry services to a patient, a dentist must obtain informed consent from the patient as to the treatment proposed to be offered through teledentistry by the dentist. Provides that a patient who is provided services by a public health dental hygienist who has a public health supervision agreement is not a patient of record. Makes other changes.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3
Provides that a patient who is provided teledentistry services by a public health dental hygienist who has a public health supervision agreement does not need to receive a physical examination from a dentist prior to treatment.

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SB 1583

Comment: 
State Finances

Short Description: INC TX-INTERNSHIP CREDIT

Senate Sponsors 
Sen. Tom Bennett and Sally J. Turner

Synopsis As Introduced 
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit in an amount equal to 10% of the stipend or salary paid by the taxpayer to up to (i) 5 qualified college interns or (ii) 5 qualified high school interns during the taxable year. Provides that no taxpayer may claim more than $5,000 in total credits under that Section for all taxable years combined. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

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SB 1821

Comment: 
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-SMALL BUS-VETERAN

Senate Sponsors 
Sen. Craig Wilcox

Synopsis As Introduced 
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. In respect to a "qualified veteran-owned small business", provides that business must have annual gross sales of less than $150,000,000 (rather than $75,000,000) as evidenced by the federal income tax return of the business.

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SB 1910
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Law. Provides that, to ensure that the actions of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services are fairly and equitably communicated to both the provider community and Medicaid managed care organizations under contract with the State, to the full extent permitted by federal and State law, the Department shall coordinate with and communicate to statewide organizations representing substance use disorder and mental health facilities and providers (statewide organizations) the Department's actions or modifications to those provisions of the Illinois Public Aid Code or Department rules concerning managed care services for persons with substance use disorders or mental health conditions, at the same time the Department communicates such actions or modifications to Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) or plans. Specifies that the requirements of the amendatory Act apply to actions, communications, or modifications involving mental health and substance use disorder provisions to or from the Illinois Public Aid Code or adopted rules for which the Department has authority over. Provides that, to the full extent permitted by federal and State law, the Department shall provide a statewide organization with notice of the Department's proposed actions or modifications to such State laws or Department rules, at the same time the Department communicates such proposed actions or modifications to MCOs. Provides that, to the extent that the Department is prohibited by a federal or State law, a contractual obligation, or any other privacy restriction from disclosing certain information related to the Department's action or modification to a State law or Department rule, the Department shall disclose such information to the statewide organization as soon as permitted and to the full extent permissible under the applicable law or contract or when the privacy restriction has been removed.

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SB 1919

Comment:
State Policy - P3

Short Description: PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. John F. Curran-Donald P. DeWitte
Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Public-Private Partnerships Act. Provides that the intent of the Act, among others, is to authorize responsible public entities to develop and enter into public-private partnership agreements for qualifying projects which result in the availability of such projects to the public in a more timely and less costly fashion, thereby serving the public safety, benefit, and welfare. Creates the Infrastructure Investment Commission, including its membership and duties. Establishes the qualifications and processes related to unsolicited proposals for projects that become public-private agreements for the building, upgrading, providing of services, operating, ownership or financing of facilities. Sets forth the procedures and standards for the formation of public-private agreements between public and private entities, including the powers of the entities and the provisions of the agreements. Establishes development and operation standards for projects. Includes provisions related to the taxation and financial arrangements related to public-private partnerships. Sets forth additional provisions related to: the acquisition of property; law enforcement; and additional powers of responsible public entities with respect to qualifying projects. Makes conforming changes in the Freedom of Information Act and the Public Funds Investment Act.

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SB 1962

Comment:
Healthcare - MCO

Short Description: PUBLIC AID-TECH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ann Gillespie

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Public Aid. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning managed care protections.

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SB 1965

Comment:
Medicaid
Short Description: MEDICAID-MCO RATE TRANSPARENCY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ann Gillespie-Elgie R. Sims, Jr.-David Koehler, Karina Villa-Sara Feigenholtz and Napoleon Harris, III

House Sponsors
(Rep. Anna Moeller)

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions requiring the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to implement a capitation base rate setting process for payments to managed care organizations (MCOs), removes the following requirements: (i) that any quality incentive or other incentive withholding of any portion of the actuarially certified capitation rates must be budget-neutral; (ii) that the entirety of any aggregate withheld amounts must be returned to the MCOs in proportion to their performance on the relevant performance metric; and (iii) that no amounts shall be returned to the Department if all performance measures are not achieved to the extent allowable by federal law and regulations.

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SB 2040

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: HIGHER ED-MINORITY TEACHERS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Natalie Toro and Cristina Castro-Christopher Belt-Willie Preston-Laura Ellman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Minority Teachers of Illinois scholarship program. Provides that any money appropriated to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for scholarship awards for a particular academic year that remains unused at the end of that academic year shall be deposited into the Student Teaching Fund. Requires the Commission to establish and administer a student teaching stipend program in which the Commission receives and considers applications for a stipend from scholarship recipients who are student teaching. Subject to appropriation from the Student Teaching Fund, provides that the Commission shall select stipend recipients from among applicants who are in financial need. Provides that the amount and payment of any stipend shall be determined by the Commission, and provides for rulemaking. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Student
Teaching Fund as a special fund in the State treasury.

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SB 2088

Comment: Medicaid

Short Description: MEDICAID-MCO-CLAIMS PAYMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires managed care organizations (MCOs) to pay a clean claim (rather than claim) within 30 days of receiving a claim. Defines "clean claim" as a claim that contains all the essential information needed to adjudicate the claim or a claim for which a managed care organization does not request within 30 days of receipt any additional information to adjudicate the claim. Contains provisions concerning MCO reports to providers on the receipt and payment of claims; MCO data collection requirements; providers' right to file suit to recover outstanding payments; quarterly audits of each MCO's requests for provider information to adjudicate claims; MCO claims processing and performance analysis; quarterly audits of MCOs payments to hospitals; the segregation of State-issued Medicaid funds received by MCOs for payments to providers; and other matters. Amends the Hospital Provider Funding Article of the Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to calculate, at least quarterly, all Hospital Assessment Program-related funds paid to each hospital, whether paid by the Department or an MCO, including the amounts integrated into rate increases and distributed as provided under the Code.

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SB 2222

Comment: K-12

Short Description: EDUC-SCH SOCIAL WORKER GRANT
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Fine and Javier L. Cervantes

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, all internships for school social workers must be paid internships. Provides that subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall award competitive grants on an annual basis to school districts to assist in the funding of these paid internships. Provides that the State Board of Education shall annually disseminate a request for applications to the grant program. Provides that higher priority shall be given to schools that demonstrate a shortage of school social workers, which is determined by the average ratio of school social workers to students in the target school district over the preceding 3 school years. Provides that the State Board of Education shall produce an annual report on the program. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Board of Higher Education, shall award competitive grants on an annual basis to colleges or universities in the State to fund field placements for social workers. Provides that Subject to appropriation, colleges and universities shall annually disseminate a request for applications to the grant program. Provides that colleges and universities, upon receiving funding, shall provide applications to students eligible for this funding. Provides that the college or university shall give priority to applicants who are a member of a racial minority. Provides that each college or university that receives funds shall provide an annual report to the State Board of Higher Education, and the Board of Higher Education shall publish those reports on the State Board's website. Effective immediately.

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SB 2345

Comment:
State Government

Short Description:  JUV CT-RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 concerning abused, neglected, and dependent minors. Provides that, within 30 (Instead of 35) days after placing a child in its care in a qualified residential treatment program, as defined by the federal Social Security Act, the Department of Children and Family Services shall prepare a written report for filing with the court and send copies of the report to all parties (rather "shall file a written report with the court and send copies of the report to all parties"). Provides that, within 20 days of the filing of the report, or as soon
thereafter as the court's schedule allows but not more than 60 days from the date of placement, the court shall hold a hearing to consider the Department's report and determine whether placement of the child in a qualified residential treatment program provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment and if the placement is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child, as specified in the permanency plan for the child.

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SB 2346

Comment:
GATA

Short Description: GRANT TRANSPARENCY-REPORT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura M. Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall compile an annual budget implementation report. Provides that the report shall include the following information concerning each grant agreement entered into by a State awarding agency during the previous calendar year: (1) the total cost of each project; (2) detailed line items specified under guidelines issued by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget; and (3) a description specified purpose for the project. Requires the report to be submitted to the General Assembly and posted on the website of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Effective immediately.

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SB 2404

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGH ED-IN STATE TUITION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ram Villivalam, Karina Villa and Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that, in determining whether an individual is an Illinois resident, if the individual enrolls or attains credits at a public or private elementary school in this State, a public or private high school in this State, an adult school organized under the Public Community College Act, or a community college campus organized under the Public Community College Act, or either graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State, attained an associate degree from a community college campus organized under the Public Community College Act, or fulfills of the minimum transfer requirements established by the college for students transferring from a campus of a community college campus organized under the Public Community College Act, then the individual can qualify as a resident (instead of resided with his or her parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in this State or individual graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State). Removes the requirement that the individual must attend school in this State for at least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma to qualify as an Illinois resident.

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SB 2439

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: HIGH ED-SOCIAL WORK LOAN/GRANT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mattie Hunter and Karina Villa

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates the Social Worker and Qualified Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall create and administer a Social Worker and Qualified Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program for applicants whose role is to primarily serve recipients of medical assistance or uninsured individuals or for an organization that predominantly serves recipients of medical assistance or uninsured individuals after receiving loan repayment assistance. Sets forth conditions to apply to the program, loan repayment requirements, application requirements, repayment amounts, and other conditions. Creates the Social Worker and Qualified Mental Health Professional Grant Program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall create and administer a Social Worker Grant
Program for applicants whose role is to primarily serve recipients of medical assistance or uninsured individuals or for an organization that predominantly serves recipients of medical assistance or uninsured individuals after receiving loan repayment assistance. Sets forth conditions to apply to the program, grant requirements, application requirements, repayment amounts, and other conditions. Effective January 1, 2024.

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SB 2442

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: FAIR PATIENT BILLING-INCOME

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mike Simmons

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Fair Patient Billing Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a hospital shall not charge or bill a patient whose household income is not greater than 138% of the federal poverty level.

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SB 2600

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: MEDICAL PATIENTS RIGHTS-FEES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Rachel Ventura

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Patient Rights Act. Provides that, except as otherwise required by law, health care providers shall not charge a patient or require the payment of a fee for a missed or late appointment. Provides that nothing shall be construed to limit health care providers from
developing and implementing any incentive program to encourage patient adherence to scheduled appointments. Provides that any health care provider that violates the provision is guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined $500 per violation.

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SB 2606

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description:  HIGHER ED-MENTAL HEALTH DAYS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Provides that the board of trustees of each public college or university shall adopt a policy that allows for a minimum of 5 mental health days for students to use per academic year.

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SB 2607

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description:  PEN CD-DEFERRED COMP-FEES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Robert F. Martwick

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Deferred Compensation Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, after January 1, 2024, the deferred compensation plan shall provide for the recovery of the expenses of its administration by charging fees equitably prorated among the participating employers (instead of by charging administrative expenses against the earnings from investments or by charging fees equitably prorated among the participating State employees or by such other
appropriate and equitable method as the Illinois State Board of Investment shall determine). Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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SB 2612

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: ILLINOIS CURE ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Willie Preston

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Compassionate Use and Research of Entheogens Act. Establishes the Illinois Psilocybin Advisory Board within the Department of Public Health for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the Department regarding the provision of psilocybin and psilocybin services. Provides that the Department shall begin receiving applications for the licensing of persons to manufacture or test psilocybin products, operate service centers, or facilitate psilocybin services. Contains licensure requirements and prohibitions. Provides that a licensee or licensee representative may manufacture, deliver, or possess a psilocybin product. Provides that the Department may obtain, relinquish, or dispose of psilocybin products to ensure compliance with and enforce the Act and rules adopted under the Act. Creates the Psilocybin Control and Regulation Fund and the Illinois Psilocybin Fund and makes conforming changes in the State Finance Act. Requires the Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, and the Department of Revenue to perform specified duties. Contains provisions concerning rulemaking; taxes; fees; zoning; labeling; and penalties. Preempts home rule powers. Contains other provisions. Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Provides that specified records shall be expunged prior to (i) January 1, 2025 (rather than January 1, 2023) and (ii) January 1, 2027 (rather than January 1, 2025). Provides for expungement of specified records concerning the possession of psilocybin and psilocin. Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Removes psilocybin and psilocin from the list of Schedule I controlled substances. Amends the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal Act of 2012. Provides that the Tax Tribunal shall have original jurisdiction over all determinations of the Department of Revenue reflected on specified notices issued under the Compassionate Use and Research of Entheogens Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 2613

Comment: HR - PFLAW

Short Description: PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-PARK DIST

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the term "park district" has the same meaning as defined in the Park District Code and also includes any party to a joint agreement between a park district and an entity to act jointly for the purposes of providing for the establishment, maintenance, and management of joint recreational programs for persons with disabilities, to the extent that the party is acting within the scope of that joint agreement.

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SB 2616

Comment: Human Rights

Short Description: UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION-FAMILY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Natalie Toro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is the public policy of the State to secure for all individuals the freedom from discrimination against any individual because of his or her family responsibilities in employment. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for a person, or 2 or more persons, to conspire to retaliate against a person because he or she has opposed that which he or she reasonably and in good faith believes to be discrimination based on family responsibilities. Changes the definition of "harassment" to include any unwelcome conduct on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived family responsibilities. Defines "family responsibilities" as an employee's actual or perceived provision of personal care to a family member. Defines "personal care" and "family member".
SB 2635

Comment:
HR - PFLAW

Short Description: PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-DEFINITIONS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Cristina Castro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" does not include: (1) an employee who is employed by an institution of higher education (i) for less than 2 consecutive calendar quarters during a calendar year and who does not have a reasonable expectation that he or she will be rehired by the same employer of the same service in a subsequent calendar year or (ii) as a temporary appointment as described in the State Universities Civil Service Act; (2) higher education faculty and instructors who have teaching, research, and extension faculty contracts or appointments of less than 12 consecutive months of the year; or (3) an employee employed by a public community college or other public institution of higher education in the State of Illinois whose position is covered by a bona fide collective bargaining agreement. Provides that the definition of "employer" does not include laboratory schools as defined in the School Code. Makes conforming changes. Effective January 1, 2024.

SB 2640

Comment:
FOIA

Short Description: FOIA-ADMIN OR TECHNICAL INFO

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Bill Cunningham
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that administrative or technical information associated with automated data operations shall be exempt from inspection and copying, but only to the extent that disclosure would jeopardize the security of the system or its data or the security of materials exempt under the Act.

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SB 2641

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: NETWORK ADEQUACY-SPECIALISTS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Linda Holmes

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. Provides that the Department of Insurance shall determine whether the network plan at each in-network hospital and facility has a sufficient number of hospital-based medical specialists to ensure that covered persons have reasonable and timely access to such in-network physicians and the services they direct or supervise. Defines "hospital-based medical specialists".

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SB 2653

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: OPERATING ROOM SAFETY ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner, Javier L. Cervantes and Ram Villivalam
Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Operating Room Patient Safety Act. Provides that each surgical technologist hired or contracted by a health care facility on or after January 1, 2026 shall meet specified educational, certification, or experiential requirements. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits an individual from performing surgical technology services if the individual is acting within the scope of the individual’s license or registration or is a student or intern under the direct supervision of a licensed health care provider. Provides that a health care facility may employ or otherwise contract with an individual to perform surgical technology services and functions who does not meet those requirements if the health care facility makes a diligent and thorough effort and, after such an effort is completed, the facility is unable to employ or contract with a sufficient number of qualified surgical technologists who satisfy the requirements of the Act. Provides that the health care facility shall maintain documentation of its efforts.

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SB 2655

Comment:
Medicaid

Short Description: MEDICAID EXPANSION TASK FORCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura M. Murphy-Julie A. Morrison, Paul Faraci, Laura Fine and Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Medicaid Expansion of Network Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Task Force Act. Establishes the Medicaid Expansion of Network Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Task Force to develop and propose policies to increase the State's Medicaid provider networks to give Medicaid clients more provider choice for their health care needs. Provides that the Task Force shall work toward creating solutions to streamline the State's Medicaid system, making it more efficient, and making it easier to use while improving the overall quality of care. Contains provisions concerning the Task Force's composition and meetings. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide administrative support to the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the General Assembly by December 31, 2025. Repeals the Act on July 1, 2026.

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SB 2657

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description:  MENTAL HLTH/DISABIL-RECORDS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. Allows, upon request, an investigator or attorney employed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation investigating any provider of mental health or developmental disabilities services who is a licensee of the Department to inspect and copy a recipient's record or any part thereof. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits the use of a recipient's records in an administrative proceeding conducted by the Department.

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SB 2665

Comment:
OMA

Short Description:  OMA-SERVICE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mike Porfirio

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that, if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of performance of active military duty as a service member. Defines "active military duty" and "service member".

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SB 2670

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: COMMUNITY MENT HLTH BD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Rachel Ventura

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Community Mental Health Act. Provides that in any county with a county executive form of government, if applicable, the county executive shall appoint the community mental health board with the advice and consent of the county board.

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SB 2677

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: HIGHER ED-IL VETERAN GRANT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael E. Hastings

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Illinois Veteran grant program. Provides that a grant recipient is not required to pay any tuition or mandatory fees while attending a State-controlled university or public community college in this State for a period that is based on the length of his or her active duty service, as verified on his or her U.S. Department of Defense form DD-214, calculated at specified credit hour rates (rather than for a period that is equivalent to 4 years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms). Provides that a grant may be transferred to a qualified dependent beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year. Amends the School Code to make a related change. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 2682

Comment:
Workforce Development

Short Description: WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Ellman, Doris Turner and Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced

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SB 2686

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $ISAC-VETERANS/NATIONAL GUARD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin-Julie A. Morrison

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $26,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to reimburse public universities and community colleges for costs associated with the Illinois Veteran grant program and the Illinois National Guard and Naval Militia grant program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 2689

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: SCH CD-MONTESSORI EDUC LICENSE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Robert Peters-Ram Villivalam

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides for the issuance of a Montessori educator license to qualified individuals to teach using the Montessori method in public school programs that use the Montessori method as the primary method of instruction. Sets forth the requirements that an individual must satisfy to be issued a Montessori educator license, which include requiring the applicant to have (i) graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree, (ii) a Montessori certificate or credential issued by an institution accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, by the American Montessori Society, or by the Association Montessori Internationale, and (iii) successfully completed required testing. Makes related changes to provisions concerning educator testing and fees.

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SB 2690

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-REFUGEE-TRANSCRIPT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mike Porfirio-Michael E. Hastings

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Provides that each public institution of higher education shall pay on behalf of a refugee or reimburse a refugee for payment of any transcript evaluation fees that are required by the public institution of higher education to be paid during the admission process. Effective immediately.

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SB 2691

Comment:
HR

Short Description: EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE-NOTICE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Fine

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Employee Sick Leave Act. Provides that an employer may limit the use of personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness, injury, medical appointment, or personal care of the employee's covered family member to an amount not less than the personal sick leave that would be earned or accrued during 9 months (rather than 6 months) at the employee's then current rate of entitlement. Provides that, for employers who base personal sick leave benefits on an employee's years of service instead of annual or monthly accrual, such employer may limit the amount of sick leave to be used under this Act to three-fourths of the employee's maximum annual grant (rather than half of the employee's maximum annual grant). Provides that an employer may not require an employee to provide advance notice of his or her use of personal sick leave benefits. Makes a corresponding change.

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SB 2718

Comment:
Early Childhood Ed

Short Description: INC TX-EARLY CHILDHOOD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit for taxpayers who are employed as an early childhood teacher or an early childhood assistant during the taxable year and who have a federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year of $75,000 or less. Provides that, for taxable years beginning on January 1, 2025 and beginning before January 1, 2026, the
amount of the credit is $1,000. Provides that, for subsequent taxable years, the credit amount shall be adjusted by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year.

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SB 2755

Comment:
Manufacturing

Short Description: SCH CD-ADV MANUFACTURING EDUC

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall create and maintain a comprehensive training program in advanced manufacturing to ensure an adequate supply of trained and skilled individuals to work in advanced manufacturing and to ensure appropriate representation of racial and ethnic groups in all phases of the industry. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop the program to be taught as part of the curriculum of the public school system from grades kindergarten through 12 and made readily available to all school districts. Provides that school districts may include programs in education in advanced manufacturing as a part of the curriculum of those districts. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement these provisions. Provides that the rules may not create any new State mandates on school districts as a condition of districts receiving federal, State, or local funds. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assume responsibility for the administration of the program throughout all school districts, as well as developing the program to match the requirements and mandates of federal programming.

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SB 2763

Comment:
Facilities
OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTROL

Sen. Laura Ellman and Natalie Toro

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Responsible Outdoor Lighting Control Act. Restricts State money from being used to install or replace permanent outdoor lighting units unless certain conditions are met. Provides that specified lighting units that were installed prior to the effective date of the Act and that produce light pollution need not be replaced until the end of the life of the lamp. Provides that these requirements apply to all lighting on or in all newly constructed, renovated, and retrofitted State-owned, State-supported, State-funded, or State-related rights-of-way, roadways and sidewalks, spaces, facilities, properties, nonhabitable structures, monuments, and flagpoles. Sets forth exemptions. Effective January 1, 2025.

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SB 2776

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

HIGHER ED-MINORITY TEACHERS

Sen. Natalie Toro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to the Minority Teachers of Illinois scholarship program. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to establish and administer a student teaching stipend program. Subject to appropriation, requires the Commission to receive and consider applications for additional funds from recipients of scholarships who are student teaching. Provides that the Commission shall select stipend recipients from among applicants who are in financial need. Provides that certain recipients may receive an additional payment for other expenses during the year in which the recipient is engaged in student teaching. Provides for rulemaking.

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SB 2795

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description:  SAFE PATIENT LIMITS ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Safe Patient Limits Act. Provides the maximum number of patients that may be assigned to a registered nurse in specified situations. Provides that nothing shall preclude a facility from assigning fewer patients to a registered nurse than the limits provided in the Act. Provides that the maximum patient assignments may not be exceeded, regardless of the use and application of any patient acuity system. Requires the Department of Public Health to adopt rules governing the implementation and administration of the Act. Provides that all facilities shall adopt written policies and procedures for the training and orientation of nursing staff and that no registered nurse shall be assigned to a nursing unit or clinical area unless that nurse has, among other things, demonstrated competence in providing care in that area. Provides requirements for the Act's implementation. Establishes recordkeeping requirements. Provides rights and protections for nurses. Contains a severability provision and other provisions. Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that a hospital shall not mandate that a registered professional nurse delegate nursing interventions. Makes changes concerning staffing plans. Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Requires the exercise of professional judgment by a direct care registered professional nurse in the performance of his or her scope of practice to be provided in the exclusive interests of the patient. Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Provides that the Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws. Provides that the State may not share with or disclose to the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators or any other state any of the contents of a nationwide criminal history records check conducted for the purpose of multistate licensure under the Nurse Licensure Compact.

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SB 2802

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description:  PEN CD-SERS-LAID OFF EMPLOYEES
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Win Stoller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that by paying specified required contributions, an employee who was laid off but returned to any State employment may establish creditable service for the period of the layoff, provided that (1) the applicant applies for the creditable service within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, (2) the applicant does not receive credit for that period under any other provision of the Code, (3) at the time of the layoff, the applicant is not in an initial probationary status consistent with the rules of the Department of Central Management Services, and (4) the total amount of creditable service established by the applicant does not exceed 3 years. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Effective immediately.

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SB 2811

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-RECRUITMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Linda Holmes-Mattie Hunter

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Personnel Code. Provides that positions that are paid in accordance with prevailing wage laws, as well as beauticians and teachers of beauty culture and teachers of barbering, are exempt from jurisdiction B (currently, jurisdictions A, B, and C). Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Code does not apply to procurement expenditures related to efforts to recruit candidates to State employment. Effective immediately

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SB 2812

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ann Gillespie

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the First Responder Trauma-Informed Response Training Act, which may be referred to as Anna's Law. Provides that, prior to the onboarding processes of a first responder, the individual must complete mandatory pass or fail trauma-informed response training, as established by the Department of Public Health. Provides that a first responder must also complete the pass or fail trauma-informed response training every 18 months after beginning work as a first responder. Provides that, if more than 18 months has elapsed after beginning work as a first responder and the first responder has not completed the retraining, the first responder may not perform trauma-related duties, such as responding to emergency calls, taking statements from victims, or interviewing victims. Provides that, if a first responder who is certified or licensed by the State or a subdivision of the State has not completed the required trauma-informed response retraining, the first responder may be decertified by the certifying entity or the first responder's license may be revoked by the licensing entity if retraining is not completed. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Defines terms. Makes conforming changes in the Illinois Police Training Act and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, including requiring the Department of Public Health to adopt rules to implement the trauma-informed response training and providing that the rules may allow or require the use of a training program from a university, college, or not-for-profit entity.

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SB 2818

Comment:
Human Rights

Short Description: HUMAN RIGHTS-CONVICTIONS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Rachel Ventura-Don Harmon

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights violation: (1) to inquire into a person's conviction record before making a conditional offer to sell, lease, or rent real property; (2) for an owner or any other person engaging in a real estate transaction, or for a real estate broker or salesman, because of conviction record, to refuse to engage in a real estate
transaction with a person or to discriminate in making available such a transaction; (3) use a conviction record as a basis to rescind a conditional offer to sell, lease, or rent real property, unless there is a substantial relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the offer made, the granting or continuation of the offer would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public, or the use is otherwise authorized by law; and (4) for a third-party loan modification service provider, because of a conviction record to refuse to engage in loan modification services, alter the terms, conditions, or privileges of such services, or discriminate in making such services available. Provides that nothing shall prohibit: the owner of an owner-occupied residential building with 4 or fewer units from making decisions regarding whether to rent to a person based upon that person's conviction record; inquiry into or the use of a conviction record if the inquiry or use is otherwise authorized by State or federal law; and use of a criminal conviction that results in a current sex offender registration requirement or a current child sex offender residency restriction.

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SB 2822

Comment:
Dental Issues

Short Description: DENTAL SEDATION PERMITS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Julie A. Morrison, Dave Syverson, Steve McClure-Bill Cunningham and Sara Feigenholtz-Suzy Glowiak Hilton

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Defines the terms "deep sedation", "general anesthesia", and "moderate sedation". Provides for the minimum education requirements for permits to administer deep sedation, general anesthesia, and moderate sedation. Replaces all uses of the term "conscious sedation" with the term "moderate sedation". Effective immediately.

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SB 2823

Comment:
K-12
Short Description: SEX OFFENSE-ABUSE BY EDUCATOR

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Terri Bryant, Sally J. Turner, Jil Tracy, Neil Anderson, Win Stoller, Adriane Johnson, Donald P. DeWitte, John F. Curran, Seth Lewis, Sue Rezin and Laura M. Murphy-Jason Plummer

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning the conviction of certain offenses as grounds for disqualification for licensure or suspension or revocation of a license, includes the sex offense of abuse by an educator or authority figure under the definition of "sex or other offense". Amends the Sex Offenses Article of Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person commits abuse by an educator or authority figure if that person holds a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to a student in a school, the student is at least 18 years of age, the person is at least 4 years older than the student, and the person either (1) commits an act of sexual conduct with the student or (2) commits an act of sexual penetration with the student. Provides that abuse by an educator or authority figure is a Class 3 felony for the first offense and a Class 2 felony for a second or subsequent offense or if there is more than one victim. Provides that consent of the victim is not a defense to abuse by an educator or authority figure. Amends the Sex Offender Registration Act. Includes abuse by an educator or authority figure under the definitions of "sex offense" and "sexual predator".

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SB 2827

Comment:
Elections

Short Description: ELEC CD/PROCUREMENT CD-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Neil Anderson-Sue Rezin-Jil Tracy

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Election Code. Replaces some instances of annual or semi-annual reports with quarterly reports. In provisions relating to limitations on campaign contributions, removes provisions inoperative beginning July 1, 2013. Removes a reference to the dissolved Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform. Removes references to a temporary filing system effective through August 1, 2009. Removes references to specified committees and the county clerk in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Repeals provisions relating to contributions by a medical cannabis cultivation center or medical cannabis dispensary organization to any political action
committee created by any medical cannabis cultivation center or dispensary organization to make a campaign contribution to any political committee established to promote the candidacy of a candidate or public official. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Modifies the definition of "affiliated entity" and removes the definition of "sponsoring entity".

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SB 2829

Comment: Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-LICENSE BD/RECOGNITION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the operating procedures of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may provide for the inclusion of nonvoting, ex officio members on the Board. With respect to a for-profit or not-for-profit entity being recognized as an educator preparation institution, provides that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity with a presence in this State must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board (instead of providing that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education).

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SB 2830

Comment: Medicaid

Short Description: MEDICAID-MCO PROMPT PAYMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. David Koehler, Terri Bryant and Dave Syverson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to adopt rules and policies within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act for interest penalties to be imposed on managed care organizations for all delayed payments, as defined, to medical providers. Provides that if payment is not issued from the managed care organization to the medical provider within 30 days of receiving the funds from the State, it shall be considered a delayed payment and an interest penalty of 1.0% of any amount unpaid shall be added for each month or fraction thereof after the end of this 30-day period, until final payment is made. Provides that if payment is not issued from the managed care organization to the medical provider within 60 days of receiving the funds from the State, the interest penalty shall increase to 2.5% of any amount unpaid, until final payment is made. Provides that if payment is not issued from the managed care organization to the medical provider within 90 days of receiving the funds from the State, the interest penalty shall increase to 5% of any amount unpaid, until final payment is made. Requires managed care organizations to review in a timely manner each claim made to it and provide the Department with a quarterly report indicating certain information, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of claims and dollar amount received by the managed care organization from providers for that quarter; (ii) the average length of time for that quarter it took the managed care organization to pay a provider claim from when it was first submitted; and (iii) the total number and dollar amount of interest penalty payments incurred for that quarter. Requires the Department to annually review managed care payment times and provide details of delays in the Department's annual report.

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SB 2838

Comment:
Higher Ed Policy - Dual Credit

Short Description: HIGHER ED-DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sally J. Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that scholarships awarded under the Teach Illinois Scholarship Program may be granted to individuals employed as teachers who agree to pursue a master's degree at a qualified institution of higher learning in order to teach dual credit courses at a secondary school. Provides that for any individual receiving a scholarship to teach dual credit courses, following the completion of the program of study, the individual must teach at least one dual credit course per school year in a secondary school in this State for a period of at least 5 years. Provides that individuals who fail to comply shall refund all of the awarded scholarships to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission,
whether payments were made directly to the institutions of higher learning or to the individuals, and this condition shall be agreed to in writing by the scholarship recipients at the time the scholarship is awarded. Provides that no individual may be required to refund tuition payments if his or her failure to teach a dual credit course in a secondary school is the result of financial conditions within school districts. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2025.

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SB 2842

Comment:
Marketing and Communications

Short Description: ST AGENCY WEBSITE COOKIES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Willie Preston

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Agency Web Site Act. Provides that State agency web sites may not use persistent (instead of permanent) cookies or other tracking software except in specific circumstances. Repeals provisions establishing the Internet Privacy Task Force. Makes conforming changes.

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SB 2846

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-REQUEST FOR INFO

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that a request for information process need not be used in procuring property of less than 10,000 square feet with base rent (currently, rent)
of less than $200,000 (currently, $100,000) per year. Effective immediately.

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SB 2856

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: COUNSELING COMPACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Fine

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Counseling Compact Act. Provides that the State of Illinois enters into the Counseling Compact. Specifies that the Compact's purpose is to facilitate interstate practice of licensed professional counselors with the goal of improving public access to professional counseling services. Sets out provisions concerning the privilege to practice, obtaining a new home state license, active duty military personnel, telehealth, adverse actions, Counseling Compact Commission, data systems, rulemaking, oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement. Contains other provisions concerning the Commission, the Compact, and the procedures governing participating in and construction of the Compact. Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act. Requires the Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board to submit a report to the General Assembly with recommendations of any statutory changes and budgetary changes needed to comply with the requirements of the Counseling Compact. Requires the Board and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to modify, if needed, Board and Department rules to comply with the requirements of the Counseling Compact. Provides that the changes to the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act are effective immediately.

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SB 2862

Comment:
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Short Description: BD HIGHER ED-IN-DEMAND JOBS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Tom Bennett, John F. Curran and Jil Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall compile, on an annual basis, a list of the most in-demand jobs in this State, along with the starting salary, the median salary, and the typical education level for those jobs. Provides that the Board shall make the list available to the public on its Internet website. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 2896

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: INS CD-BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Karina Villa

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Strengthening Mental Health and Substance Use Parity Act. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025, or any third-party administrator administering the behavioral health benefits for the insurer, shall cover all out-of-network medically necessary mental health and substance use benefits and services (inpatient and outpatient) as if they were in-network for purposes of cost sharing for the insured. Provides that the insured has the right to select the provider or facility of their choice and the modality, whether the care is provided via in-person visit or telehealth, for medically necessary care. Sets forth minimum reimbursement rates for certain behavioral health benefits. Sets forth provisions concerning responsibility for compliance with parity requirements; coverage and payment for multiple covered mental health and substance use services, mental health or substance use services provided under the supervision of a licensed mental health or substance treatment provider, and 60-minute individual psychotherapy; timely credentialing of mental health and substance use providers; Department of Insurance enforcement and rulemaking; civil penalties; and other matters. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to authorize emergency rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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SB 2897

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: CAMPUS FREE SPEECH ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Tom Bennett

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Campus Free Speech Act. Requires the governing board of each public university and community college to develop and adopt a policy on free expression; sets forth what the policy must contain. Requires the Board of Higher Education to create a Committee on Free Expression to issue an annual report. Requires public institutions of higher education to include in their freshman orientation programs a section describing to all students the policies and rules regarding free expression that are consistent with the Act. Contains provisions concerning rules, construction of the Act, and enforcement.

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SB 2907

Comment:
Workforce Development

Short Description: JOB TRAINING TRANSPARENCY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dave Syverson

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Job Training and Workforce Development Transparency Act. Provides that, within 6 months after the effective date of the Act, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in coordination with relevant State agencies, shall compile a report concerning all State-funded job training and workforce development programs in the State. Provides that the report shall identify each State-funded job training and workforce development program in the State and provide specified information about each program. Provides that the Department shall
collaborate with relevant State agencies to ensure the timely and accurate collection of information required for the report. Provides that the Department shall submit the report to the General Assembly and make the report accessible to the public on the Department's website no later than 6 months after the effective date of the Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 2908

Comment:
Facilities

Short Description: ADULT CHANGING STATION & TABLE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sue Rezin and Paul Faraci

Synopsis As Introduced
Specifies that the amendatory Act may be referred to as Sami's Law. Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that the owner or operator of each public building and State-owned building shall install and maintain in that building at least one adult changing station that is publicly accessible if the building is constructed 2 or more years after the effective date of the amendatory Act or if certain alterations or additions are made to the building 4 or more years after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Requires the owner or operator of a public building and the owner or operator of a State-owned building to ensure that certain information about the location of adult changing stations in the buildings is provided. Defines terms.

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SB 2928

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: SECOND CHANCE STATE EDUCATION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Natalie Toro
Synopsis As Introduced

Provides that the Act may be referred to as the Second Chance State Education Act. Contains declarations and findings. Creates the Second Chance Seat in Every Class Act. Provides that each institution of higher education shall reserve at least one enrollment in each class for a returning resident (a person who is a resident of and domiciled in Illinois, has graduated from high school or the equivalent, has been convicted of a felony by a court sitting in the State of Illinois, was sentenced to incarceration pursuant to that conviction, and is not currently incarcerated) and at least one enrollment in each online class for an incarcerated individual. Provides for computer equipment, Internet connections, books, and supplies for enrolled incarcerated individuals. Creates the Incarcerated Individuals and Returning Residents Educational Supply Fund as a fund of the Department of Returning Resident Affairs. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used exclusively to pay for costs that incarcerated individuals and returning residents incur for books or other supplies needed to take classes under the Act. Provides that any concession or similar agreement between a public institution of higher education and the operator of a bookstore or similar operation at that public institution of higher education shall include a provision requiring the operator of the bookstore or similar operation to pay 1% of its gross revenues from the operation of that bookstore or similar operation to the Fund. Creates the Second Chance State College Admissions Act. Provides that no institution of higher education shall consider criminal history information when making any decision about an applicant or student, inquire about or consider criminal history information at any time during the admission decision-making process, or place an applicant or student on probationary or similar status based upon criminal history information, with specified exceptions. Contains provisions concerning compliance, administration, enforcement, education, licensing, employment barriers, severability, and other matters. Effective immediately.

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SB 2934

Comment:
Criminal Code

Short Description: CRIM CD-HAZING-CONSENT NO DEFN

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that it is not a defense to a prosecution for hazing that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing.
SB 2937

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: PROCUREMENT-JOINT PURCHASE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act. Provides that each chief procurement officer may authorize any governmental unit of this State to purchase or lease supplies from a contract which has been procured under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Procurement Code by a governmental unit subject to the jurisdiction of the chief procurement officer. Provides that, prior to making the contract available to the governmental unit of this State, the chief procurement officer shall consult with the governmental unit that is party to the contract and is subject to the jurisdiction of the chief procurement officer. Provides that a governmental unit of the State that uses such a contract shall report each year to the authorizing chief procurement officer the contractor used, supplies purchased, and total value of purchases for each contract. Requires the authorizing chief procurement officer to submit to the General Assembly by November 1 of each year a report of all procurements made.

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SB 2939

Comment:
HR

Short Description: ONE DAY OF REST-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Cristina Castro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the One Day Rest In Seven Act. Provides that the calculation of required rest days
does not include any time that the employee is on call. Provides that an employee who voluntarily agrees to work on a day of rest must be paid at his or her regular hourly rate or, if applicable, at the overtime wage rate as required by the Illinois Minimum Wage Law. Provides that every employer shall permit its employees who are scheduled or expected to work (rather than are to work) for 7 1/2 continuous hours at least 20 minutes for a meal period beginning no later than 5 hours after the start of the work period. Provides that any employer, or agent or officer of an employer, has violated the Act if he or she discharges, takes an adverse action against, or in any other manner discriminates against any employee because that employee has exercised a right under the Act. Provides that the Director of Labor may (rather than shall) grant long term and short permits authorizing the employment of persons on days of rest. Makes changes in provisions concerning definitions; posting requirements; recordkeeping; and civil offenses. Makes other changes.

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SB 2950

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description:  VETS-MENTAL HLTH CASE MANAGER

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jil Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. Provides that a veterans case manager shall be appointed by the Director of Veterans' Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Secretary of Human Services, to assist veterans in obtaining the greatest degree of mental health care and mental health care benefits available and to promote policies that would benefit veterans seeking mental health care. Provides that the case manager shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of Veterans' Affairs. Sets forth the duties of the veterans case manager, including, to: (i) act as an intermediary between health care facilities and veterans health care facilities; (ii) provide information to veterans and health care facilities regarding mental health services available to veterans; (iii) apply for, receive, and administer federal aids, grants, and gifts relating to inpatient mental health services for veterans; (iv) encourage physicians, nurses, and other individuals working in mental health care who have military experience to work in Illinois; and (v) collaborate with health care facilities in identifying, upon a person's admission to a health care facility, the person's eligibility for federal veterans benefits, including prescription drug benefits. Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules requiring hospitals, upon identifying a person requiring mental health services as a veteran, to establish and implement certain protocols including (1) contacting the veterans case manager regarding
the veteran's admission, (2) identifying whether the veteran is at risk for causing harm to the
veteran's self or others, and (3) preventing the hospital from treating a veteran with less or
different care than nonveteran patients solely because of a person's veteran status. Amends the
Department of Professional Regulation Law. Requires the Department of Financial and
Professional Regulation to establish rules requiring licensed health care professionals, as
specified, to receive continuing education credits regarding the treatment of veterans as a
condition of license renewal.

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SB 2953

Comment:
State Finance

Short Description: INC TX-APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Neil Anderson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that an apprentice who is hired by the taxpayer
through the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge internship program is considered a
qualifying apprentice for the purpose of the apprenticeship education expense credit. Effective
immediately.

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SB 2979

Comment:
BIPA

Short Description: BIPA-PROCEDURE-DAMAGES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Bill Cunningham

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act. Defines "electronic signature" as an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record. Provides that "written release" includes an electronic signature. Provides that a private entity that more than once collects or discloses a person's biometric identifier or biometric information from the same person in violation of the Act has committed a single violation for which the aggrieved person is entitled to, at most, one recovery. Effective immediately.

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SB 2986

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy - Univ-CC BA

Short Description: BD HIGHER ED-COLLAB BAC DEGREE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall, in consultation with the Illinois Community College Board, create a standardized electronic form by which a community college district may document student demand or workforce need for a specific baccalaureate degree completion program and may demonstrate that the demand or need is currently unmet or that there is insufficient access to such a program in the district. Provides that the form must be completed by the requesting community college district and must be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board for initial review. Provides that if the Illinois Community College Board concurs with the community college district that unmet demand or need for a program exists in the district, the Illinois Community College Board may forward the form to the Board of Higher Education and if the Illinois Community College Board does not concur with the community college district, the district may appeal the decision directly to the Board of Higher Education. Provides that if the Board of Higher Education determines that unmet student demand or workforce need for a program exists, the Board of Higher Education shall communicate a request for baccalaureate partnership notification to all public universities. Sets forth the response procedure. Requires the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board to jointly adopt rules.

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SB 3072

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPARENCY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dave Syverson

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Program Transparency Act. Provides that, within 6 months after the effective date of the Act, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, shall compile a report concerning all substance use disorder and mental health programs in the State. Provides that the report shall identify each State-funded substance use disorder and mental health program in the State and provide specified information about each program. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, shall collaborate with relevant State agencies to ensure the timely and accurate collection of information required for the report. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, shall submit the report to the General Assembly and make the report accessible to the public on the Departments' website no later than 6 months after the effective date of the Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 3075

Comment:
Information Technology

Short Description: STATE RECORDS-ENCRYPTION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Records Act and Local Records Act. Provides that, when an agency generates a record in an encrypted format, an encryption key must be available to decrypt the record for its entire retention period as established by the State or Local Records Commission. Provides that, when an agency maintains a digital format record within a digital storage system that allows the user to set retention timers, these timers must be set to retain the record for its
entire retention period as established by the State or Local Records Commission, including the
time necessary for the record disposal process. Provides that agencies must comply with the
provisions of the Act when destroying or disposing of encrypted public records or public records
maintained in a digital format record within a digital storage system that allows the user to set
retention timers. Provides that a person who encrypts a public record without lawful authority, or
who sets a retention timer for a public record that is not set to the entire retention period as
established by the State or Local Records Commission, with the intent to defraud a party, public
officer, or entity, commits a Class 4 felony.

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SB 3080

Comment:
Health Care

Short Description: HEALTH DATA PRIVACY ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Protect Health Data Privacy Act. Provides that a regulated entity shall disclose
and maintain a health data privacy policy that clearly and conspicuously discloses specified
information. Sets forth provisions concerning health data privacy policies. Provides that a
regulated entity shall not collect, share, or store health data, except in specified circumstances.
Provides that it is unlawful for any person to sell or offer to sell health data concerning a
consumer without first obtaining valid authorization from the consumer. Provides that a valid
authorization to sell consumer health data must contain specified information; a copy of the
signed valid authorization must be provided to the consumer; and the seller and purchaser of
health data must retain a copy of all valid authorizations for sale of health data for 6 years after
the date of its signature or the date when it was last in effect, whichever is later. Sets forth
provisions concerning the consent required for collection, sharing, and storage of health data.
Provides that a consumer has the right to withdraw consent from the collection, sharing, sale, or
storage of their health data. Provides that it is unlawful for a regulated entity to engage in
discriminatory practices against consumers solely because they have not provided consent to
the collection, sharing, sale, or storage of their health data or have exercised any other rights
provided by the provisions or guaranteed by law. Sets forth provisions concerning a consumer's
right to confirm whether a regulated entity is collecting, selling, sharing, or storing any of the
consumer's health data; a consumer's right to have the consumer's health data that is collected by
a regulated entity deleted; prohibitions regarding geofencing; and consumer health data security.
Provides that any person aggrieved by a violation of the provisions shall have a right of action in
a State circuit court or as a supplemental claim in federal district court against an offending

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SB 3081

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-TRANSFER-FEE WAIVER

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that the governing board of each public university shall waive any admissions application fee for a student transferring from a public community college in this State if the transferring student is enrolled in the last semester of a degree program and is on schedule to graduate with a degree. Effective immediately.

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SB 3105

Comment:
HR

Short Description: EMPLOYEES-SUBCUTANEOUS IMPLANT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Prohibiting Coercive Subcutaneous Implants Act. Prohibits a person or entity from requiring, coercing, or compelling any other individual to undergo the subcutaneous
implant of an identification device. Prohibits an employer from inquiring during an interview if a prospective employee will consent to having a subcutaneous identification device implanted in his or her body. Requires an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for an employee who does not consent to having a device implanted in his or her body. Requires an employer to remove the device from the employee's body within 30 days of separation from employment if the employee so requests. Prohibits an employer from discriminating or taking any retaliatory action against any employee because the employee, in good faith, does or threatens to do any of the following with respect to his or her rights under this Act: (i) file a claim or complaint; (ii) initiate any inquiry, investigation, proceeding, or other action; or (iii) testify or provide information to any person in connection to their rights afforded by this Act. Makes conditions for the employer to follow for voluntary implantation. Creates a private cause of action for any person who is subject to a violation of this Act with liquidated damages of $10,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater; reasonable attorney's fees and costs, punitive damages, and other relief as a State or federal court deems appropriate. Effective January 1, 2025.

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SB 3106

Comment:
ethics

Short Description: ETHICS-PARTISAN APPOINTEES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jil Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that, for purposes of determining the partisanship of any person who is appointed by the Governor to an office that either requires specific partisanship or limits the number of appointees from a single political party that may be appointed, the vote of that person in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment shall determine his or her partisanship for that person's term of office. Provides that a person who did not vote, or who voted but did not request a partisan ballot, in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment or who voted but requested partisan ballots for 2 or more different political parties in the 3 general primary elections immediately preceding the effective date of the appointment shall be deemed an independent for purposes of determining partisanship for that person's term of office.

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SB 3107

Comment:
Criminal Code - Health Care

Short Description: CRIM CD-AGG ASSAULT-BATTERY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jil Tracy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides for enhanced penalties for aggravated assault or aggravated battery of emergency department staff of a health care facility. Defines "emergency department staff" as any clinical or nonclinical staff present in the emergency department or emergency room of a health care facility who may come in contact with patients, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, nonphysician providers, technicians, security staff, patient transporters, respiratory therapists, housekeeping personnel, secretaries, and pharmacists. Defines "health care facility" as a facility, hospital, or establishment licensed or organized under the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, the University of Illinois Hospital Act, the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, or the Community Living Facilities Licensing Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 3114

Comment:
Physician Assistants

Short Description: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987. Provides that a physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, order, administer, and procure drugs and medical devices without delegation of authority by a physician. Provides that a physician assistant may practice without a written
collaborative agreement. Provides that a physician assistant who files with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation a notarized attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of continuing education or training and at least 2,000 hours of clinical experience after first attaining national certification shall not require a written collaborative agreement. Makes changes in provisions concerning definitions; physician assistant title; collaboration requirements; written collaborative agreements, prescriptive authority, and physician assistants in hospitals, hospital affiliates, or ambulatory surgical treatment centers; inactive status; limitations; and grounds for disciplinary action. Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to make corresponding changes.

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SB 3118

Comment:
FOIA

Short Description: FOIA-PUBLIC BODY OFFICIALS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Craig Wilcox

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Defines "public body official" as an elected or appointed officeholder of a public body. Provides that "public body official" does not include a private attorney or law firm appointed to represent the public body. Provides that a public body's Freedom of Information officer must be a public body official or employee of the public body.

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SB 3129

Comment:
FOIA

Short Description: FOIA OFFICERS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Craig Wilcox
Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that each public body shall designate one or more public body officials or employees (rather than officials or employees) to act as its Freedom of Information officer or officers. Provides that "public body officials" means elected or appointed office holders of the public body but does not include private attorneys or law firms appointed to represent the public body.

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SB 3132

Comment:
IBHE

Short Description: HIGHER ED-COMM COLLEGES-MISC

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Regional Superintendent of Schools Article of the School Code. Makes changes concerning high school equivalency testing. Amends the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Removes provisions concerning funding transitional mathematics instruction. Amends the Student Parent Data Collection Act to make changes regarding the date that public universities shall report collected data. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board shall submit to the Board of Higher Education by December 15 (instead of November 15) of each year its budget proposal for the operation and capital needs of the institutions under its governance or supervision for the ensuing fiscal year. Amends the Public Community College Act. Makes changes concerning standing advisory organizations recognized by the Illinois Community College Board, the Board's powers and duties, spending local funds after the dissolution or reorganization of a community college district, the academic term, the bond a treasurer shall execute, contract bidding, the report on administrator and faculty salaries and benefits, and building program participation. Repeals a Section concerning the building program's plan approval. Amends the Know Before You Owe Private Education Loan Act. Repeals a Section concerning annual certification and maintenance of approval. Effective immediately.

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SB 3133

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Treasurer Act. In provisions concerning the College Savings Pool, provides that an account may be rolled over into a Roth IRA account, to the extent permitted by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. In provisions concerning the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program, provides that the definition of "eligible child" includes a child born or adopted after December 31, 2022, to a parent who is a resident of Illinois at the time of the birth or adoption, as evidenced by documentation received by the Treasurer from a parent or legal guardian of the child. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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SB 3135

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: HEALTH-BEHAVIORAL CLINIC GRANT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Javier L. Cervantes

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Act. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide grants to certified community behavioral health clinics that have been selected to participate in the Department's demonstration programs with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Provides that grants awarded by the Department shall be used for expenses related to identifying, planning, preparing for, and implementing plans and operations in accordance with State and federal certification criteria. Provides that each recipient of a grant shall be eligible for up to $1,500,000 for each certified community behavioral health clinic operated by the recipient and approved by the Department. Provides that the Department shall prescribe the form and manner of application for a grant. Provides that the Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement the
provisions. Effective immediately.

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SB 3138

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: DCFS-SCHOLARSHIPS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. In a provision requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to award post-secondary education scholarships and fee waivers to eligible students, removes a provision that conditions the renewal of awarded scholarships and fee waivers on students continuing to work toward graduation. Instead provides that while students shall not be required to maintain a specified minimum grade point average to continue to receive scholarships and fee waivers, students must be making satisfactory progress toward completing their degree at a community college, university, or college. Requires the Department to adopt rules identifying the criteria for "satisfactory progress toward completing a degree" (rather than the criteria for "continuing to work toward graduation"). Removes a provision requiring a community college or public university that an applicant attends to waive any tuition and fee amounts that exceed the amounts paid to the applicant under the State's Monetary Award Program. Effective immediately.

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SB 3156

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: SCH CD-VARIOUS
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Adriane Johnson, Michael W. Halpin and Javier L. Cervantes

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning a comprehensive strategic plan, provides that the State Board of Education shall annually review the strategic plan, update the contents of the plan if necessary, and provide updates to the Governor and General Assembly (instead of requiring the plan to be updated and issued to the Governor and General Assembly). Makes changes concerning property tax relief pool grants and tuition for non-resident pupils. In provisions concerning hazardous materials training, provides that the State Board may identify in-service training programs to be used by school boards (instead of shall approve in-service training programs). In provisions concerning e-learning days, provides that a research-based program for e-learning days shall be verified annually before the implementation of any e-learning days in a school year (instead of requiring verification on or before September 1st annually); makes other changes. In provisions concerning school counseling services, provides that school counseling services shall (instead of may) be provided by school counselors and may be delivered through a comprehensive school counseling program; makes other changes. Makes changes concerning the reporting of firearms and drug-related incidents in schools, educator licensure, reenrolled students, and career and technical education. Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Makes changes concerning threat assessment team members, and fixes a typographical error. Amends the Vocational Education Act. Makes changes regarding the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.

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SB 3157

Comment:
State Finance - Diversity

Short Description: NON-PROFIT INVESTMENT POOL

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Adriane Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Treasurer Act. Provides that the State Treasurer may establish and administer a non-profit investment pool to supplement and enhance investment opportunities otherwise available to not-for-profit corporations in the State. Provides that the Treasurer may receive funds paid into the pool for the purpose of holding and investing those funds. Provides for surety bonds payable to not-for-profit corporations who participate in the pool. Makes changes to provisions concerning the direct deposit of State payments. Amends the
Accountability for the Investment of Public Funds Act. Provides that the Treasurer shall adopt rules for the efficient administration of the pool. Provides that each State agency shall make available on the Internet, and update at least monthly, no later than the end of each month (rather than by the 15th of the month), sufficient information concerning the investment of any public funds held by that State agency to identify specified information. Effective immediately.

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SB 3170

Comment:
State Finance

Short Description: NONCITIZEN COST TRANSPARENCY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. John F. Curran

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Noncitizen Population Spending Transparency Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services, in collaboration with relevant State agencies, shall prepare an annual report identifying all State spending on services and resources for noncitizen and asylum-seeking populations. Sets forth reporting requirements. Provides that, on or before November 15, 2024, and each year thereafter, the Department of Human Services shall submit the report to the General Assembly. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall post and maintain the report on its publicly available website. Provides that the Department of Human Services is authorized to coordinate efforts with other State agencies to prepare and submit a cohesive report for the General Assembly. Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, beginning with budgets prepared for fiscal year 2026, the budgets submitted by the Governor and appropriations made by the General Assembly for all executive branch State agencies must include a detailed accounting of all proposed spending on noncitizen and asylum-seeking populations. Effective immediately.

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SB 3208

Comment:
HR
Short Description: WAGE PAYMENT-PAY STUBS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Karina Villa

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that every employer shall, upon an employee's request which the employer may require be in writing on a form supplied by the employer, permit the employee to inspect his or her pay stubs. Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that employers shall keep records of names and addresses of all employees and of wages paid each payday, and shall furnish each employee with a pay stub for each pay period (rather than shall furnish each employee with an itemized statement of deductions made from the employee's wages for each pay period). Provides that an employer shall maintain a copy of an employee's pay stub for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of payment, whether the pay stub is provided electronically or in paper form, and the employer shall furnish the pay stub to the employee or former employee upon the employee or former employee's request. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that is restricted to the employer's current employees must, upon an employee's separation from employment, furnish the employee or former employee with a paper or emailed electronic record of all of the employee's or former employee's pay stubs for up to 3 years prior to the date of separation, in the method specified by the employee or former employee. Provides that an employer who fails to furnish an employee with a pay stub or commits any other violation of this Act, except for specified violations, shall be subject to a civil penalty of $500 per violation payable to the Department of Labor. Defines "pay stub".

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SB 3215

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: HIGHR ED-STUDENT TEACH STIPEND

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner-Cristina Castro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Board of Higher Education shall create a student teaching stipend program to alleviate the financial burden of student teaching, to encourage students to pursue teaching careers to alleviate this State's teacher shortage, and to encourage teachers to be matched with student teachers.
Provides that, subject to available appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible student a stipend of up to $10,000 per semester for up to 2 consecutive semesters, plus additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the stipend program. Provides that, subject to available appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible cooperating teacher a stipend of up to $2,000 per semester for up to 2 consecutive semesters per academic year, plus additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the stipend program. Sets forth provisions concerning the distribution of funds to eligible students and eligible cooperating teachers. Provides that an educator preparation program may not prohibit an eligible student or an eligible cooperating teacher from participating in the stipend program or receiving a stipend from the stipend program. Sets forth provisions concerning cooperating teacher training.

Provides that, subject to available appropriations, the Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, shall submit a report evaluating the impact of the stipend program on educator preparation programs to the General Assembly and Governor on or before June 30, 2028. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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SB 3227

Comment: HR

Short Description: LABOR-OSHA-OPIOID GUIDANCE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Fine-Terri Bryant

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Labor Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, not later than 270 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Labor shall direct the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to issue non-mandatory guidance to employers on: (1) acquiring and maintaining opioid overdose reversal medication; and (2) training employees on an annual basis on the usage of such medication. Provides that, not later than 270 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Labor shall direct the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to adopt rules to require each State agency to: (1) acquire and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication; and (2) train employees on an annual basis on the usage of such medication.

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SB 3238

Comment:
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: COMM EQUITY&INCLUSION-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Christopher Belt

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Repeals provisions relating to the higher education supplier diversity report and race and gender wage reports and moves those provisions, with changes, to the Commission on Equity and Inclusion Act. Amends the Energy Transition Act. Provides that the Commission on Equity and Inclusion certifies or recognizes certification for Minority Business Enterprise certification (rather than the Department of Central Management Services) or a program with equivalent requirements. Provides that the Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program shall provide participants with opportunities to be listed in any relevant directories and databases organized by the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than organized by the Department of Central Management Services). Amends the Blind Vendors Act. Provides that it is the intent of this Act that all State agencies, particularly the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than the Department of Central Management Services), promote and advocate for the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Business Enterprise Program is a program of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than the Department of Central Management Services). Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Removes provisions relating to a study and report that measured the impact of discrimination on minority and women business development in Illinois that was to be completed by October 28, 2010. Provides that the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (rather than the Department of Central Management Services) shall conduct a new social scientific study that measures the impact of discrimination on minority and women business development in Illinois, shall issue a report, and shall establish a specified model between 2028 and 2029. Changes various references to the Department of Central Management Services to the Commission on Equity and Inclusion. Extends the date on which the Act will be repealed from June 30, 2029 to June 30, 2030. Effective immediately.

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Short Description: INVEST IN KIDS-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Tom Bennett-Jil Tracy, Andrew S. Chesney, Donald P. DeWitte, John F. Curran and Win Stoller

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Invest in Kids Act. Provides that the Invest in Kids credit applies permanently (currently, the credit applies for taxable years ending before January 1, 2024). Effective immediately.

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SB 3273

Comment:
State Finance

Short Description: INC TX-SCHOLARSHIPS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva, Paul Faraci, Michael W. Halpin and Cristina Castro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for an amount equal to the amount included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income that is attributable to student loan repayment assistance received by the taxpayer during the taxable year from a qualified community foundation if the taxpayer is a qualified worker. Effective immediately.

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SB 3276

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $BD HIGHER ED-STUDENT TEACHER
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $50,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education for all costs and expenses associated with a student teaching stipend program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 3289

Comment:
Immigration

Short Description: IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Andrew S. Chesney

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Immigration Enforcement Act. Provides that a State entity, local entity, or law enforcement agency may not adopt or maintain a law, ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, policy, directive, order, practice, or procedure, formal or informal, written or unwritten, that prohibits or materially restricts the State entity, local entity, or law enforcement agency from complying with or assisting in the enforcement of immigration laws. Includes mandatory duties of law enforcement agencies regarding immigration detainers. Requires a county jail, municipal jail, and the Department of Corrections to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or other federal agency for temporarily housing persons who are the subject of immigration detainers and for the payment of the costs of housing and detaining those persons. Requires implementation of the Act in a manner consistent with federal laws and regulations governing immigration and discrimination, protecting the civil rights of all persons, and respecting the privileges and immunities of United States citizens. Limits home rule powers by providing that regulation of immigration enforcement is an exclusive power and function of the State. Repeals the Illinois TRUST Act. Makes corresponding changes in the Illinois Identification Card Act and the Illinois Vehicle Code. Effective immediately.

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SB 3302

Comment: Liquor

Short Description: LIQUOR-SELL IN GOVT BUILDING

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Dave Syverson-Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that alcoholic liquors may be delivered to and sold at the building located at 305 West Grove St. in Poplar Grove, Illinois that is owned and operated by North Boone Fire District #3 if the alcoholic liquor is sold or dispensed only in connection with organized functions approved by the North Boone Fire District #3 for which the planned attendance is 20 or more persons and if the person or facility selling or dispensing the alcoholic liquor has provided dram shop liability insurance in maximum limits so as to hold harmless North Boone County Fire District #3 from all financial loss, damage, and harm. Effective immediately.

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SB 3307

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: INS-NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Linda Holmes

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In a provision concerning billing for services provided by nonparticipating providers or facilities, provides that when calculating an enrollee's contribution to the annual limitation on cost sharing set forth under specified federal law, a health insurance issuer or its subcontractors shall include expenditures for any item or health care service covered under the policy issued to the enrollee by the health insurance issuer or its subcontractors if that item or health care service is included within a category of essential health benefits and regardless of whether the health insurance issuer or its subcontractors classify that item or service as an essential health benefit. Effective immediately.
SB 3315

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description:  DHFS-REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Bill Cunningham

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions concerning the treatment of autism spectrum disorder through applied behavior analysis, provides that coverage of comprehensive applied behavior analysis and focused applied behavior analysis shall be based on medical necessity (rather than such coverage may be limited to age ranges based on evidence-based best practices). Provides that registered behavior technicians shall not be required to enroll in the medical assistance program as providers of applied behavior analysis services but shall be considered enrolled through their supervising staff qualified to perform applied behavior analysis. Effective immediately.

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SB 3316

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description:  CHILDREN-MENTAL HEALTH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, Karina Villa and Meg Loughran Cappel

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts concerning children's mental health. Amends the School Code. Provides that on or before October 1, 2024, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Team, the Office of the Governor, and relevant
stakeholders as needed shall release a strategy that includes a tool for measuring capacity and readiness to implement universal mental health screening of students. Provides that the State Board of Education shall issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on school district readiness and plan for phased approach to universal mental health screening of students on or before April 1, 2025. Repeals the Wellness Checks in Schools Program Act. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall implement guidance to managed care organizations and similar care coordination entities contracted with the Department, so that the managed care organizations and care coordination entities respond to lead indicators with services and interventions that are designed to help stabilize the child. Amends the Children's Mental Health Act. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Partnership shall advise the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative on designing and implementing short-term and long-term strategies to provide comprehensive and coordinated services for children from birth to age 25 and their families with the goal of addressing children's mental health needs across a full continuum of care, including social determinants of health, prevention, early identification, and treatment. Provides that the Department of Public health (rather than the Department of Healthcare and Family Services) shall provide technical and administrative support for the Partnership. Deletes provision that the Partnership shall employ an Executive Director and set the compensation of the Executive Director and other such employees and technical assistance as it deems necessary to carry out its duties. Amends the Interagency Children's Behavioral Health Services Act. Provides that the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Team in collaboration with the Department of Human Services shall develop a program to provide one-on-one in-home respite behavioral health aids to youth requiring intensive supervision due to behavioral health needs. Effective immediately.

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SB 3319

Comment:
BIPA

Short Description: BIPA-ENTITY DEFINITION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura M. Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act. Defines "private entity" to mean any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, or other group, however organized that employs more than 5 individuals. Effective immediately.

Last Action
SB 3350

Comment:
Substance Abuse

Short Description: FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Ellman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services may establish or authorize a program for dispensing and distributing fentanyl test strips. Provides that the Department may acquire fentanyl test strips, train individuals in the use of fentanyl test strips, and distribute fentanyl test strips. Provides that the Department may award grants for the purchasing and distributing of fentanyl test strips. Requires every law enforcement agency and fire department that responds to emergency medical calls to possess fentanyl test strips and to distribute fentanyl test strips to the public at no charge. Permits law enforcement agencies and relevant fire departments to apply to the Department for grants to fund acquisition of fentanyl test strips and related training programs. Requires every health care facility to possess fentanyl test strips and to make available fentanyl test strips to the public. Amends the Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Act. Adds fentanyl test strips to the needle and hypodermic syringe access program.

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SB 3361

Comment:
Procurement

Short Description: JOINT PURCHASING-RANKING

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Cristina Castro

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act. Provides that a governmental unit may
award contracts based on its own ranking of the offerors without regard to whether or not a cooperative purchasing program has ranked the offerors. Effective immediately.

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SB 3372

Comment:
Medicaid

Short Description: DHFS-INPATIENT STABILIZATION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ann Gillespie-Adriane Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Makes changes to provisions requiring Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO) to make payments for emergency services. Requires an MCO to pay any provider of emergency services, including inpatient stabilization services provided during the inpatient stabilization period, that does not have in effect a contract with the MCO. Defines "inpatient stabilization period" to mean the initial 72 hours of inpatient stabilization services, beginning from the date and time of the order for inpatient admission to the hospital. Provides that when determining payment for all emergency services, including inpatient stabilization services provided during the inpatient stabilization period, the MCO shall: (i) not impose any service authorization requirements, including, but not limited to, prior authorization, prior approval, pre-certification, concurrent review, or certification of admission; (ii) have no obligation to cover emergency services provided on an emergency basis that are not covered services under the MCO's contract with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services; and (iii) not condition coverage for emergency services on the treating provider notifying the MCO of the enrollee's emergency medical screening examination and treatment within 10 days after presentation for emergency services. Provides that the determination of the attending emergency physician, or the practitioner responsible for the enrollee's care at the hospital, of whether an enrollee requires inpatient stabilization services, can be stabilized in the outpatient setting, or is sufficiently stabilized for discharge or transfer to another facility, shall be binding on the MCO. Provides that an MCO shall not reimburse inpatient stabilization services billed on an inpatient institutional claim under the outpatient reimbursement methodology and shall not reimburse providers for emergency services in cases of fraud. Requires the Department to impose sanctions on a MCO for noncompliance, including, but not limited to, financial penalties, suspension of enrollment of new enrollees, and termination of the MCO's contract with the Department. Effective immediately.

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SB 3379

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: SCH CD-GLOBAL SCHOLAR CERT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Adriane Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning State Global Scholar Certification, provides that 6 units of credit shall be required to achieve State Global Scholar Certification (instead of not specifying how many units of credit are required). Provides for global collaboration or (instead of and) dialogue. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to provide students attending schools that do not currently offer State Global Scholar Certification the opportunity to earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Sets forth what those rules shall include and other requirements. Provides that a student enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school that awarded State Global Scholar Certification prior to the 2026-2027 school year and offered a course to complete the capstone project requirement prior to the 2026-2027 school year may not earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely.

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SB 3394

Comment:
State Govnt Policy

Short Description: FOREIGN COUNTRIES CONCERN ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sue Rezin

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Foreign Countries of Concern Act. Prohibits governmental entities from entering into contracts with certain prohibited entities that would give those prohibited entities access to
an individual's personal identifying information. Prohibits certain entities from receiving economic incentives. Provides that certain prohibited entities may not own interests in agricultural land or land on or around military installations or critical infrastructure facilities. Prohibits the purchase or acquisition of real property by certain entities associated with the People's Republic of China. Amends the Property Owned By Noncitizens Act to make conforming changes.

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SB 3395

Comment:
State Finance

Short Description: MUSIC TAX CREDIT ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may award credits to qualified music companies. Creates the Music Education Scholarship Act. Provides that the Board of Higher Education may award scholarships to applicants who are enrolled in or accepted for admission to an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree program in music education and who agree to meet certain teaching obligations. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates certain income tax credits for theater infrastructure projects. Amends the Live Theater Production Tax Credit Act. Renames the Act as the Live Music and Theater Production Tax Credit Act. Provides that the Act also applies to musical performances.

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SB 3397

Comment:
ISAC

Short Description: HIGHER ED-FOR PROFIT-MAP GRANT
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Removes a for-profit educational organization from the definition of "institution of higher learning", "qualified institution", and "institution". Provides that an applicant is eligible for a Monetary Award Program grant, including renewals of such grant, if the applicant, among other requirements, is not attending a for-profit institution of higher education. Removes a provision allowing Monetary Award Program grants to be made to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit institutions. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2025.

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SB 3404

Comment:
Workforce Development

Short Description: ENERGY-WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Energy Transition Act. Provides that the term "community-based organization" also includes an entity that currently receives federal funding from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 3413

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HLTH PROFESSIONAL GRANT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Fine and Rachel Ventura

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Program Act. Creates within the Department of Human Services a Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Program to provide grants to mental health facilities and substance use disorder treatment programs. Creates the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that money in the Fund shall be used by the Secretary of the Department to make grants to eligible mental health facilities and substance use disorder treatment programs. Requires grant recipients to use grant funds for expenses related to recruiting, retaining, and compensating licensed mental health or substance use disorder professionals. Provides that each grant recipient shall receive up to $200,000 in grant funding for each mental health or substance use disorder professional employed, engaged, or contracted by the recipient. Contains provisions concerning application requirements and Department rulemaking authority. Creates the Equity in Accessibility Act. Provides that the Department shall provide for funding and reimbursement of costs associated with the provision of American Sign Language services and interpretative services for non-English speaking patients for the benefit of patients of mental health treatment programs and facilities. Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Provides that the amendatory provisions may be referred to as the Equity in Accessibility Law. Requires the Department to provide funding and reimbursement for those costs associated with the provision of American Sign Language services and interpretive services for non-English speaking patients at substance use disorder treatment programs and facilities. Provides that funding and reimbursement shall be based upon the actual cost incurred by the substance use disorder treatment program or facility and shall reflect regional differences in costs and expenses related to the provision of American Sign Language and interpretive services at each location. Contains provisions on applications requirements and Department rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

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SB 3425

Comment:
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: BUSINESS ENTERPRISE-CONTRACTS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Christopher Belt

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. In provisions requiring State agencies and public institutions of higher education to encourage
prime vendors to amend a contract with no contract goal, provides that, if a prime vendor is not willing to amend a contract to include the recommended goal of the State agency or public institution of higher education, the contract shall be rebid immediately.

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SB 3432

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura M. Murphy

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. In a provision requiring the Department of Human Service’s Division of Mental Health to implement a direct support professional credential pilot program, delays the pilot program's start date to Fiscal Year 2025 (rather than Fiscal Year 2024). Amends the School Code. Provides that beginning with the 2026-2027 school year (rather than the 2025-2026 school year) and continuing for not less than 2 years, the State Board of Education shall make available a model program of study that incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct support professional. Provides that by July 1, 2025 (rather than by July 1, 2023) the Department of Human Service must submit recommendations to the State Board of Education for the training that would be required in order to complete the model program of study. Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that by July 1, 2026 (rather than by July 1, 2025), the Illinois Community College Board shall submit recommendations for a model program of study, for credit, that incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct support professional to the Department of Human Services. Effective immediately.

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SB 3453

Comment:
Pensions
Short Description: PENCD-SURS&DNST POLICE-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Robert F. Martwick

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police Article, but only with respect to a person who, on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, is entitled under those Articles or through a participating system under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act to begin receiving a retirement annuity or survivor's annuity and who elects to proceed under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act. In the State Universities Article, provides that a Tier 2 member who has at least 20 years of service in the System as a police officer is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application on or after the attainment of age 55 (instead of age 60) if a specified rule is applicable to the participant. Provides that any benefit increase that results from the amendatory Act is excluded from the definition of "new benefit increase". Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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SB 3457

Comment:
Finance - Various

Short Description: FAIR CONTRACTING-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Comptroller Act. Provides an exception for vendors to receive payment by non-electronic means. Provides that outstanding liabilities as of June 30, payable from appropriations which have otherwise expired and interest penalties payable on those liabilities under the State Prompt Payment Act, may be paid out of the expiring appropriations during the 4-month period ending at the close of business on October 31 of each year, without regard to the fiscal year in which the payment is made. Amends the Prompt Payment Act. Removes provisions concerning payments made under the Public Aid Code. Provides that when a State official or agency responsible for administering a contract receives a bill or invoice from a contractor, that State official or agency shall electronically confirm the date on which the bill or invoice was received within 5 business days of receipt, and shall transmit any approved amount to the Comptroller within 30 days of receipt. Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that a pre-qualification requirement may include consideration of past performance in
administering grants if past performance failed to meet performance goals, indicators, and milestones. Amends the Court of Claims Act. Provides that all claims against the State founded upon any contract entered into with the State of Illinois, except that undisputed individual claims below $2,500 resulting from lapsed appropriations do not fall under the jurisdiction of Court of Claims. State agencies may pay undisputed individual claims below $2,500 resulting from lapsed appropriations from current fiscal year appropriations. Sets forth that the provisions are not intended to prohibit more frequent reporting to assess items such as service needs, gaps, or capacity. Sets forth other provisions concerning grant agreement specifications, separate accounts for State grant funds, expenditures prior to grant execution and reporting requirements.

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SB 3459

Comment: Appropriations

Short Description: $HIGHER ED-WAGE INCREASE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates funds from the General Revenue Fund to the governing board of each public university for personal services and the related costs of increasing the wage rates of university personnel employed in positions covered under the State Universities Civil Service System, beyond the annual cost of living adjustment, adjustments provided for in collective bargaining agreements, and any increases required by the Minimum Wage Law, in a fair and equitable manner so as to close the pay gap between public university workers and other State employees. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 3468

Comment: HR

Short Description: WHISTLEBLOWER ACT-VARIOUS
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ram Villivalam

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Whistleblower Act. Defines "adverse action" to have the same meaning as "adverse employment action" in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Defines "retaliation" to mean the protected activity proximately caused any adverse action by any employer. Prohibits an employer from making, adopting, or enforcing any rule, regulation, or policy that prevents the disclosure or for retaliating against an employee for disclosing information to a government or law enforcement agency if the employee has a good faith belief that the disclosed information is a violation of law (now, a "reasonable cause to believe"). Prohibits an employer from retaliating against an employee for refusing to participate in any past, current, or future activity that could result in a violation of a municipal, county, State, or federal law or rule. Allows an employee to request front pay in a civil action for a violation of this Act.

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SB 3472

Short Description: VEH CD-REDUCING PROFILING

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency shall engage in profiling. Creates a cause of action against the State for individuals injured by profiling. Allows a court to award of attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff. Requires law enforcement agencies in the State to adopt policies designed to eliminate profiling by: (i) prohibiting profiling; (ii) including profiling issues as part of law enforcement training; (iii) establishing procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to complaints alleging profiling by law enforcement officers or law enforcement agencies; (iv) adopting the model policies promoted by the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board; (v) collecting data in accordance with the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Act; and (vi) ceasing practices that permit profiling. Defines terms.

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SB 3492

Comment: Health Care

Short Description: HUMAN RIGHTS-HEALTH DISC

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ann Gillespie

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Adds to the definition of unlawful discrimination to include discrimination of reproductive health decisions. Reproductive health decisions mean any decision by a person affecting the use or intended use of health care, goods, or services related to reproductive processes, functions, and systems, including, but not limited to, family planning, pregnancy testing, and contraception; fertility or sterilization care; miscarriage; continuation or termination of pregnancy; prenatal, intranatal, and postnatal care. Provides that discrimination based on reproductive health decisions includes unlawful discrimination against a person because of the person's association with another person's reproductive health decisions.

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SB 3509

Comment: HR

Short Description: WHISTLEBLOWER ACT

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Whistleblower Act. Changes the definitions of "employer" and "employee". Defines "adverse employment action", "public body", "retaliatory action", and "supervisor". Provides that an employer may not take retaliatory action against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose information about an activity, policy, or practice of the employer that the employee has a good faith belief that such activity, policy, or practice violates a State or federal law, rule, or regulation or poses a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. Includes additional relief, damages, and penalties for violation of the Act. Allows the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action to obtain appropriate relief if the Attorney
General has reasonable cause to believe that any person or entity is engaged in a practice prohibited by the Act. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act apply to claims arising or complaints filed on or after January 1, 2025. Effective January 1, 2025.

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SB 3521

Comment: Mental Health

Short Description: DHS-DHFS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Karina Villa

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a 5-year Behavioral Health Recovery Center Grant Pilot Program and to issue, no later than July 1, 2024, a request for proposals to award a grant to one or more counties to develop and implement a behavioral health recovery center project. Provides that the purpose of the behavioral health recovery center project is to (1) increase access to mental health crisis services for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis or substance use disorder crisis and (2) reduce the number of individuals in the State who are incarcerated or in a hospital emergency room while experiencing a mental health crisis or substance use disorder crisis. Sets forth grant application information requirements. Requires the Department to consider the cost of the proposed project, the extent to which the proposed project will fulfill stated purposes and benefit the targeted population, and other matters when evaluating a grant application. Requires the Department to report to specified House and Senate committees (i) before June 30, 2025 regarding each county awarded a grant under the pilot program and the details of each project and (ii) before June 30, 2027 regarding data gathered on each project, recommendations for future use of mental health crisis services and substance use disorder crisis services in behavioral health recovery centers, and other matters. Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to apply, no later than July 1, 2024, for a waiver or State Plan amendment to offer a program that provides reimbursement through a bundled daily rate for crisis management services that are delivered to an individual during the individual's stay at a behavioral health recovery center. Requires the Department to implement the program upon federal approval and to require certain managed care organizations to provide coverage for behavioral health crisis management services at a behavioral health recovery center. Permits the Department to elect to integrate payment for physical health services provided in a behavioral health recovery center. Effective immediately.
SB 3526

Comment: HR

Short Description: HIGHER ED-SUCSS-BARGAINING

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Civil Service Act. Provides that nothing in the Act or any rules adopted under the Act prevents the parties to a collective bargaining agreement subject to the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act from agreeing to a provision that enhances employee rights.

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SB 3553

Comment: K-12

Short Description: SCH CD-ACCELERATED PLACEMENT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Gifted and Talented Children and Children Eligible for Accelerated Placement Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district’s accelerated placement policy may allow for the waiver of a course or unit of instruction completion requirement if (i) completion of the course or unit of instruction is required by the Code or rules adopted by the State Board of Education as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma and (ii) the school district has determined that the student has demonstrated mastery of or competency in the content of the course or unit of instruction. Provides that the school district shall maintain documentation of this determination of mastery or competency for each student, which must include identification of the learning standards or competencies reviewed, the methods of measurement used, student
performance, the date of the determination, and identification of the district personnel involved in the determination process. Provides that a school district must provide notification to a student's parent or guardian that the student will receive a waiver. Makes a corresponding change in the Courses of Study Article of the Code. Effective immediately.

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SB 3560

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: HIGHR ED-MANUFACTURING SCHOLAR

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Karina Villa

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall establish a Manufacturing Promise Scholarship Program to award scholarships to State residents who are enrolled in a public community college or other program with a major in manufacturing or a skilled trade. Provides that, subject to a separate appropriation for such purposes, the Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications for a scholarship. Provides that an applicant is eligible for a scholarship if the Commission finds that the applicant meets specified criteria. Provides that the Commission shall reserve 20% of the amount appropriated in a given fiscal year for students who are from underrepresented areas. Provides that the Commission shall make scholarships available to traditional college-aged students, adults, and non-traditional students. Provides that an applicant who receives a scholarship may not be required to return scholarship funds. Provides for rulemaking.

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SB 3562

Comment:
Mental Health

Short Description: MENTAL HEALTH INFO-DISCLOSURE
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Ellman

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Including Families in Mental Health Recovery Act. Provides that no later than one year after the effective date of the Act, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules clarifying the circumstances under which, consistent with the standards governing the privacy and security of individually identifiable health information, Illinois health care providers and covered entities may disclose the protected health information of patients with a mental illness. Provides that no later than one year after the effective date of this Act, the Department of Human Services shall develop and disseminate only within Illinois: (1) a model program and materials for training health care providers (including physicians, emergency medical personnel, psychologists, counselors, therapists, behavioral health facilities and clinics, care managers, and hospitals) regarding the circumstances under which, consistent with the standards governing privacy and security of individually identifiable health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, the protected health information of patients with a mental illness may be disclosed with and without patient consent; (2) a model program and materials for training lawyers and others in the legal profession on such circumstances; and (3) a model program and materials for training patients and their families regarding their rights to protect and obtain information under the standards specified in the Act.

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SB 3579

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: OPTOMETRIST LOAN REPAYMENT ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mattie Hunter

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Loan Repayment Assistance for Optometrists Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish an educational loan repayment assistance program for optometrists who practice in this State to increase the total number of optometrists in this State. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2025, the Department shall, each year, consider applications for assistance under the program; sets forth other provisions concerning applications for assistance. Provides that an applicant is eligible for assistance if, among other qualifications, the applicant is practicing full time in this State as an optometrist, is currently repaying educational loans, and agrees to continue full time practice in this State for at least 3 years. Provides that for each year
that a qualified applicant practices full time in this State as an optometrist, the Department shall award a grant to that person in an amount equal to the amount in educational loans that the person must repay that year; specifies other grant requirements. Sets forth provisions concerning administration, rulemaking, appropriations, and a penalty for the failure to fulfill the work obligation. Effective January 1, 2025.

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SB 3580

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Requires each governing board to ensure that an academic advisor or counselor acts with a duty of care or fiduciary duty to provide academic guidance and advice that is strictly in the best interest of the student whom he or she advises or counsels.

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SB 3581

Comment:
Enrollment

Short Description: HIGHER ED-REPORT ENROLL DATA

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that the governing board of each public university shall report to the
Board of Higher Education by the 11th day after the start of the academic year specified student enrollment data. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall post the student enrollment data on its Internet website. Provides that the governing board of each community college district shall report to the Illinois Community College Board by the 11th day after the start of the academic year specified student enrollment data. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board shall post the student enrollment data on its Internet website.

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SB 3582

Comment:
Enrollment

Short Description: HIGHER ED-RURAL STUDENT-ADMIT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Chapin Rose

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that if a public university has a law school, medical school, or nursing program, the governing board of the university shall establish an admissions process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural students; defines "rural student". Provides that the governing board shall require each of these rural students to agree to return to the county where the student’s primary residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation from the law school, medical school, or nursing program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 3592

Comment:
Enrollment

Short Description: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY MEDIA

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Steve Stadelman

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Strengthening Community Media Act. Provides that a State agency shall direct at least 50% of its total spending on advertising to local news organization publications. Sets forth exceptions and reporting requirements. Provides that a local news organization shall not be sold to an out-of-state company without giving written notice 120 days before the sales occurs to specified individuals and organizations. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a taxpayer that is an eligible news journalist employer shall be allowed a credit against the Personal Property Tax Replacement Income Tax for each qualified journalist hired by the eligible news journalist employer during the taxable year. Provides that an eligible news journalist employer is entitled to a credit against taxes in an amount equal to 50% of the wages paid for up to 150 qualified journalists. Provides that an eligible small business is entitled to a credit against taxes in an amount equal to the amount paid by the eligible small business to local newspapers or broadcasters for advertising in the State. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates the Journalism Student Scholarship Program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall award scholarships to students who will work at a local news organization in the State for a period of not less than 2 years.

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SB 3626

Comment:
Child Care

Short Description: CHILD CARE COLLABORATION PROG

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to implement a Child Care Collaboration Program by no later than July 1, 2024 to facilitate high quality collaborative programming between child care and other early care and education providers and funding streams in order to increase, through collaboration, the quality and quantity of early care and education for families in Illinois who are eligible to receive child care assistance under the Department's Child Care Assistance Program. Provides that to be eligible to participate in the Child Care Collaboration Program a provider must meet certain eligibility requirements, including: (i) be a profit or nonprofit early childhood center or licensed family child care home; (ii) receive or be eligible to receive child care assistance funding; and (iii) be a part of an existing or pending collaborative arrangement with a Head Start or Early Head Start Program or with a pre-kindergarten program funded by the Illinois State Board of
Education through the Early Childhood Block Grant. Sets forth approvable models of collaboration and application requirements for providers seeking approval of their existing or proposed child care collaboration program. Provides that each eligible provider that receives Department approval of its existing or proposed child care collaboration program shall receive an annual contract from the Department that allows for the advance payment of child care services at a rate that is based on the license capacity of the program. Provides that a family's eligibility for collaboration services under the approved child care collaboration program shall be determined in accordance with all current child care rules, with certain exceptions, including, but not limited to: (1) a family's eligibility period for collaboration services shall be up to 24 months to coincide with the family's eligibility for a Head Start or Early Head Start Program or an early childhood or preschool program funded through the Early Childhood Block Grant; and (2) no child care co-payments shall be assigned or collected from the family. Effective immediately.

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SB 3627

Comment: Pensions

Short Description: PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on January 1 in the manner and with the same eligibility requirements provided for members or participants under the applicable Article who first became members or participants in that Article before January 1, 2011; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Authorizes SLEP status under IMRF for a person who is a county correctional officer or probation officer. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.
SB 3628

Comment:
Pensions

Short Description: PEN CD-TIER 2-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Tier 2 provisions is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement formula, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55 (instead of age 60). With regard to Tier 2 members and participants under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Chicago Municipal, Cook County, State Employees, and State Universities Article: changes the retirement age to age 60 with 20 years of service or age 67 with 10 years of service; changes the final average salary calculation to the total salary during the 60 months (instead of 96 months) of service within the last 120 months of service in which the total salary was the highest; rescinds an election for certain benefits for persons under the Chicago Municipal Article; provides that the automatic annual increase in retirement annuity shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted increase in the consumer-price index-u, whichever is greater (instead of whichever is less) of the originally granted retirement annuity; and makes other changes. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 and are applicable without regard to whether a member or participant was in active service on or after the effective date. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

SB 3634

Comment:
Teacher Education
Short Description: SCH CD-SUB TEACHING LICENSE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sally J. Turner

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning Substitute Teaching Licenses, requires an applicant who is enrolled in an approved educator preparation program to have either earned at least 75 credit hours or completed 3 semesters in an educator preparation program (rather than requiring the applicant to have earned at least 90 credit hours). Provides that a school district may not require an individual who retired within the last 5 years while holding a valid Professional Educator License or Educator License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher if substitute teaching for no more than one year. Provides that a retired educator may not be charged an application fee for a Substitute Teaching License if certain conditions are met.

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SB 3649

Comment:
HR

Short Description: EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Senate Sponsors

Synopsis AsIntroduced
Creates the Worker Freedom of Speech Act. Provides that an employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, threaten to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, or take any adverse employment action against an employee: (1) because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative, or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; (2) as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to communications; or (3) because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of the Act. Provides for a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the Act. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Provides that, within 30 days after the effective date of the Act, an employer shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under the Act where employee
notices are customarily placed. Provides for exceptions under the Act.

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SB 3664

Comment: HR

Short Description: HUMAN RIGHTS-VARIOUS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Fine

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that an employer is responsible for harassment and sexual harassment of the its employees by the employer's nonmanagerial and nonsupervisory employees, nonemployees, and third parties only if the employer becomes aware of the conduct and fails to take reasonable corrective measures. Changes the definition of "real estate transaction" to include any act that otherwise makes available such a transaction or alters a person's right to real property. Makes it a civil rights violation in a real estate transaction to: make unavailable or deny real property to discriminate in making available such a transaction; or use criteria or methods that have the effect of subjecting individuals to unlawful discrimination or discrimination based on familial status, immigration status, source of income, or an arrest record in a real estate transaction. Provides that an aggrieved party may take action to collect on a judicial order issued by the Circuit Court in an action initiated by the State, regardless of whether or not the aggrieved party intervened in an enforcement action of a Human Rights Commission order. Provides that, in imposing a penalty based on a real estate transaction violation, the Commission may order a respondent to pay a civil penalty per violation to vindicate the public interest, and in imposing a civil penalty to vindicate the public interest, a separate penalty may be imposed for each specific act constituting a civil rights violation and for each aggrieved party injured by the civil rights violation. Deletes language authorizing each commissioner of the Human Rights Commission to hire a staff attorney. Repeals language regarding the collection of information concerning employment discrimination in relation to persons affected by the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Makes other changes.

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SB 3667

Comment:
HI Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-DRINK DRUG TESTS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Laura Ellman

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Provides that the governing board of each public institution of higher education shall provide free date rape drug testing kits to students. Provides that the governing board of each public institution of higher education shall inform each student about the availability of free date rape drug kits and how to acquire a date rape drug testing kit.

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SB 3671

Comment:
HR

Short Description: STATES ATTY-PEACE OFCR-PRIVACY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Erica Harriss

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the State's Attorney and Peace Officer Privacy Act. Provides that government agencies shall not publicly post or display publicly available content that includes the personal information of a State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer if the government agency has received a written request in accordance with the Act that it refrain from disclosing the personal information of a State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer. Provides that if a government agency fails to comply with a written request to refrain from disclosing personal information, the State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer may bring an action seeking injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to knowingly publicly post on the Internet the personal information of a State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer or of the immediate family of a State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer if the person knows or reasonably should know that publicly posting the personal information poses an imminent and serious threat to the health and safety of the State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer or the immediate family of the State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer.
Attorney, or peace officer, and the violation is a proximate cause of bodily injury or death of the State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer or the immediate family of the State's Attorney, Assistant State's Attorney, or peace officer. Provides that a person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class 3 felony. Provides exemptions. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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SB 3684

Comment:
Teacher Education

Short Description: SCH CD-EDUCATOR TESTING-WAIVE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that if the State Board declares a teacher shortage, then an applicant shall be deemed to have passed a test of content area knowledge. Provides that the State Board shall adopt rules to define a teacher shortage, and shall post and publicly display this definition on the State Board's Internet website.

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SB 3690

Comment:
K-12

Short Description: SCH CD-RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Doris Turner

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a librarian recruitment and retention program, which shall encourage both new and experienced
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act establishing the $3,000 tax credit for individuals designated by the State Board of Education as a participating librarian in the librarian recruitment and retention program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 3702

Comment:
Ethics

Short Description: ETHICS-HIGHER ED-TIMESHEETS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Paul Faraci

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that in addition to other provisions, State employees of public institutions of higher learning classified as faculty (including tenure system and nontenure system), and those not eligible for overtime pay, may satisfy the time sheets requirement by complying with the terms of their contracts or employment agreements with the public institution of higher learning, which shall provide for a means of compliance with the requirement.

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SB 3703

Comment:
Nursing

Short Description: NURSING STUDENT STIPEND PROG

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Paul Faraci
Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall establish a nursing student stipend program to reimburse eligible applicants for the pre-licensure nursing program cost incurred during the previous academic year from a baccalaureate degree nursing program. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a stipend, the amount of the stipend, the pre-licensure nursing program cost, the distribution of funds, information on the stipend program, and rulemaking. Effective July 1, 2025.

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SB 3714

Comment:
Financial Aid

Short Description: HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE LOAN REPAY

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Lakesia Collins

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Community Hospice and Palliative Care Professional Loan Repayment Program Act. Provides that, by January 1, 2025, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall create and administer the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program. Provides that the Program shall provide loan repayment assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible hospice and palliative professionals practicing in a hospice program that provides services in the State. Provides that the Commission shall award a grant to each qualified applicant for a maximum of 4 years. Sets forth provisions concerning awarding funds, eligibility, work requirements, and priority of awarding funds. Provides for rulemaking. Provides that the Act is inoperative 10 years after the effective date of the Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 3722

Comment:
Enrollment Management
Short Description: HIGHER ED-DIRECT ADMISSION

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public University Uniform Admission Pilot Program Act. Changes the short title of the Act to the Public University Direct Admission Program Act. Repeals the provisions concerning the uniform admission system pilot program on December 31, 2025. Provides that, beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the Board of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and the State Board of Education, shall establish and administer a direct admission program to automatically offer admission to a public university to qualified high school seniors in this State and public community college students in this State who qualify to transfer to a public university. Provides that under the direct admission program, a public university is required to offer admission to any high school senior who meets the public university's coursework standards for admission and to any public community college transfer student who meets specified criteria. Sets forth program and reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

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SB 3728

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: GOV OPERATIONS PROTECTION ACT

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Jason Plummer

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Research, Education, and Government Operations Protection Act. Defines terms. Provides that the purpose of the Act is to protect Illinois' research, educational system, and government operations from malicious influence from foreign countries of concern. Requires a State agency, political subdivision, institution of K-12 education, or institution of higher education to disclose information about gifts and contracts from specified countries of concern, and requires approval from the Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor for gifts and contracts from counties of concern. Restricts international cultural agreements and student associations within institutions of K-12 education and institutions of higher education. Requires institutes of higher education with a research budget of $10,000,000 or more to perform specified research and foreign travel screening before accepting applicants from countries of concern or allowing travel to countries of concern. Provides that, subject to the
approval of the State Board of Higher Education and Illinois Community College Board, an institution of higher education shall only enter into a new or renew an existing academic partnership with an academic or research institution located in a country of concern under specified circumstances. Prohibits certain trade secret actions, imposing a Class X felony for violation of the provisions. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act and Whistleblower Act to make conforming changes. Effective January 1, 2025.

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SB 3759

Comment: Nursing

Short Description: NURSE PRACTICE-MEDICATION AIDE

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Medication Aide Pilot Program Article of the Nurse Practice Act. Changes the title of the Article to Medication Aide Program. Provides that the Department of Public Health (instead of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation) shall administer and enforce a Certified Medication Aide Program (instead of a Licensed Medication Aide Pilot Program). Makes conforming changes. Provides that the term "qualified employer" means an assisted living or shared housing establishment (instead of a long-term care facility) licensed by the Department of Public Health that meets specified qualifications; makes changes concerning the qualifications. Amends the Administration and Enforcement Article of the Nurse Practice Act to specify that the Department of Public Health shall administer and enforce the provisions of the Article with regards to a certified medication aide.

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SB 3771

Comment: Hi Ed Policy - Exonerated Persons
Short Description: HIGHER ED-EXONERATED GRANTS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ram Villivalam

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act with respect to grants for exonerated persons. Provides that a grant applicant need not be a resident of this State at the time of enrollment. Provides that, beginning no later than the 2025-2026 academic year, if an exonerated person has been found by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to qualify for a grant and the exonerated person has not yet exhausted the benefits for which the exonerated person is eligible, the exonerated person may designate one or more dependents to use any unexpended portion of the benefits for which the exonerated person is eligible, up to the total benefit for which the exonerated person is eligible. Provides that the combined benefit used by the exonerated person and any designated dependents may not exceed the total benefit for which the exonerated person is eligible. Provides that if funding is insufficient to serve all applicants, the Commission may prioritize applicants who have been exonerated over applicants who are dependents of exonerated individuals. Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. In provisions concerning a petition for a certificate of innocence, provides that the clerk of the circuit court shall provide to a person whose records were expunged and sealed information about grants for exonerated persons and their dependents under the Higher Education Student Assistance Act and the address of the Internet website of the Commission, where additional information about the grants may be obtained.

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SB 3774

Comment:
OMA

Short Description: OMA-MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Ram Villivalam

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold a closed session to consider the minutes (instead of discussion of minutes) of meetings lawfully closed under the Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, and, notwithstanding the requirement of the Act that no final action may be taken at a closed meeting, the final approval of minutes in closed session. In provisions concerning the semi-annual review of minutes of a closed session, provides that the public body may may
approve any closed session minutes taken since the last meeting to fully satisfy the requirement to approve closed session minutes at a public meeting.

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SB 3777

Comment:
Early Childhood Ed

Short Description: DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford-Julie A. Morrison-Adriane Johnson-Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced
Creates the Department of Early Childhood Act. Creates the Department of Early Childhood to begin operation on July 1, 2024 and transfers to it certain rights, powers, duties, and functions currently exercised by various agencies of State Government. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2026 the Department of Early Childhood shall be the lead State agency for administering and providing early childhood education and care programs and services to children and families including: home-visiting services; early intervention services; preschool services; child care services; licensing for day care centers, day care homes, and group day care homes; and other early childhood education and care programs and administrative functions historically managed by the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Children and Family Services. Makes conforming changes to various Acts including the Department of Human Services Act, the Illinois Early Learning Council Act, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Early Intervention Services System Act and the Children and Family Services Act. Effective immediately.

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SB 3787

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy - Univ-CC BA

Short Description: COM COL-BACCALAURATE DEGREE
Senate Sponsors
Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows the board of trustees of a community college district to establish and offer a baccalaureate degree program and confer a bachelor's degree if the board of trustees and the program meet specified conditions. Provides for an application for approval from the Illinois Community College Board. Sets forth community college requirements and prohibitions for establishing a baccalaureate degree program. Provides that a community college district that offers a baccalaureate degree program shall submit an annual report to the Illinois Community College Board. Sets forth what that report shall include. Provides for a statewide evaluation of a baccalaureate degree program.

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SB 3789

Comment:
Pensions - Def Comp

Short Description: DEFERRED COMP-NONPLAN SERVICES

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Robert F. Martwick

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the System shall require that the deferred compensation recordkeeper agree that, in performing services with respect to the deferred compensation plan, the recordkeeper: (i) will not use information received as a result of providing services with respect to the deferred compensation plan or the participants in the deferred compensation plan to solicit the participants in the deferred compensation plan for the purpose of cross-selling nonplan products and services, unless in response to a request by a participant in the deferred compensation plan or a request by the System (currently, a request by a participant in the deferred compensation plan); and (ii) will not promote, recommend, endorse, or solicit participants in the deferred compensation plan to purchase any financial products or services outside of the deferred compensation plan, except that links to parts of the recordkeeper's or the recordkeeper's affiliate's (currently, recordkeeper's) website that are generally available to the public, are about commercial products, and may be encountered by a participant in the regular course of navigating the recordkeeper's or the recordkeeper's affiliate's website (currently, recordkeeper's) does not constitute a violation of the prohibition. Amends the University Employees Custodial Accounts Act. Makes similar changes. In a provision prohibiting a defined contribution plan recordkeeper from promoting credit cards, life insurance, or banking products, provides an exception if a request to provide those products
is made by the governing board of the public institution of higher education or its authorized delegate. Effective immediately.

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SB 3792

Comment:
Facilities

Short Description: ALL-GENDER RESTROOMS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Mike Simmons

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. Provides that any multiple-occupancy restroom must be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Removes the requirement that any newly constructed multiple-occupancy restroom located adjacent or in proximity to a newly constructed all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom must also be designated as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom. Provides that any existing or future places of public accommodation or public buildings are subject to the requirements regarding all-gender multiple-occupancy restrooms. Effective January 1, 2027.

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SB 3803

Comment:
Appropriations

Short Description: $DCEO/ICCB-GRANTS

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Omar Aquino

Synopsis As Introduced
Appropriates $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for grants to specified organizations as deemed appropriate by the
Department for purposes of administering preapprenticeship workforce development programs that support education and training programming targeted to individuals under the age of 18 who reside in underserved areas in specified fields. Appropriates $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Community College Board for grants to community college districts and public high schools for the purposes of administering the 21st Century Employment grant program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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SB 3805

Comment:
Supplier Diversity

Short Description: OFF OF ECON EQUITY AND EMPOWER

Senate Sponsors
Sen. Celina Villanueva-Javier L. Cervantes

Synopsis As Introduced
Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law. Creates the Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment. Provides that the Office shall assist minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and other underserved communities and constituencies through targeted programs, resources, and outreach and promotional activities. Provides that the Office may engage in or conduct promoting and conducting outreach efforts to ensure access to State and federal funding opportunities, and assisting minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities and other underserved communities and constituencies in applying for and receiving loan funds in the State. Provides that the Office may engage in other specified workshops, public forums, and other functions that assist minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and other underserved communities and constituencies.

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HR 219

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: NEURODIVERSITY IN HIGHER ED

House Sponsors

Synopsis As Introduced
Encourages Illinois' institutions of higher education to embrace the neurodiversity paradigm and adopt a statement of inclusivity of neurodivergent individuals that appreciates and embraces the fact that every student is different and should be encouraged to reach their full potential.

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HR 596

Comment:
Hi Ed Policy

Short Description: HIGHER ED-ADJUNCTS TREATMENT

House Sponsors
Rep. Katie Stuart

Synopsis As Introduced
Urges that adjuncts/non-tenure/part-time instructors in institutions of higher education be treated with the same respect, recognition, value, and standards as full-time instructors. Affirms these professionals have the same credentials as the full-time instructors and are being underpaid to do the same job. Pledges to seek solutions that include, but are not limited to, legislated salary parity, mandated access to health benefits, and full and fair pension reporting and accountability for all part-time/contingent/adjunct Illinois public teachers, librarians, counselors, and educational support personnel.

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