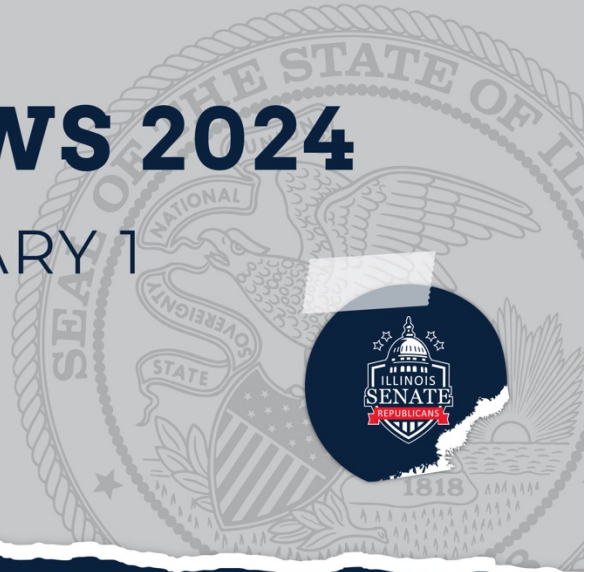




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Agriculture, Food Safety, Animals and Hunting

(HB 2317/PA 103-0528): Provides that any Illinois resident age 26 or older who has not purchased a resident fishing license in the past 10 years shall be eligible to receive a one-time annual resident fishing license for a fee of \$5. Any nonresident who has not purchased a nonresident fishing license in the past 10 years shall be eligible to receive a one-time annual sport fishing license for a fee of \$10

(HB 3087/PA 103-0176): Amends the Illinois Diseased Animals Act. Provides that if the condition so warrants, the Director of Agriculture may declare a temporary prohibition on the sale, movement, or exhibition of certain types of animals to prevent or to reduce the spread of any contamination or disease in the State. The declaration shall be for a period not to exceed 30 days, but the declaration may be extended in increments not to exceed 30 days if the condition so warrants.

(HB 1629/PA 103-0023): Provides that the Eurasian Collared Dove and Ringed Turtle-Dove are excluded from the list of wildlife protected by the Act. The Virginia Rail, Sora Rail, Wilson's Snipe, Woodcock, Mourning Dove, and White-winged Dove are classified as migratory game birds for purposes of the Code.

(HB 3849/PA 103-0208): Provides that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall, on or before July 1, 2024, publish information to encourage food manufacturers, processors, and retailers responsible for the labeling of food products to voluntarily use the specified

uniform terms on food product labels to communicate quality dates and safety dates.

(SB 1883/PA 103-0239): Makes it unlawful for any person to allow any member of the public to come into direct contact with a bear or nonhuman primate and provides exemptions. A violation is a Class B misdemeanor. Any law enforcement officer or peace officer employed by the State or by any county or municipality within the State may enforce these provisions.

(HB 3086/PA 103-0441): Increases various fees imposed under the Pesticide Act, and examines, with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture, the possibility of continuing education courses to satisfy pesticide applicator competency requirements required for existing licensees.

(HB 3677/PA 103-0456): Provides for fees for licenses for residents of the State of Illinois. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, residents of this State may obtain a three-year fishing/hunting license. The fee for a three-year fishing/hunting license is three times the annual fee. For residents ages 65 or older, the fee is one half of the fee charged for a three-year fishing/hunting license. For resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a three-year fishing license. Allows residents of the State to obtain a three-year trapping license and both three-year trapping licenses and one-year trapping will expire on March 31.



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Budget

(HB 3817/PA 103-0008): As presented, the FY24 budget estimates \$50.6 billion in revenue with a total spend of \$50.4 billion—largest presented budget in state history as originally passed. With a \$138 million allocation to the Rainy-Day Fund, the budget, as passed, leaves a \$45 million surplus. Budget notables and details include:

Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults Program

Funds the highly controversial healthcare program for illegal immigrants at \$550 million—half of the original FY24 cost estimate. (Also see Medicaid section for more details.)

AFSCME Contract

The FY24 budget was passed ahead of a new contract deal between AFSCME (largest state employee union) and the State. At the time of passage, contract negotiations were ongoing making it unknown what the costs of a new contract would be. During budget discussions, concerns were raised that a new contract was not accounted for in the FY24 budget, and no information was provided to show that it was. Weeks after its passage, the Governor stated that the FY24 budget allowed up to 8 percent of department budgets to be transferred over to fulfill ASFCME contract agreements.

Half-year Appropriations (Medicaid Rate Increase & DD Rate Increase)

The FY24 budget includes some rate increases that will be implemented on January 1, 2024—making them half-year appropriations but will require a full-year's appropriation in the fiscal years to follow. These initiatives include

Medicaid rate increases for healthcare providers (also see Medicaid section for more details) and wage increases for providers for the developmentally disabled (also see Human Services section for more details). These costs will have to be doubled in the next fiscal year's budget. The signed FY24 budget does not provide for that consideration.

FY23 Supplemental Budget

The FY24 budget included a supplemental FY23 budget, which contains \$1.2 billion in FY23 supplemental appropriations, including \$495.8 million in General Fund supplemental appropriations.

Legislator Pay Raises

Includes \$846,000 for legislative pay raises, which is a 5 percent increase bringing the salary of a legislator to \$89,250 per year. The FY24 budget as passed included a 5.5 percent increase, but through veto powers afforded to the Governor, the increase was brought down to 5 percent to align with what the Illinois Constitution allows.

Local Government Distribution Fund

Includes an additional \$112 million.

Franchise Tax

The Budget Implementation bill (BIMP) made changes to the Corporate Franchise Tax by increasing the exemption amount to the first \$5,000 rather than \$1,000.

Large Business Attraction Fund

Provides for \$500 million in spending authority from the Large Business Attraction Fund, which is the Fund provided to the Governor to utilize



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to encourage businesses to invest in Illinois. As of the FY24 budget's passage, the Fund balance stood at \$400.9 million. There was no authorization within the FY24 budget for the remaining \$100 million.

Medicaid

Funds the Medicaid Omnibus package at \$245 million, which includes \$110 million in rate increases for Medicaid hospital reimbursements.

Additionally, provides \$550 million for the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program, which provides top-level healthcare to illegal immigrants ages 42 and older with little federal reimbursement. HFS estimated the program cost for FY24 at \$1.1 billion. Only half of that estimate is appropriated in the FY24 budget, noting that the Medicaid Omnibus package included rule making powers to the Governor's Administration to rein in costs. It's unclear how much money the rule changes will save.

Human Services

Provides an additional \$220 million over FY23 enacted appropriations to the DHS Developmental Disabilities Division for partial implementation of the Guidehouse rate study. These additional funds will provide for a \$2.50 per hour rate increase for direct service professionals, adult day service workers, and adult day service transportation costs--\$1.50 short of the full \$4.00 increase proposed by advocates.

Other notables include:

- Additional funding for DCFS to hire 192 staff and increase training, scholarships, and improve facilities.
- \$215 million added to the DHS budget for Democrat-only pet projects.
- Includes \$42.5 million to municipalities, cities, villages, and counties for costs associated with asylum seekers.
- \$110 million for Immigrant Welcoming Centers.

Smart Start Illinois

A total of \$250 million is included for the first year of this newly created early childhood initiative, including a \$75 million Increase to ISBE's Early Childhood Block Grant to increase preschool availability and eliminate "preschool deserts" by December 2027 and \$50 million in capital appropriations for early childhood providers.

Home Illinois

\$360 million (\$200 million GRF) is included for a new Department of Human Services program to prevent and end homelessness, including:

- \$67 million for shelter and other services for the homeless
- \$41 million for emergency and transitional housing
- \$25 million for rapid rehousing
- Also provides \$20 million for the Illinois Grocery Initiative to provide better access to groceries for rural and urban populations considered "food deserts."



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Higher Education

Provides a 7 percent increase (\$100 million) for university and community college operations. Increases MAP Grant funding by \$100 million allowing nearly all community college students at or below median income to go to college for free and about 40% of university students at or below median income to go to college for free.

Additionally, the FY24 budget allocates \$50 million for AIM High program, which provides merit based scholarships to Illinois high school graduates to attend in-state universities.

PreK-12 Education

Increases the Evidence Based Funding formula by an additional \$350 million and includes \$45 million for the first year of a three-year pilot program to improve the teacher pipeline.

Public Safety

Provides \$17.5 million for two new State Police cadet classes, graduating 200 cadets, \$155 million for the Department of Corrections to hire additional staff, and \$3.6 million for Illinois Youth Center in Lincoln to open in 2024.

Pensions

Pensions are funded at the statutorily required minimum in FY24. The FY24 enacted budget also included another supplemental pension payment of \$200 million in FY23, after additional payments of \$300 million and \$200 million were made previously in FY22 and FY23, respectively.

Business, Commerce, Regulation, Labor and Licensure

(SB 2034/PA 103-0466): States that employees of a large employer (250+ employees) may take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave after the loss of a child by suicide or homicide. Employees of a small employer (50-250 employees) may take up to six weeks of unpaid leave after the loss of a child by suicide or homicide.

(HB 2493/PA 103-0314): Amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Provides that an employee may take unpaid leave from work for specified reasons relating to a family or household member who is killed in a crime of violence. Provides that an employee shall be entitled to a total of not more than two work weeks of unpaid leave for specified reasons relating to a family or household member who is killed in a crime of violence, which must be completed within 60 days after the date on which the employee receives notice of the death of the victim.

(HB 1363/PA 103-0282): Amends the Gender Violence Act so an employer is liable only for gender-related violence committed in the workplace by an employee or agent of the employer when the interaction arises out of and in the course of employment with the employer. An employer shall be liable for gender-related violence if the employer: failed to supervise, train, or monitor the employee who engaged in the gender-related violence; or failed to investigate complaints or reports directly provided to a supervisor, manager, owner, or another person designated by the employer of similar conduct by an employee or agent of the employer and the employer failed



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to take remedial measures in response to the complaints or reports. Includes provisions on proximate cause, an affirmative defense for proper training, and a four-year statute of limitations.

(HB 3733/PA 103-0201): Amends the State Finance Act. Changes the name of the Equal Pay Registration Fund to the Equal Pay Fund. Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that any business that is required to file an annual Employer Information Report EEO-1 with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission must submit a list of all employees from the past calendar year to the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

(HB 3516/PA 103-0450): Amends the Employee Blood Donation Leave Act. Changes the name of the Act to the Employee Blood and Organ Donation Leave Act. Amends the Employee Blood Donation Leave Act. Provides that an employee may use up to 10 days of leave in any 12-month period to serve as an organ donor. Reinserts a provision that the definition of “employer” includes employers with 51 or more employees.

(HB 3249/PA 103-0340): Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that police, fire, and corrections officers that suffer a catastrophic injury on the job are entitled to medical coverage in the same manner as on-duty police, fire, and corrections officers.

(HB 3301/PA 103-0343): Provides that any contract entered into between an employer and an independent contractor must be reported to the Department of Labor.

(HB 3491/PA 103-0048): Provides that any laborer, worker, or mechanic who is employed by the contractor or by any lower tier sub-contractor and is paid for services in a sum less than the prevailing wage rates for work performed on a project shall have a right of action for whatever difference there may be between the amount so paid and the prevailing rates required to be paid for work performed on the project.

(HB 3396/PA 103-0045): Amends the Labor Dispute Act in provisions relating to use of public right of way. A person who intends to interfere with, obstruct, or impede a picket or other demonstration or protest and places any object in the public way commits a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$500.

(HB 3707/PA 103-0199): Adds a new section requiring the Illinois Commerce Commission to post a notice of the administrative citations issued to a safety relocater and the disposition of the citation on its website.

(HB 4245/PA 102-1137): Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law and the Regulatory Sunset Act. Requires plumbers to inspect every aspect of an irrigation system to ensure that the system complies with the law and is mechanically sound. Modifies penalties for violations of the Illinois Plumbing License Law by creating penalties for licensed plumbers and increasing already existing penalties for irrigation contractors who violate the law.



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(HB 2826/PA 103-0534): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to provide that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall not require criminal background information in instances where the Department has already stated that the criminal background information cannot be used against an applicant for licensure under the relevant licensing Act.

(HB 2756/PA 103-0039): Amends the Massage Licensing Act. Provides that for the initial renewal of the massage license which requires continuing education, as prescribed by rule, one hour of the continuing education shall include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

(SB 1715/PA 103-0223): Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt a rule requiring that for each drinking fountain in any construction required under the Illinois Plumbing Code, there will also be a bottle filling station or a combined bottle filling station and drinking fountain.

(HB 3370/PA 103-0346): Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the definition of “public works” includes power washing projects in which steam or pressurized water, with or without added abrasives or chemicals, is used to remove paint or other coatings, oils or grease, corrosion, or debris from a surface or to prepare a surface for a coating.

Children and Families, Guardianship and Estate Issues

(HB 3705/PA 103-0050): Amends the Children and Family Services Act. In the definition of “child welfare services,” provides that one of the purposes of the Department of Children and Family Services is to place children in suitable permanent family arrangements, through guardianship or adoption, (rather than in suitable adoptive homes) in cases where restoration to the biological family is not safe, possible, or appropriate.

(SB 375/PA 103-0460): Replaces references of standardized child endangerment risk assessment protocol to safety-based child welfare intervention system to address statutory conflicts with the new practice model. These changes eliminate the use of the child endangerment risk assessment protocol and are needed to implement the SAFE practice model.

(SB 188/PA 103-0474): Amends the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act. Provides that a parent who consents to health care services for their child is entitled, upon request, to inspect and copy the child’s records, if it is related to the health care services the parent consented to. Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act and provides that the personal representative of a recipient under HIPAA, regardless of the age of the recipient, are entitled to access the recipient’s medical records.



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(SB 2293/PA 103-0259): Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to establish and maintain locally held funds to be individually known as the Youth in Care Support Fund. The fund must be used for purchases for the immediate needs of youth in care; or youth families and caregivers served by DCFS.

(HB 780/PA 103-0411): Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Requires the Department on Aging to establish and administer a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot Program to operate in Will County beginning Jan. 1, 2024, through Jan. 1, 2027. The Program shall allow the Senior Services Center of Will County to designate an intake coordinator for Will County to help connect grandparents raising grandchildren to relevant services and resources provided by the various State agencies.

(HB 2858/PA 103-0329): Amends the Adult Protective Services Act. Excludes from the definition of “mandated reporter” the State Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Ombudsman’s representatives or volunteers when such persons are prohibited from making a report under a federal regulation. Clarifies the definition of “Access” under the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, authorizing the Office to inspect and copy patient records with patient consent.

(SB 195/PA 103-0475): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 so that no petition for the appointment of a guardian of a minor will be filed in which the primary purpose of the filing is to reduce the financial resources available to the minor to

cause the minor to qualify for public or private financial assistance from an educational institution.

(HB 1268/PA 103-0280): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 to expand who is eligible to be an executor. Adds that a person who has been convicted of a felony and not currently incarcerated is qualified to act as an executor if the: testator names that person as an executor and expressly acknowledges in the will that the testator is aware that the person has been convicted of a felony, and if the felony is a financial crime that the testator is aware that the felony is financial in nature, prior to the execution of the will or codicil; person is not be prohibited by law from receiving a share of the testator’s estate; and person is otherwise qualified to act as an executor.

(HB 2269/PA103-0301): Amends the Probate Act of 1975 and Electronic Wills and Remote Witnesses Act to allow for Electronic Estate Planning Documents. Creates the Electronic Nontestamentary Estate Planning Documents Article. The nontestamentary article shall be construed and applied to facilitate electronic estate planning documents and signatures consistent with other law; and be consistent with reasonable practices concerning electronic documents and signatures and continued expansion of those practices.



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Consumers

(HB 2094/PA 103-0292): Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that any marketing materials from a mortgage company that is not connected to the consumer's actual mortgage company must comply with specified requirements. Violations are considered an unlawful practice under the Act.

(SB 1440/PA 103-0087): Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Makes it unlawful to contact a person by letter, postcard, mail, telephone, email, website, or any other prescribed means if it does not disclose all affiliations on the document. All disclosures on a letter or postcard must be conspicuously located at the top of the postcard or letter in an easily readily 14-point bold font in a black-outlined box.

(HB 3236/PA 103-0339): Prohibits sales finance agencies from purchasing retail installment contracts, retail charge agreements, or outstanding balances under the former for canines or felines. Prohibits sales finance agencies from making loans secured by the aforementioned transactions. Amends the Predatory Loan Prevention Act. Provides that no person or entity shall make a secured loan for the purchase of a canine or feline. Amends the Retail Installment Sales Act. Prohibits retail sellers from entering into retail installment transactions for canines or felines. Any prohibited transaction is null and void with no right to collect.

(SB 328/PA 103-0070): Amends the Automatic Contract Renewal Act. Requires businesses to make renewal terms and agreements clear and

conspicuous and make the termination process unobstructed. Provides additional notice requirement concerning contracts that allow the consumer to accept a gift or trial as part of an automatic renewal offer before the consumer makes any payment. Regulates free gifts/promotional periods.

(SB 1896/PA 103-0392): Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. An Illinois licensed new or used vehicle dealer is authorized to conduct sales and delivery activities, including the collection of electronic signatures, via the Internet and deliver vehicles to a customer at the customer's residence or other suitable location, if the sale, lease, or delivery is requested by the customer and the identity of the customer is verified. Any documents that State or federal law require to be signed in person may be signed at the time of delivery without constituting an offsite sale. If the vehicle is delivered to an off-site location, then date of the sale will be the date on which the application for title is signed.

(HB 3775/PA 103-0206): Amends the Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act. Provides that the pre-need contract shall provide, if applicable, that if the purchaser does not pay the costs associated with the opening or closing of an undeveloped interment, inurnment, or entombment space, the seller may repossess the undeveloped interment, inurnment, or entombment space.



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(SB 1817/PA 103-0232): Amends Article 3 (Real Estate Transactions) of the Human Rights Act. Changes the definition of a civil rights violation for a real estate transaction to mean “refusing to engage in the real estate transaction with a person or the discriminate in making available such transactions.” Makes it a violation to inquire or use immigration status if the inquiry is in not in compliance with State or Federal law.

Crime, Courts and Corrections

(HB 3304/PA 103-0184): Expands the extended statute of limitations to cover prosecutions based upon fraudulent activity connected to COVID-19-related relief programs to include the Paycheck Protection Program, COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, and the Unemployment Benefit Programs. Under the bill, these can now be commenced within five years after discovery of the offense by a person having a legal duty to report such offense.

(HB 3289/PA 103-0183): Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 by adding a definition of “anxiety” to the statute defining cyberstalking.

(HB 3140/PA 103-0178): Prohibits the use of room confinement of a person younger than age 21 at a juvenile or correctional facility for discipline, punishment, retaliation, or any reason other than as a temporary response to a juvenile’s behavior that poses a serious and immediate risk of physical harm to any individual, including the juvenile.

(HB 2607/PA 103-0164): Protects children of abuse younger than age 13 from further trauma by allowing them to testify remotely if the judge

determines that the testimony by means of closed-circuit television does not prejudice the defendant

(HB 1434/PA 103-0124): Makes changes to the admissibility of hospital or public or private agency records in an adjudicatory hearing on an abused, neglected, or dependent minor. Requires the court to find that the document was made in the regular course of the business of the hospital or agency instead of the court having to find that the document was made in the regular course of the business of the hospital or agency and that it was in the regular course of such business to make it. Provides that a certification by an agent, in addition to the head or a responsible employee of the hospital or agency attesting that a record satisfies specified conditions, shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained in the certification.

(HB 3414/PA 103-0191): Gives judges additional factors to consider in determining whether to keep a case in juvenile court when the State’s Attorney has filed a petition to move the case to adult criminal court. Gives a judge more discretion at the time of sentencing of a minor in adult court to depart from the mandatory minimum, suspend any part of the sentence, or move the minor’s case back to juvenile court for sentencing under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

(HB 3345/PA 103-0345): Provides that immediately after the initial admission of a person to a correctional institution or facility of the Department of Corrections, the Secretary of



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State shall issue the individual a standard Illinois ID card.

(HB 3779/PA 103-0358): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that no fewer than three days prior to any person being placed in a work release facility, the Department of Corrections shall provide to the State's Attorney and Sheriff of the county in which the work release center is located, relevant identifying information concerning the person to be placed in the work release facility. Provides that the Department of Corrections shall, in addition, give written notice no fewer than three days prior to the placement to the State's Attorney of the county from which the offender was originally sentenced.

(HB 2223/PA 103-0027): Creates the Drug and Youth Overdose Prevention Act. This Act may be referred to as Louie's Law. By July 1, 2024, ISBE must work in consultation with relevant stakeholders including the Illinois Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council to develop and update substance use prevention and recovery resource materials for public elementary and secondary schools. A resource guide will be made available on ISBE's website and sent to all regional offices of education and school districts in the State via email. Schools seeking to provide a heroin and opioid overdose prevention instructional program will be reimbursed by DHS for any associated cost.

(HB 2418/PA 103-0035): Allows a trafficking victim to petition for vacation, expungement, or immediate sealing for an offense, upon the completion of his/her last sentence if his/her

participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking.

(HB 3755/PA 103-0203): Allows the Department of Corrections to transfer inmates to County Sheriff's with a reentry program for up to 12 months before the committed person's release date for participation in the reentry program. No transfer shall be made without the written approval of the sheriff of that county.

(HB 3762/PA 103-0051): Amends the Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Unified Code of Corrections by removing all references to the death penalty and repeals the provisions regarding the execution of the death sentence. Also amends various statutes to remove, other than historic references, references to "capital offense," "death penalty," "sentenced to death," and "sentence of death."

(SB 1754/PA 103-0389): Adds clarifying language to the Illinois Police Training Act to create a clearer and more consistent process to obtain a waiver especially with regards to prior law enforcement or county corrections experience including experience out of state.

(SB 2260/PA 103-0403): Updates and makes changes to a 2015 law that created a path to request re-sentencing for incarcerated survivors of domestic violence. Clarifies the timing of when petitions can be filed, so as not to be limited to two years. Changes the standard for evidence at the original hearing that would support a meritorious claim, as well as adds a definition of "substantial evidence" from case law. To address the concerns on the definition



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of “gender-based violence,” made it include evidence of victimization as defined by 720 ILCS 5/10-9(a)(10), the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, the Stalking No Contact Order Act under 740 ILCS 21, or any sex offense under Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 2012, irrespective of criminal prosecution or conviction.

(SB 1987/PA 103-0245): Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act by adding any benzodiazepine compound that is NOT FDA approved (i.e. has no current medicinal use) and is not listed in another schedule while allowing the current Schedule IV benzo compounds (like alprazolam, clonazepam, diazepam) that do have medicinal use to stay where they are.

(SB 2175/PA 103-0254): Prohibits a court from ordering a person to pay any outstanding fines, taxes, or costs arising from a criminal proceeding for one year following a person’s release from a penal institution.

(HB 1399/PA 103-0283): Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for someone in the custody of a penal institution to knowingly engage in a lewd exposure of the genitals or anus for the purpose or effect of intimidating, harassing, or threatening one whom he or she believes to be in the presence or view of such acts. A second or subsequent violation is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

(HB 2100/PA 103-0293): Changes references to “an elderly person’s or a person with a disability’s life” to “a resident’s life” in a Section of the Criminal Code of 2012 concerning the offense of abuse or criminal neglect of a long-term care facility resident. Amends the offense

of financial exploitation of an elderly person by making a provision apply to those ages 70 or older.

(HB 2245/PA 103-300): Requires the Cook County sheriff establish a vehicle theft hotline to facilitate interaction with vehicle manufacturers and vehicle location vendors consistent with the FOIA. The Cook County Sheriff shall collaborate with vehicle manufacturers, dealers, and vehicle location vendors to provide information and assistance to law enforcement officers in the investigation of a vehicular hijacking or kidnapping incidents.

(HB 3026/PA 103-0330): Includes time served in a county jail as part of the minimum of 60 days of the sentence that must be served before the Department of Corrections may award discretionary earned sentence credit.

(HB 3055/PA 103-0331): Creates the Faith Behind Bars Act stating/asserting that a person committed to the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice has a constitutional right to practice his or her faith in the institution or facility absent harm and without undue burden to the State’s correctional system. Requires the State to facilitate Chaplains and religious services.

(HB 3253/PA 103-0341): Expands current law which prohibits the use of deceptive tactics in custodial interrogations of a minor younger than age 18 to include the use of deceptive tactics during the custodial interrogation of those with severe or profound intellectual or developmental disabilities.



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(HB 562/PA 102-0237): Allows individuals to submit their fingerprints in order to receive automatic renewal of their FOID card and CCL licenses. The bill also sets the following requirements:

- Requires person to person firearms transfers to be subject to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) at a federal licensed firearms dealer or through online validation by Illinois State Police using NICS.
- Requires a seller to provide a record of a private transfer of a firearm to an FFL within 10 days of sale. Caps the fee that the FFL may charge at no more than \$25. Requires FFLs to keep the record of transfer for 20 years. On the demand of a peace officer, transferees have to identify the FFL dealer maintaining the transfer record (penalty is a Class A misdemeanor).
- Requires Illinois State Police to establish a public database of all firearms that have been reported stolen to be checked prior to the transfer of any firearm to prevent the inadvertent transfer of stolen firearms.
- Creates the Prohibited Persons Portal for use by law enforcement, prosecutors, and the Attorney General.
- Tasks the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to conduct enforcement operations against those with revoked FOID Cards.
- Grants the FOID Card Review Board the authority to review appeals for FOID card denials rather than the Director of Illinois State Police.

(HB 2542/PA 102-1133): Amends the Arsonist Registration Act, Sex Offender Registration Act,

and Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act. Allows offenders under these acts to change their names due to marriage, religious belief, status as a victim of trafficking, or gender-related identity.

(HB 1496/PA 103-0018): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to require that the Master Files of inmates at Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice of each person contain ethnic and racial background data and the person's last known complete street address prior to incarceration or legal residence collected in accordance with the No Representation Without Population Act.

(SB 1462/PA 103-0550): Authorizes convicted criminals to work in casinos and the jobs are limited to service employees, such as waitstaff, janitorial, and hotel services. The Illinois Gaming Board has discretion in awarding occupational licenses and may refuse if an individual has background, including a criminal record, reputation, habits, social or business associations, or prior activities, that poses a threat to the public interests of this State or to the security and integrity of gaming.

(HB 3751/PA 103-0357): Provides that an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States and DACA recipients that are legally authorized to obtain and carry a firearm under federal law are authorized to apply for the position of a municipal police officer, subject to all requirements and limitations to which other applicants are subject (other than citizenship). Provides that a deputy county sheriff or special policeman may be an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law or DACA



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recipients that are legally authorized to obtain and carry a firearm under federal law.

(SB 380/PA 103-0478): Creates the Illinois Fertility Fraud Act. Allows people to bring civil action against health care providers, embryologists or any other persons who knowingly or intentionally use their own reproductive cells without the patient's informed written consent.

(SB 423/PA 103-0271): Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Expands and mandates education and training credits beyond high school by providing a 90-day credit off the supervision term for a secondary education diploma or a career/technical certificate. Establishes quarterly reporting to provide regular and meaningful updates to people on Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR) and decisionmakers on the Prisoner Review Board through the existing electronic system.

(HB 2624/PA 103-0166): Creates the Court Record and Document Accessibility Act which states all records and documents are presumed to be accessible by the court and the clerk of the court. A clerk of the court is required to limit access to case information and documents not identified as public to the clerk of the court or limited supervisory staff through use of access codes restricting access. Access to court records and documents remotely over the Internet shall be as authorized by the Illinois Supreme Court Remote Access Policy. Encourages the Supreme Court to consider establishing a process for access to court files limited by statute or court rule, including standardized forms and provisions for

requesting access to documents in court files restricted in any manner. The Act applies to all court records and documents related to any civil or criminal proceeding that are created and maintained by a State court.

(HB 2248/PA 103-0150): Provides for damages for emotional distress for the violations of Civil rights statutes or the provisions of any other Federal Statute prohibiting discrimination under a program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance whether the Statute expressly provided for such damages or not. the award of damages may range from any amount that may be determined by a jury, or a court sitting without a jury, but in no case less than \$4,000 and any other attorney's fees costs, and expenses.

(HB 1555/PA 103-0126): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Adds that a guardian ad litem shall investigate the facts of the case and interview the child and the parties and, unless the court directs otherwise, submit to the court and the parties a written report, written recommendations, or a proposed parenting plan, in accordance with the child's best interests, not less than 30 days before a final hearing or trial. Requires a guardian ad litem to be available for deposition before a final hearing or trial notwithstanding any other discovery cutoff.

(HB 1155/PA 103-0118): Amends the Drug or Alcohol Impaired Minor Responsibility Act as that a person, or their surviving spouse and next of kin, who is injured by an intoxicated person younger than age 18 has a right of action for damages against any person older



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than age 18 who willfully permitted consumption of the alcohol or illegal drugs on any premises (rather than only on non-residential premises) they owned or controlled

(HB 3314/PA 103-0344): Creates the Consumer Reciprocal Attorney's Fees Act. Defines "consumer contract" to mean any contract in which the money, property, or service that is the subject of the transaction is primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. The Act states that if a consumer contract allows for the recovery of attorney's fees in an action brought to enforce the contract, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees to the defendant if the defendant prevails in the action. In addition, this act states that a defendant prevails if 1) judgment is entered by the court in favor of the defendant; 2) a motion to dismiss the case is filed by the defendant is granted by the court; or 3) the plaintiff voluntarily dismisses the pending case after a trial date has been set and after the pending case has been previously filed on the same consumer contract and dismissed. The Act applies to any action filed on or after the effective date of the Act. If a commercial party is filing action as a debt buyer, this Act applies irrespective of when the consumer contract was made or acquired by the debt buyer if the principal amount claimed does not exceed the maximum amount of a judgment allowable for a small claim under the Illinois Supreme Court Rules.

(HB 3592/PA 103-0354): Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that no alleged victim or other witness who is or was at the time of the alleged

conduct a student or younger than age 18 may be compelled to testify in the physical or visual presence of a teacher or other witness.

Removes that both parties will be allowed to question the witness. Provides that the hearing officer must permit the teacher to submit all relevant questions and follow-up questions for such a witness to have the questions posed by the hearing officer. If a hearing officer fails to make the accommodations described in this subsection, then they shall be removed from the master list of hearing officers maintained by the State Board of Education for not more than 24 months.

(HB 1591/PA 103-0021): Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act by repealing the following: No marriage shall be contracted in this State by a party residing and intending to continue to reside in another state or jurisdiction if the marriage would be void if contracted in the other state or jurisdiction, and every marriage celebrated in this State in violation of that provision is null and void; Before issuing a license to marry a person who resides and intends to continue to reside in another state, the officer having authority to issue the license shall satisfy himself by requiring affidavits or otherwise that the person is not prohibited from intermarrying by the laws of the jurisdiction where the person resides; and An official issuing a marriage license with knowledge that the parties are prohibited from marrying and a person authorized to solemnize marriages who knowingly solemnizes such a marriage are guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

(HB 2907/PA 103-0040): Amends the Labor Dispute Act to include that no award of



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monetary damages, except for damage done to an employer's property because of conduct prohibited by law, shall be granted by any court in Illinois in any case involving a labor dispute.

(SB 800/PA 103-0371): Requires repossession agencies to dispose of "personal information" found in vehicles. If repossession agency has cause to believe that vehicles that serves as collateral stores "personal information" prior to release of the vehicle from the agency, the agency shall clear, erase, delete "personal information" in the vehicle by utilizing a standardized electronic solution that has been approved by the American Recovery Association. Adds the repossession businesses must include a receipt of disposal of personal information found in a vehicle. Extends the regulatory sunset extension repeal date of the Collateral Recovery Act from Jan. 1, 2027, to Jan. 1, 2032.

(SB 55/PA 103-0055): Amends the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. Adds that when a Power of Attorney exists, a court may review if an agent is acting for the benefit of the principal, which includes restricting or not allowing an interested person to have reasonable visitation with the principal. Clarifies petition by an interested person should include notice to the agent, principal, and interested person.

(SB 283/PA 103-0067): Amends the Administrative Review Article of the Code of Civil Procedure. Amends the Act to define "parties of record" to mean only the administrative agency and applicants before the administrative agency under the Municipal Code. The new definition only applies to an

action to review a decision of an administrative agency with final decision-making authority over designated historic properties or authority over exterior design review of buildings or structures.

(HB 1571/PA 103-0421): Amends the Cemetery Oversight Act. In the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, licensed cemetery authorities shall have clear and specific cemetery rules and regulations and apply them equally to all consumers and individuals serviced. A cemetery authority must make publicly available a copy of its rules, and through continuous publication on an Internet website or social media page or, if it does not have a website or social media page, provide a copy to each person either prior to or contemporaneous with the cemetery authority's or its representative's presentment of any contract or legal agreement for services in relation to the cemetery or within 5 days of such a person's request.

(HB 2954/PA 103-0439): Creates the Civil Liability for Doxing Act and provides that an individual engages in the act of doxing when that individual intentionally publishes another person's personally identifiable information without the consent of the person whose information is published and the information is published with the intent that it be used to harm or harass the person whose information is published and with knowledge or reckless disregard that the person whose information is published would be reasonably likely to suffer death, bodily injury, or stalking. Allows a victim to bring a civil action to recover damages and obtain any other appropriate relief. An



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individual found liable under the Act shall be jointly and severally liable with each other individual, if any, found liable. Allows a court to issue a temporary restraining order, emergency order of protection, or preliminary or permanent injunction to restrain and prevent disclosure or continued disclosure of a person's personally identifiable information or sensitive personal information if requirements are met.

(SB 2134/PA 103-0252): Provides that a confidential intermediary can access records of closed child welfare agencies that are housed in the State Central Storage, if the requestor of the information is an adult adopted or surrendered person, or the adoptive parent of an adult adopted person younger than age 21, or the adoptive parent of a deceased adopted or surrendered person.

(HB 2123/PA 103-0294): Amends the Civil Remedies for Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act to include false images. Adds to the definition of "Sexual Image" to include images that show or falsely appear to show nudity or sexual conduct. Allows a civil action against an individual who shares an intentionally altered sexual image without the depicted individual's consent if the person knew or recklessly disregarded the possibility that: 1) The depicted individual did not consent to the digitally altered image; 2) The image was a private or intentionally digitally altered image; and 3) The depicted individual was identifiable. In the case of digitally altered sexual images, disclosing that the images were digitally altered is not a defense to liability.

(SB 685/PA 103-0072): Creates a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission. Establishes domestic violence fatality review teams on a regional basis – one team in each of the 24 Judicial Circuits – to review past domestic violence cases.

(SB 1886/PA 103-0391): Makes it where a person on probation, conditional discharge, or supervision cannot be ordered to refrain from having cannabis or alcohol in his or her body unless:

- the person is under 21 years old;
- the person was sentenced to probation, conditional discharge, or supervision for an offense which had as an element of the offense the presence of an intoxicating compound in the person's body;
- the person is participating in a problem-solving court certified by the Illinois Supreme Court;
- the person has undergone a validated clinical assessment and the plan includes alcohol or
- cannabis testing; or
- a court ordered evaluation recommends that the person refrain from using alcohol or cannabis, provided the evaluation is a validated clinical assessment and the recommendation originates from a clinical treatment plan.



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Education (Pre K-12)

(HB 342/PA 103-0413): Requires the Illinois State Board of Education to develop a Children's Adversity Index (Index) to measure community childhood trauma exposure which includes children ages 3 through 18 years old and must be developed by May 31, 2025. Requires that school board training on trauma must include the definition of trauma set forth in the bill. Requires that starting with the 2024-2025 school year teacher institutes are mandated to provide instruction on trauma-informed practices. Creates the Professional Educator Licensure Review Committee to change the professional educator renewal requirements and the professional educator licensure requirements for K-12 teachers to include demonstrated proficiency in adverse childhood experiences, trauma, secondary traumatic stress, creating trauma-responsive learning environments or communities, as defined above, restorative justice, and restorative practices on or before October 1, 2024. Reinstates the Whole Child Task Force (Task Force) and requires the Task Force to submit a new report on its assessment of the State's progress and any additional recommendations to the General Assembly, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, the State Board of Education, and the Governor on or before December 31, 2027.

(HB 1291/PA 103-0122): Amends the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program (Program) of the School Code. Provides that when there are adequate funds available for the Program monetary assistance and incentives are required to include an annual incentive of no more than \$2,250 (instead of \$1,500) prorated

at \$50 per hour and paid to each qualified educator. Provides that monetary assistance will only be given to educators who provide up to 45 (instead of 30) hours of mentoring or National Board for Professional Teaching Standards professional development or both. Provides that funds may also be used for professional development training provided by the National Board Resource Center.

(HB 2235/PA 103-0430): Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. Gives school boards the ability to enter transportation contracts for any period they deem appropriate (rather than 3 years). Except that no contract, inclusive of any proposed renewals, may exceed 10 years. Requires all contracts for a period greater than 5 years that do not include the use of electric vehicles for pupil transportation to include a termination option after 5 years. A contract for pupil transportation that utilizes a significant percentage of electric vehicles may be entered into by a school board for up to 15 years if the contract relies on capital or infrastructure purchases or improvements that cannot reasonably be justified in a shorter-term contract.

(HB 2392/PA 103-0308): Provides that any teacher who is a part of a union and who is elected by a union's membership to represent the union in federal advocacy work may spend up to 10 days during a school term representing the union. Requires no deduction of wages for the teacher undertaking this representation of their union. Requires the union to reimburse the school district for the costs associated with the substitute teacher during the teacher's absence.



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(HB 3402/PA 103-0046): Amends the School Code. Provides that, when hiring physical education, music, and visual arts educators, school districts must prioritize the hiring of educators who hold a teaching license and endorsement in those content areas. Provides that, if a school district is unable to hire a qualified candidate, the district may then hire a candidate who holds a valid professional educator license on a short-term basis.

(HB 3428/PA 103-0348): Amends the School Code. Requires a school district, public school, charter school, or nonpublic school to maintain a supply of an opioid antagonist, unless there is a shortage of opioid antagonists in which the school must make a reasonable effort to maintain a supply of an opioid antagonist.

(HB 3442/PA 103-0193): Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that for teacher vacancies a school district is allowed to fill a vacant position with a substitute teacher for 90 days after the initial 30 days of the vacancy. Provides that the school district is required to first file a written request to their Regional Office of Education (ROE) before the expiration of the initial 30-day extension.

(HB 3500/PA 103-0449): Amends the Debt Limitations of School Districts Section of the School Code. Provides a debt limitation increase of \$99.5 million to Joliet Public School District 86.

(HB 3570/PA 103-0452): Amends the Evaluation of Certified Employees Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of

Educations shall analyze and assess teacher evaluation data from each school in the State.

(HB 3559/PA 103-0194): Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Requires schools to include in their emergency and crisis response plan a rapid entry strategy for law enforcement.

(HB 3613/PA 103-0196): Amends the General Provisions Article of the School Code. A school district that provides special educational facilities for children with disabilities may maintain a supply of undesignated oxygen tanks in a secure location that is accessible before, during, and after school where a person with developmental disabilities is most at risk.

(HB 3680/PA 103-0197): Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that in the development of the individualized education program (IEP) for a student, if the student needs extra accommodation during emergencies, including natural disasters or an active shooter situation, then that accommodation shall be considered when developing a student's IEP plan.

(HB 3801/PA 103-0207): Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that in addition to other monetary assistance and incentives, if adequate funds are available, retention bonuses of \$4,000 per year for two consecutive years shall be awarded to National Board-certified teachers employed in hard-to-staff schools.

(HB 3822/PA 103-0362): Amends the School Code. Requires the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education to deliver a report to the General



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Assembly on how to incentivize dual language instruction in schools.

(HB 3924/PA 103-0365): Provides that starting the 2024-2025 school year, a school district will be required to provide instruction on the dangers of Fentanyl during state-required health courses, grades 9-12. Information for instruction must come from the National Institutes of Health, the United States Drug Enforcement, or the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(HB 3932/PA 103-0212): Provides that starting the 2024-2025 school year, instruction on the dangers of allergies will be required to be taught in grades 9-12. Information for instruction must come from The Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Curriculum includes signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction, exposure preventions, and epinephrine administration.

(SB 183/PA 103-0473): Amends the School Code. Provides procedures on how a school is required to transfer a student to an alternative school program for students who are determined to be suspended or expelled. Provides that following the transfer of the student from original educational environment to the alternative the appropriate personnel from both the sending school district and the receiving alternative school program are required to meet to develop an alternative education plan for the student. The parent or guardian of the student being transferred is required to be invited to the meeting and if the parents or guardians of a student are unable to

attend the student's alternative school program meeting the alternative school is required to offer a meeting within 30 days after the effective date of the transfer. Provides that if a student who has an individualized educational program (IEP) is transferred to an alternative school program the IEP that was originally developed for the student still applies to the student following the transfer unless it is modified.

(SB 1787/PA 103-0497): Amends the School Code to create the Rural Education Advisory Council. Duties of the advisory council are to address the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural districts. This 12-member Council is composed of Illinois education experts who will provide policy recommendations to the State. Members serve without compensation. The State Board of Education must provide administrative support to the Council. The Council is dissolved, and this section is repealed on December 31, 2031.

(SB 2031/PA 103-0503): Amends the School Code. Adds specified information concerning high schools that must be included in the school report cards prepared by the State Superintendent of Education. Provides that indicators from the school report card shall be aggregated at the course level, department level, and school level, and the course-level indicators shall be collected from each course.

(SB 2017/PA 103-0395): Amends the Employment of Teachers article of the School Code. Adds "educational support personnel" to the provisions specifying teacher attendance on holidays, which they are not required to teach



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or otherwise work. States that no deduction of time or compensation of a school employee and educational support personnel employee should be allowed on account for a legal or special holiday in which that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work.

(SB 2218/PA 103-0398): Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that copies of the list showing the names of teachers that are to be honorably dismissed must show their race and ethnicity if the teacher provides it.

(HB 3690/PA 103-0542): Amends the School Code. Requires teachers, administrators, and school personnel who work with pupils to go through trainings in the following topics: health conditions of students; social-emotional learning; developing cultural competency; identifying warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth; domestic and sexual violence and the needs of pregnant and parenting youth; protections and accommodations for students; educator ethics; responding to child sex abuse and grooming behavior; and effective instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution. Requires the trainings listed above to be completed every 5 years instead of every 2 years. Provides that if a training does not have anything to do with the work of a school support personnel, then the support personnel may be exempt from the trainings listed above. Provides that school nurses are exempt from the trainings listed above. None of the trainings listed above are new mandated trainings.

(SB 2374/PA 103-0264): Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education will establish a

competitive grant program to support the development or enhancement of computer science programs in the K-12 schools.

HB 1688/PA 102-1130): Amends the Vehicle Code. Provides for the Secretary of State to provide a separate permit for the operation of school buses. Requires the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education, to develop classroom and refresher courses for driving school buses. The courses shall be offered by the regional superintendents of schools.

Election, Candidacy and Campaign Issues

(SB 2123/PA 103-0467): Amends the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act, Election Code, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Act, Park District Code, and the School Code. The most significant provisions include the following:

- **Sponsoring entities of political committees:** Removes requirement for a sponsoring entity to be listed on a political committee's statement of organization forms submitted to the State Board of Elections (SBE).
- **Voter pre-registration for 16-year-olds:** Allows 16-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Voter registration application must be held in abeyance by SBE until they are old enough to vote; then it is sent to the proper election authority.
- **Ballot information updates to the statewide voter registration list:** For the purpose of adding and updating information maintained on the statewide voter registration list,



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requires election authorities to transmit, within one day of receipt, certain Vote by Mail (VBM) and early ballot information to SBE. Election authorities must also transmit information on rejected VBM ballots within one day after rejection. If the ballot is cured, it must be removed from the list. Requires SBE to maintain this information on its website and make it accessible to State and local political committees. Requires this information to be updated every 24 hours and the entire statewide voter registration list be updated every month.

- **Vote Centers:** Requires curbside voting to be available for a least one vote center per jurisdiction. Requires jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 to have at least two vote centers. Extends sunset on section of code mandating vote centers from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2029.
- **Task Forces:** Creates the Ranked-Choice and Voting Systems Task Force to “review voting systems and the methods of voting, including ranked-choice voting, that could be authorized by law.” Creates the Security of Remote Vote by Mail Task Force to study issues relating to a fully electronic VBM process.
- **Election Day State Holiday:** Makes November 5, 2024, a state holiday known as the 2024 General Election Day. Adds that schools closed for the holiday must be made available to election authorities to serve as polling places.

Energy and Utilities

(HB 1190/PA 103-0120): Provides that the owner or operator of an underground natural gas storage facility shall create procedures for a suspected natural gas leak or suspected unintentional release from an underground natural gas storage facility that is identified by either the Department of Natural Resources or the operator or owner. Requires collecting and testing to be performed by an independent contractor at the expense of the owner or operator.

(HB 1541/PA 103-0019): Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that if gas or electricity is used as the only source of space cooling equipment at a residence, then a utility may not terminate gas or electric utility service to a residential user for nonpayment of bills: on any day when the National Weather Service forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast that the temperature will be 90 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

(HB 2219/PA 103-0299): Authorizes the corporate authorities of a sanitary district to issue bonds prior to Dec. 31, 2034, for the development of distributed renewable energy generation devices. Authorizes a district to construct, maintain, finance, and operate distributed renewable energy generation devices as necessary to sell or otherwise dispose of recovered resources or renewable energy resources resulting from the operation of district facilities.



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(HB 3702/PA 103-0198): Provides that with oversight and support from the Illinois Office of Equity, Program Administrators for the jobs training program created under the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act shall collect and disaggregate specified data by race, ethnicity, gender, age, and location.

(HB 3808/PA 103-0360): Provides that the definition of “video service” does not include direct-to-home satellite services defined in federal law. In provisions concerning applicable fees payable to the local unit of government, “gross revenues” shall include any revenues received from video programming accessed via a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail, or other services offered over the Internet, including Internet streaming content.

(HB 3940/PA 103-0366): Changes the date that the Act will be repealed from Dec. 31, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2025. Provides that an entity that manages or operates a private residential switch service or shared residential or temporary residential MLTS service that was installed on or before Feb. 16, 2020, shall ensure that the system includes the ALI containing the street address of the 9-1-1 caller (rather than dispatchable location) who is the source of the call to 9-1-1. Extends the various small surcharges and fees on Chicago phone and cell phones into the future.

(SB 1474/PA 103-0380): Creates a new hydropower procurement program at the Illinois Power Agency to jumpstart new renewable power projects on Illinois river dams. Renewable power projects would count towards Illinois renewable energy goals.

Environment and Conservation

(HB 2622/PA 103-0165): Amends the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act to remove the provisions requiring a forest preserve district’s Landfill Expense Fund to be maintained for a period not to exceed 40 years from the date of closure of the facility.

(HB 2901/PA 103-0172): Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency may require a Remediation Applicant for a site to make an advance partial payment of \$2,500. Allows reviews undertaken by the Agency or a Licensed Professional Engineer or a Licensed Professional Geologist to be completed and the decisions communicated to the Remediation Applicant within 90 days after the request for review or approval if two or more plans or reports are submitted concurrently.

(HB 3095/PA 103-0333): Excludes limestone residuals generated from the treatment of drinking water at a publicly owned drinking water treatment plant from regulation as a waste under the Act when used for specific beneficial purposes.

(HB 3277/PA 103-0342): Provides that incidental sales of finished compost do not need to be applied to agronomic rates in determining whether a person needs a permit to conduct a landscape waste composting operation at specified sites. No fee is charged for the acceptance of materials to be composted at the facility.

(HB 3814/PA 103-0560): Amends the Pupils Article of the School Code. Expands pupil



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participation that is counted as school attendance clock hours to any work-based learning experience. States FFA and 4-H count as a work-based learning experience, but it does not limit it to FFA and 4-H.

(SB 1563/PA 103-0093): Provides that by March 1, 2024, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will have the following publicly available on its website: description of microplastics and their effects on aquatic life and human health; any federal and State regulatory actions taken to address microplastics and their effects; contact information for an employee at IEPA to provide information on microplastics; and additional resources on other State Agencies and Federal information on microplastics.

(SB 2226/PA 103-0255): Provides that a Conservation Opportunity Area designation by the Department shall not be used by any State, county, or local government as a basis to deny or withhold any regulatory action, permitting, licensure and funding.

(HB 2278/PA 103-0028): Authorizes the creation of environmental covenants by the Environmental Protection Agency for solid and hazardous waste management units, which establishes restrictions on the use of property to help protect human health and the environment.

(SB 836/PA 103-0372): States that leftover architectural paint creates issues regarding waste for municipalities and counties. Requires paint manufacturers to assume responsibility for the collection, recycling, reuse, transportation, and disposal of leftover paint with the goal of

diverting portions of paint waste from landfills. The program will be funded through a new tax assessment on containers of paint sold in the State and will be administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

(SB 40/PA 103-0053): Creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Act, which applies to all new single-family homes and newly constructed multi-unit residential buildings that have parking spaces and are constructed or renovated after the effective date of the Act. All new, large multi-family residential building or a large multi-family residential building permits issued 90 days after the effective date of this Act shall be required to have 100 percent of its total parking spaces EV-capable. However, for a developer converting a property to an association, no EV-capable or EV-ready mandate will apply if it would necessitate the developer having to excavate an existing surface lot or other parking facilities to retro-fit the parking lot or facility with the necessary conduit and wiring.

HB 2845/PA 103-2855): Codifies that removal, hauling, and transporting biosolids from water treatment plants or facilities is covered under prevailing wage. Proponents argue that this bill is a simple clarification of existing law. Opponents argue that this bill is a vast expansion of prevailing wage.

(HB 2308/PA 103-0155): Amends the Radiation Protection Act of 1990. Requires rules or regulations promulgated by the Emergency Management Agency for registration of persons seeking accreditation to specify that an individual seeking accreditation for limited



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diagnostic radiography shall not apply ionizing radiation to human beings until the individual has passed an Agency-approved examination and is accredited by the Agency.

(SB 384/PA 103-0572): Updates an existing statute the installation of electric vehicles chargers. While the previous act required newly constructed buildings to have a certain number of charger-capable parking spaces, the new law adds newly constructed single family and multi-family homes. It also updates a section that allows residents of newly constructed multi-unit buildings to install chargers, extending that right to residents of existing multi-unit structures.

Health and Human Services

(SB 1674/PA 103-0493): Amends the Developmental Disability and Mental Disability Services Act. Creates Long-Term and Short-Term Stabilization Support Programs. Together the programs will open a minimum of 18 homes across the State with each serving no more than 4 residents at a time. Allows individuals in State-Operated Developmental Centers to utilize these programs. Included are provisions which allow residents to change their participation in the program or request alternative placement. A quarterly report must be published by DHS on the number of individuals participating and transitioning from the homes.

(SB 1709/PA 103-0222): Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services must partner with the State Board of Education to provide

technical assistance for the provision of mental health care during school days.

(SB 1999/PA 103-0501): Amends the abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act to make several updates as recommended by the Chicago Bar Association. The Act no longer includes presumptive eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid for abandoned newborns. Instead, the Act requires a hospital to complete and submit an application for medical assistance and allows HFS to adopt rules. In provisions on DCFS' State Central Registry of child welfare agencies willing to take legal custody of relinquished newborn infants, provides that within 3 business days after accepting a referral from DCFS, the agency shall file a petition for custody and request that the agency be given authority to place the infant in an adoptive home, foster home, child care facility, or other appropriate facility. Increases the time to 30 days for when a birth parent can return to the place of relinquishment to seek information. Requires the hospital to which the infant is taken to apply for Medicaid and to provide information to DCFS and the assigned adoption agency about the child.

(SB 1497/PA 103-0489) Provides that psychotropic medication will be administered to a resident only if clinical documentation in the resident's medical record supports the benefit of the psychotropic medication over contraindications related to other prescribed medications and supports the diagnosis of the resident.



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(SB 1665/PA 103-0492): Amends the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act. Provides that a hospital subject to the Act will disregard household income received through participation in a guaranteed income program reported by an uninsured patient who applies for financial assistance.

(HB 1540/PA 103-0272): Includes “alternative nicotine products” and “electronic cigarettes” in the definition of “smoke” or “smoking. Defines “electronic cigarette,” “nicotine,” and “tobacco product.” Makes vaping consistent with current tobacco prohibitions.

(HB 439/PA 103-0273): Creates the Illinois Youth in Care Timely Provision of Essential Care Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to develop a written, strategic plan that comprehensively addresses improving timely access to quality in-State residential treatment, evidence based alternatives to residential treatment, and specialized foster care for youth in the care of the Department who have significant emotional, behavioral, and medical needs.

(HB 3699/PA 103-0356): Authorizes the Department of Employment Security to work with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to identify employment opportunities in Illinois for persons who are in arrears in child support obligations. The Department shall share the identified opportunities with the public on its IllinoisJobLink.com system or a successor website system to allow job seekers to search online for employment opportunities that match the skills of the persons seeking employment.

(SB 216/PA 103-0064): Amends the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to require guardianship training program include content regarding Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. Amends the Probate Act of 1975 to require a public guardian, which is appointed by the Governor (and typically an attorney) to complete a one-hour course on Alzheimer’s disease and dementia within six months of appointment and annually afterward.

(SB 646/PA 103-0545): Creates the Healing-Centered Illinois Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to look into different ways to make Illinois more healing centric. All members of the Healing-Centered Illinois Task Force shall serve without compensation.

(SB 1794/PA 103-0498): Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a home visiting program to offer on a voluntary basis, intensive home visiting to pregnant women and families with children from birth to elementary school enrollment. Requires grant awards to be prioritized for communities in need of such services based on data and statewide home visiting needs assessments.

(HB 2076/PA 103-0139): Revises language that establishes which nursing homes must be designated as “distressed facilities” to address the Department of Public Health (DPH) audit findings. Provides that no facility shall be identified as a distressed facility unless it has committed a violation or deficiency that has harmed a resident. In provisions relating to designation of distressed facilities, requires DPH to, by rule, create a time frame and a procedure on how a facility can be removed from the list and the list may not contain more than 40



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facilities per quarter. Provides facilities the right to appeal a designation and the procedure for appealing must be outlined in rule.

(SB 1721/PA 103-0495): Amends the Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act. Expands a licensed audiologist scope of practice by allowing them to prescribe hearing aids. When obtaining a prescription hearing aid, a patient 17 years old or younger must be medically evaluated by a licensed physician prior to getting a prescription hearing aid by a hearing instrument professional. Patients aged 18 or older may be prescribed a hearing aid by a hearing instrument professional after evaluation by a hearing instrument professional. No medical evaluation by a physician is required unless they have a negative finding on the Consumer Ear Disease Assessment or similar assessment. Changes the references to "hearing instruments" to "hearing aids " when referring to the devices. Changes references to "hearing instrument dispenser" to "hearing instrument professional". Specifically defines what qualifies as an over-the-counter hearing aid and its purpose. States that over-the-counter hearing aids are intended for persons aged 18 years old or older.

(HB 1117/PA 103-0114): Increases the number of hospice residents authorized to be served per location from 20 to 24. Provides that the number of licensed hospices shall not exceed 16 (rather than five).

(HB 3698/PA 103-0355): Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Human Services to

create the Cultural Empowerment Program to make grants-in-aid to one or more community providers to provide outreach, engagement, training, and support to faith-based organizations serving communities that are underserved by mental and behavioral health resources. Requires the Department to provide a list of ZIP codes identifying the targeted communities.

(HB 3957/PA 103-0367): Prohibits manufacturers or wholesale drug distributors from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential off-patent or generic drug. Requires the Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services or the Department of Central Management Services to notify the Attorney General of any increase in the price of any essential off-patent or generic drug under the Medical Assistance Program or a State health plan, respectively, that amounts to price gouging.

(SB 67/PA 103-0368): Requires the Department of Public Health to provide all newborns with screening tests for the presence of metachromatic leukodystrophy. Also requires this testing to begin within six months following the occurrence of specified milestones.

(HB 3890/PA 103-0211): Requires a nursing care committee to annually notify the hospital nursing staff of the staff's rights under provisions concerning nurse staffing. Requires the notice to provide a phone number and an email address for staff to report noncompliance with the nursing staff's rights. Provides that the notice shall be provided via email or by regular mail in a manner that effectively facilitates receipt of the notice.



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(SB 1814/PA 103-0231): Requires the Governor to establish an Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board, which will be provided with copies of any additions or changes to the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Establishment Code for review and comment prior to notice being given to the public.

(HB 2102/PA 103-0428): Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Expands background checks to all 50 States. Requires the State Police to forward an applicant's fingerprints to the FBI and request the FBI conduct a national criminal history of the applicant. Requires the State Police to transmit fingerprints through a livescan vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and check against State Police and FBI databases, including civil, criminal, and latent databases. Requires the State Police to forward records to State departments and agencies and fingerprints to the FBI for a national criminal history.

(SB 1298/PA 103-0102): Contains numerous Medicaid rate increases. Notably includes a ten percent across the board increase to hospital Medicaid base rates (\$111.2 million.)

(HB 2214/PA 103-0297): Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to track and collect data on the scope and frequency of SNAP benefits fraud in this State where a SNAP recipient's benefits are stolen from an EBT card by means of card skimming, card cloning, or some other similar fraudulent method. Requires DHS to keep a record of every report made, the benefit amount stolen and if possible, how those stolen benefits were used as well as the location of the theft.

(HB 2285/PA 103-0303): Amends the Health Care Worker Background Check Act. Adds to the definition of "health care employer," a financial management services entity contracted with the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities which is not the employer of personal support workers but supports individuals receiving participant directed services, to administer the individuals' employer authority.

(HB 2619/PA 103-0320): Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that the State Long Term Care Ombudsman shall be notified when a resident is involuntarily transferred or discharged from a facility.

(HB 2719/PA 103-0323): Provides that upon agreement by the patient, hospitals are required to screen all uninsured patients to determine eligibility in either: Public health insurance programs offered by the State and Federal government; or any financial assistance offered by the hospital. A hospital must exhaust all financial assistance options with the patient before being sent to collections. Extends the requirement for financial assistance to 90 days from the date of discharge. Screenings must be provided in compliance with the Language Assistance Services Act.

(SB 199/PA 103-0060): Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse with full practice authority includes prescribing up to a 120-day supply of benzodiazepines without a consultation relationship with a physician. Provides that thereafter, continued prescription of benzodiazepines shall require a consultation with a physician.



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(SB 218/PA 103-0065): Provides a Physician Assistant with independent prescriptive authority without delegation from a physician in Federally Qualified Health Centers.

(SB 1716/PA 103-0387): Amends the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act. Provides that all applicants and registrants will: provide a valid address and email address to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which will serve as the address of record and email address of record, respectively, at the time of application for registration or renewal of a registration; and inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of record within 14 days after such change.

(SB 759/PA 103-0074): Provides that upon completion of appropriate training, authorizes podiatrists to administer influenza, tetanus, and COVID-19 vaccinations to patients 18 years and older. Requires vaccinations to be documented in the patients' records and reported to the patients' Primary Care Providers.

(SB 1590/PA 103-0219): Amends the Underserved Health Care Provider Workforce Act. Includes a student studying chiropractic medicine and chiropractic physicians in the Act's provisions. Amends the Loan Repayment for Physicians Act. Provides that the term "physician" means a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

(SB 1785/PA 103-0228): Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that the written collaborative agreement between a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches and an advanced practice registered nurse will

be for services for which the collaborating physician can provide adequate collaboration.

(HB 2077/PA 103-0425): Amends the Dental Practice Act to make several changes, including provisions regarding clean-up legislation from the 102nd General Assembly; language regarding military personnel licensure under the Dental Practice Act; and dental office closure requirements. Adds language clarifying that Continuing Education shall not be approved in subjects such as personal financial planning or personal investments. Stipulates that when offering a continuing education course, the course provider shall explicitly disclose that the course is an approved course for continuing education in the State of Illinois under the Act or by the rules adopted by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (DFPR). Adds language to the Controlled Substance Act regarding eprescriptions. Provides that up to Dec. 31, 2028, a prescriber shall not be required to issue prescriptions electronically if the prescriber certifies to the DFPR that the prescriber will not issue more than 150 prescriptions during a 12-month period.

(HB 2267/PA 103-0431): Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Changes the definition of "public health supervision." Provides that without the supervision of a dentist, a dental hygienist may perform dental health education functions, including instruction in proper oral health care and dental hygiene in, for example, a school setting, a long-term care facility, and a health fair. Provides that a dental hygienist may record case histories and oral conditions. Provides that a dentist may enter into an



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agreement for public health supervision with four public health dental hygienists.

(HB 2365/PA 103-0433): Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work practice Act regarding alternative options (in lieu of the current exam) for licensure. Applies this option retroactively five years prior to bill effective date.

(SB 1889/PA 103-0240): Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Provides that when a pharmacist is not present in the pharmacy, a registered pharmacy technician, a registered certified pharmacy technician, a student pharmacist, and other supportive staff will dispense prescriptions that have received final verification by a pharmacist. Provides that it shall be the responsibility of the pharmacy and pharmacist-in-charge to ensure that all staff, including supportive staff, are trained in selling pre-verified prescriptions

(SB 1617/PA 103-0096): Amends the Health Care Professional Credentials Data Collection Act. Provides that “recredentialing” and “single credentialing cycle” must be undertaken for a period not to exceed three years.

(HB 3109/PA 103-0442): Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. In provisionsd concerning application for medical licensure, provides that the Illinois State Medical Board, in determining mental capacity, shall ensure questions concerning mental health are compliant with the guidelines of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

(SB 2057/PA 103-0251): Gives the Chicago Laborer’s Annuity and Benefit Fund and the

Cook Forest Preserve Boards of Trustees broader subpoena power, updates the witness fees, and provides that subpoenas are enforceable in Circuit Court and subject to the Code of Civil Procedure.

(HB 2274/PA 103-0302): Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall issue a waiver of the 100-hour supervised field work requirement for a licensed speech-language pathology assistant who completed a program of study that includes general education and the specific knowledge and skills for a speech-language pathology assistant in a state in which the 100-hour requirement is not required if, in the opinion of the Department, the person has completed comparable work in the field equal to that completed in a speech-language pathology assistant program in the State.

(SB 2130/PA 103-0507): Adds an anesthesiologist to the definition of “eligible health care provider” to include them in loan repayment and scholarship programs.

(HB 2039/PA 103-0423): Creates the Access to Public Health Data Act. Provides that the Departments of Public Health (IDPH), Human Services (DHS), and Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS) must provide latest available data for each certified local health department within 120 business days after completion of the applicable master data use agreement. Requires IDPH, DHS, and DHFS to execute a single master data use agreement that includes all data sets.



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(HB 2519/PA 103-0160): Requires hospitals licensed under the Act to provide information and instructional materials regarding the option to voluntarily donate milk to nonprofit milk banks that are accredited by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America. Provides that the information and instructional materials shall be provided to the parents of each newborn upon discharge from the hospital after the newborn's birth.

(HB 2238/PA 103-0149): Provides for the certification and designation of Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers, Thrombectomy Ready Stroke Centers, and Primary Stroke Centers Plus and makes conforming changes throughout the Act.

(HB 1156/PA 103-0119): Provides that establishments or facilities licensed under the Acts shall post on the website home page of the licensed establishment or facility a phone number for and homepage link to the Department on Aging's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Provides that an establishment or facility may comply with the provisions by posting the required information on the website of its parent company if the establishment does not maintain a unique website and is not required to comply with the provisions if the establishment or facility and any parent company do not maintain a website.

(SB 69/PA 103-0057): Requires every hospital to adopt influenza and pneumococcal immunization policy that includes procedures for identifying patients ages 50 or older for influenza immunization and ages 65 or older for pneumococcal immunization.

(SB 2039/PA 103-0504): Provides that the Illinois State Board of Education must work with the Department of Human Services and school districts to ensure that all students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their parents are informed of the Prioritization of Urgency of Need of Services (PUNS) database.

(HB 3172/PA 103-0444): Removes a provision prohibiting a person from being accepted for residency to an assisted living establishment if the person requires sliding scale insulin administration unless self-performed or administered by a licensed health care professional.

(SB 2271/PA 103-0257): Requires the Department of Public Health to issue provisional licenses for Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing agencies, renewable every two years. Allow agencies to submit a plan of correction for minor violations of the Act, rather than be subjected to a fine.

(HB 1121/PA 103-0115): Provides that a trained overdose responder for an organization enrolled in the Drug Overdose Prevention Program administered by the Department of Human Services may dispense drug adulterant testing supplies to any person. Drug adulterant testing supplies shall be stored so that they are accessible only by trained overdose responders.

(HB 1526/PA 103-0284): Creates the Outdoor Rx Program Act. Creates the Outside Rx Program to provide funds, through grants established by the Department of Human Services, for outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource or



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outdoor-based therapy programs serving the citizens of the State of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall establish an advisory committee to assist and advise the Department of Human Services in the development and administration of the Outdoor Rx Program.

(HB 1558/PA 103-0127): Creates a Direct Support Professional Training Program. The Board of Higher Education will make available a for-credit model program of study that incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct support professional. This will be made available to all public institutions of higher education.

(HB 2621/PA 103-0321): Provides that the Department of Public Health (DPH) shall create a pilot program to allow DPH to enter into an agreement with a municipality that employs a State of Illinois certified plumbing inspector (rather than with a licensed plumber employed by a municipality) to do inspections on behalf of DPH and submit appropriate documentation as requested to verify the inspections were completed to the standards required by DPH and outlined in the partnership.

(HB 2855/PA 103-0328): Provides that one veterinarian appointed to the Task Force by the Director of Public Health must be a practicing Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Adds one medical entomologist appointed by the Director of Public Health to the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to meet not less than four (rather than two) times each year

(HB 2861/PA 103-0171): Provides that within 30 days after placing a child in its care in a qualified residential treatment program, the Department

of Children and Family Services is required to prepare a written report for filing 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.

(HB 3060/PA 103-0332): Defines "at-home continuing care" and "at-home continuing care resident." Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to adopt rules meeting specified requirements for providers of at-home continuing care. Tasks the DPH with issuing preliminary certificates of registration, certificates of registration, and renewal certificates of registration to providers of at-home continuing care.

(HB 3203/PA 103-0336): Provides that a pharmacist or retailer may sell fentanyl test strips over the counter to the public to test for the presence of fentanyl, a fentanyl analogue, or a drug adulterant within a controlled substance. Provides that a county health department may distribute fentanyl test strips at the county health department facility for no fee.



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(HB 3363/PA 103-0044): Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is required to establish and maintain a database on the safety of consumer products and other products or substances regulated by the Department that is: publicly available; searchable; and accessible through the DCFS Internet website. Provides that “children’s product” means a product that is designed or intended for the care of, or use by, any child younger than age 12.

(SB 3910/PA 102-0902): Updates the drug information cards issued by the plan to insureds with new information regarding the regulatory entity, whether the plan is fully or self-insured, and consumer assistance information. Makes conforming changes under the Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card Act.

(HB 2509/PA 103-0533): Amends the Nurse Practice Act regarding nursing licensure by exam procedures and new nursing education program criteria for IDFPR to consider in their program approval reviews.

(SB 1670/PA 103-0554): Amends the Freedom of Information Act to amend the definition of “private information” to include specific examples of medical records. States “medical records” include electronic medical records and the information contained within or extracted from an electronic medical records system operated or maintained by a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act covered entity.

Higher Education

(HB 1378/PA 103-0519): Provides that subject to appropriation, establishes the Illinois Graduate and Retain Our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program to recruit and train individuals to work in technology jobs that have a high demand for new employees and offer high wages by awarding scholarships. Scholarships may be made through the 2029-2030 academic year.

(HB 2503/PA 103-0159): Amends the Public Community College Act. If a student wants to enroll in a program that is offered by a public community college outside their district, then they may do so at the tuition and fee at the district rate of the receiving college.

(HB 3648/PA 103-0541): Creates the Higher Education in Prison Act. The Department of Corrections (DOC) shall release a report and publish on its website information pertaining to higher education within DOC’s institution and facilities, such as number of enrolled individuals; racial, ethnic, age, and gender breakdown; the length of sentence and sentence remaining; the number of individuals on a waiting list, and the average time on the waiting list broken down by length of remaining sentence; total amount of earned program sentence credit; number, category, and ultimate resolution of grievances; financial statement including DOC monthly expenditures on education programs; and explanation of how education is factored into a committed person’s risk assessment score.



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(HB 3759/PA 103-0204): Adds that student profile information collected by the SAT shall be made available to the State's public institutions of higher education in a timely manner. Requires school districts maintaining grades 10 through 12 to be consistent with the federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Those school districts must provide access to a high school campus and student directory to State public institutions of higher education for the purpose of informing students of the educational and career opportunities available to them.

(HB 3760/PA 103-0205): Amends the Public University Uniform Admission Pilot Program Act. Creates a four-year uniform admission system pilot program specifically targeted for community college transfer students beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. Public universities shall guarantee admission to all applicants who meet set standards.

(SB 99/PA 103-0058): Creates the Removing Barriers to Higher Education Success Act. Requires Illinois public institutions of higher education to adopt a policy for documentation of students with disabilities. The policy developed must be transparent and explicit regarding information about the process by which the public institution of higher education determines eligibility for accommodations for an individual with a disability.

(SB 1558/PA 103-0092): Creates a Direct Support Professional Training Program. The Board of Higher Education will make available a for-credit model program of study that incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct support

professional. This will be made available to all public institutions of higher education.

(SB 2288/PA 103-0469): Amends the Illinois Articulation Initiative. All public institutions will submit and maintain up to four core courses in each of the Illinois Articulation Initiative majors, provided the public institution has equivalent majors and courses. All public institutions' Illinois Articulation Initiative major courses must be transferable as direct course equivalents towards the requirement of the major.

(HB 1767/PA 103-0287): Amends the State University Civil Service Act. Removes the requirement that applicants must be Illinois citizens to take exams for university police officer positions. Currently, out of state applicants can only take exams if all Illinois applicants have been deemed unqualified.

Housing

(SB 1367/PA 103-0215): Amends the Housing Authorities Act to create new reporting requirements for housing authorities. Housing Authorities must collect the criminal history record data of all applicants. Every Authority must also collect 1) the number of vacant rental units within each housing project they operate; and 2) the information on whether each waiting list maintained by the Authority is open or closed.

(HB 1628/PA 103-0132): Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. Provides that a landlord shall not require a tenant or prospective tenant to remit any amount due to the landlord under a residential lease, renewal, or extension agreement by means of an electronic funds



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transfer, including, but not limited to, an electronic funds transfer system that automatically transfers funds on a regular, periodic, and recurring basis. Beginning 90 days after the effective date, a violation is an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

(HB 2217/PA 103-0298): Amends the Illinois Radon Awareness Act. At the time before, during, and after a lease is entered into, the landlord shall provide each tenant in a dwelling unit: Pamphlet entitled “Radon Guide for Tenants” approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; Copies of records pertaining to radon concentrations within the dwelling unit; and The Disclosure of Information on Radon Hazards to Tenants form. At the start of the lease, a tenant shall have 90 days to conduct their own radon test of a dwelling unit. If a tenant performs a radon test, the tenant will provide the landlord with copies to the test within 10 days of receiving the result of the radon test. If the tenant does not conduct the radon test within the first 90 days, they may not terminate the lease. If a radon test shows a radon hazard and the landlord does not dispute the results or does not mitigate the radon hazard, the tenant may within 60 days: 1) Hire at the tenant’s expense a radon contractor to perform radon mitigation activities; or 2) Terminate the lease. A tenant may only terminate a lease only if the result is in excess of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's recommended Radon Action Level.

(HB 2562/PA 103-0161): Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act, Condominium Property Act, and Landlord

Tenant Act. When a common interest community building, condominium building, or residential rental property has a cooling or heating system serving the entire building, including individual units, the association or landlord shall comply with specified standards for the individual units during the cooling and heating seasons. When a building does not have a building-wide cooling system that serves individual units, the association or landlord shall provide at least one indoor common gathering space with a cooling system when the heat index exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and all occupants of the building shall have free access to that cooled space.

(SB 1741/PA 103-0224): Amends the Security Deposit Return Act to require all landlords who has received a security deposit from a lessee to secure the payment of to compensate for damages to the leased property may not withhold any part of the security deposit without first providing the lessee with an itemized statement of the damage to the property (currently only properties with 5 or more units). The notice must be sent within 30 days of the lessee leaving the property or within 30 days of the right of possession ending, which is later.

Insurance

(HB 4349/PA 102-0768): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code in relation to the existing coverage requirement for congenital defects in newly born children to provide that congenital defect include the treatment of cranial facial anomalies, including cleft lip or cleft palate. Requires a policy provide coverage for the medically necessary care and treatment of cleft lip and palate for children younger than 19.



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Incorporates the mandate into the required coverage under the State Employees Group Insurance Act.

(HB 2130/PA 103-0142): Creates the Insurance Data Security Act. Requires licensees to develop and implement information security systems. Provides licensees to notify the Department of Insurance about any cybersecurity events and to develop a response plan.

(HB 1384/PA 103-0123): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to prohibit insurers and managed care plans from denying coverage for medically necessary reconstructive services to restore physical appearance. Applies to plans beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Makes conforming changes to the HMO Act and Medicaid.

(HB 2072/PA 103-0024): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to make changes to provider notification requirements. Requires dental carriers to notify dental providers 60 days prior to an assignment or lease of the network and requires dental carriers to allow a dental provider to opt-out. Allows dentists to contract directly with entities proposing to gain access to the provider's network.

(HB 3955/PA 103-0213): Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act and the Hospital Licensing Act to prohibit hospitals from delaying examinations or treatment in the Emergency Room to inquire about a patient's insurance or payment method.

(SB 1282/PA 103-0084): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate preventive screenings every six months for insureds with a high risk of liver disease.

(SB 1527/PA 103-0091): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for compression sleeves. Applies to plans beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Ties the coverage to medical necessity of the compression sleeve.

(SB 1568/PA 103-0094): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Requires the Department of Insurance to collect data on disability employment insurance plans in Illinois and submit the findings to the General Assembly by April 30, 2024.

(SB 1495/PA 103-0216): Amends the Public Adjusters Article under the Illinois Insurance Code. Makes a change regarding the timeframe a contract between the insured and adjuster is voidable. Prohibits an adjuster from acting in place and instead of an insured.

(HB 1186/PA 103-0104): Amends the Health Maintenance Organization Act to allow health maintenance organizations to utilize voluntary referral systems for their enrollees to access contracted providers. Allows for rulemaking to set marketing and disclosure requirements

(HB 1565/PA 103-0420): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate insurers and managed care plans that provide prescription drug coverage to cover at least one therapeutic equivalent of vaginal estrogen. Prohibits higher cost-sharing requirements for estrogen products than those imposed on drugs prescribed to treat erectile dysfunction. Makes conforming changes to all relevant insurance statutes and Medicaid.



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(HB 3030/PA 103-0440): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to allow for the “batching” of claims through the medical arbitration process. In the Section regarding billing for services provided by a non-participating provider, provides health insurance issuers or health care providers or facilities can initiate arbitration on a “batched bill” basis, as is in accordance with federal statute.

(HB 3202/PA 103-0445): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for home saliva cancer screening tests every two years for at risk individuals.

(HB 3809/PA 103-0458): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to mandate coverage for therapy, diagnostic testing, and equipment necessary to increase quality of life for children who have any disease, syndrome, or disorder that includes low tone neuromuscular, neurological, or cognitive impairment.

(HB 2799/PA 103-0325): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to require insurers and managed care plans to provide coverage for medically necessary proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer. Prohibits insurers and managed care plans from requiring a higher standard of clinical evidence for the coverage of proton beam therapy than applied for any other form of radiation therapy.

(SB 1913/PA 103-0243): Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code to mandate coverage for telehealth services. Makes a conforming change under the Illinois Insurance Code.

(HB 2296/PA 103-0106): Provides that any forms and rates filed for large employer group accident and health insurance shall be automatically deemed approved after 90 days after filing. Provides that beginning plan year 2026, rate increases for all individual and small group accident and health insurance policies must be filed with the Department for approval. Provides that unreasonable rate increases or inadequate rates shall be modified or disapproved.

(HB 2145/PA 103-0026): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law regarding issuance of licenses and unresolved Work Comp issues. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall refuse the issuance or renewal of a license to, or suspended or revoked license of, any individual, corporation, partnership, or other business entity that has been found by the Workers’ Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance to have failed to secure workers’ compensation obligations in the manner required by the Workers’ Compensation Act; to pay in full a fine or penalty imposed due to a failure to secure workers’ compensation obligations in the manner required by the Workers’ Compensation Act; or to fulfill all obligations assumed pursuant to a settlement reached with the Workers’ Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance relating to a failure to secure workers’ compensation obligations in the manner required by the Workers’ Compensation Act.



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Local Government

(SB 1570/PA 103-0491): Creates the Municipal Design-build Contracts Division in the Illinois Municipal Code and the School Design-Build Article in the School Code. Provides that a municipality or a school district may enter design-build contracts.

(SB 1476/PA 103-0487): Amends the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act to add additional requirements for local governments to fulfill their affordable housing plan. Amends the definition of “Affordable housing” to add that for dwelling units for rent, the cost of any required parking, maintenance, or landlord-imposed fess are to be included in the calculation of affordable housing. Amends the definition of “exempt local government” to mean any local government to have at least 10% of year-round housing units are affordable, as determined by the IHDA or any municipality with a population under 1,000 persons. In provisions requiring non-exempt local governments to approve an affordable housing plan adds that the affordable housing plan must consist of a description of any housing market conditions, infrastructure limitations, local government ordinances, local policies or practices that do not affirmatively further fair housing as defined in the federal Fair Housing Act, and other local factors that constrain the local government's ability to create and preserve affordable housing. Starting January 1, 2026 an affordable housing developer, or resident of municipality where affordable housing is located may file an appeal against a non-exempt municipality if the proposed

affordable housing development was denied by the municipality.

(SB 1707/PA103-0385): Amends the Fire Department Promotion Act to remove language that exempts firefighters from working for a municipality with a population of 1 million or more from the Act.

(SB 895/PA 103-0373): Prevents local governments from utilizing other local government workers to conduct highway, road, street, alley, bridge, sidewalk, parking lot, driveway, or any other transportation related facility maintenance or repairs unless a disaster has occurred. Permits counties to conduct maintenance or repairs if such structure is part of their county highway system or is jointly performed with an adjacent county through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement. Permits road districts to conduct maintenance or repairs if such structure is part of their district road system or is jointly performed with an adjacent road district through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement. Permits municipalities to conduct maintenance or repairs if such structure is part of their municipality road system or is jointly performed with an adjacent municipality through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement.

(SB 1897/PA 103-0242): Creates the Rock Island Regional Port District Act. Establishes the Rock Island Regional Port District within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Island. Provides that territory of adjacent municipalities may be annexed into the Port District. Provides that the governing and



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administrative body of the Rock Island Regional Port District initially consists of the Rock Island City Council but will later include the city councils of annexed territories of adjacent municipalities.

(SB 2320/PA 103-0260): Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes the Administration Adjudication Division applicable to all municipalities.

(HB 2040/PA 103-0138): Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Permits townships/road districts to fill the position of road district clerk with a non-resident if the district. Distinguishes commission counties from township counties. Provides that a commission government county may appoint a non-resident as highway commissioner or contract with a neighboring township to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if there are no other qualified candidates.

(HB 1153/PA 103-0117): Amends the Officers and Employees Article of the Counties Code. Decreases the minimum number of inhabitants that must reside in a county for the county to be required to create the office of county auditor from 75,000 inhabitants to 70,000 inhabitants.

(HB 1236/PA103-0014): Amends the Counties Code in respect to other considerations required by county boards when selecting a contractor in the competitive bidding process. Provides that county boards may take into consideration a contractor's participation in applicable apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor when awarding a contract.

(SB 686/PA 103-0073): Provides that in all counties other than Cook County, a certified copy of a transcript of sworn testimony of a coroner's inquest be made available by written request declaring the request is for research or genealogy purposes. Adds a new \$15.00 fee for the entire transcript. Any fees under this Section may be waived if the coroner determines that the person is indigent and unable to pay the fee or under other special circumstances.

(HB 3878/PA 102-1135): Amends the Counties Code and the Rental Housing Support Program Act. Increases the State Rental Housing Support Program fees that a county recorder collects on real estate documents as follows:

- \$9 to \$18 for lease documents, real-estate documents, or specific surcharges on other documents.
- \$21 to \$31 for mortgage related documents, easements, and miscellaneous documents.
- \$29 to \$39 for recording deeds.

States that "best efforts" will be used to prioritize funding to local agencies serving the county in which the fees were collected. Creates the Illinois Rental Housing Support Funding Allocation Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the equitable demonstration of the Rental Housing Support Program

(SB 1675/PA 103-0555): Lowers Cook County property tax interest penalties while keeping all other Counties the same.

(HB 3424/PA 103-0192): Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that a drug-related felony does not disqualify an individual from receiving cash assistance from the State.



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Provides that a local governmental unit may aid households under its General Assistance program following a disaster proclamation issued by the Governor if the local governmental unit is within the area designated area. Provides that a local governmental unit may aid under its General Assistance program under a service that complies with a specified provision of the Township Code.

(SB 2278/PA 103-0258): States that local governments are not required to construct new non-designated highways to accommodate semi-trucks. Requires local governments to report to the Department of Transportation any limitations to vehicles imposed by ordinance or resolution and any non-designated highway that is not designed and constructed after Jan. 1, 2023, to the overall length dimension of vehicle (65 feet in length).

(HB 3326/PA 103-0540): Amends the Vehicle Code. Bans use of Automatic License Plate Reader's (ALPR) information being shared for the purposes of abortion or immigration enforcement in another state or local jurisdiction. Applies the ban to law enforcement agencies that use ALPR systems without a written explanation of the purpose.

(HB 3340/PA 103-0187): Allows local governments to borrow money from the Illinois Finance Authority by adding it to the definition of a financial institution within the code.

(SB 2192/PA 103-0558): Amends the Park District Code to permit park districts to enter into an agreement related to solar energy for a period not to exceed 20 years if the agreement is authorized by an affirmative vote of two-

thirds of the park district's board of commissioners.

(SB 2227/PA 103-0400): Amends the Recorder Division of the Counties Code. Removes a requirement that a recorder be commissioned by the Governor. Provides that the chief deputy recorder (rather than the deputy recorder) will be the recorder when the elected recorder is in active military service and that the chief deputy recorder will receive the same compensation as the recorder during this time unless already receiving higher compensation than the recorder.

(SB 1460/PA 103-0486): Provides that a highway commissioner may contract with a common interest association, if the association makes up 50 percent of the township's population or greater, to provide the association with materials related to the maintenance or repair of roads.

(SB 1750/PA 103-0226): Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that board of trustees of a fire protection district must, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, reimburse the mandatory training expenses of an EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or paramedic employed by or under contract with the fire protection district.

(HB 476/PA 103-0275): Amends the Metro-East Sanitary District Act of 1974. Permits the Metro-East Sanitary District Board to provide medical insurance benefits to employees and commissioners. Also permits insurance to include coverage for employees reliant on treatment through prayer and spiritual means. Permits the board to either pay for premiums or charges or to deduct/withhold from employee



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compensation. Requires the insurance or the service used to be licensed in the State.

(HB 2325/PA 103-0156): Authorizes a Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to request the Department of Transportation (IDOT) to install a related sign. The sign can be on a new or existing pole, and IDOT must manufacture and construct the sign and the SWCD must reimburse.

(HB 1740/PA 103-0134): Amends the Rescue Squad District Act to add “Emergency Services Districts” to serve as an ambulance district, for the purposes of providing ambulance service. The creation of a district requires a petition before the circuit court; the court’s approval for a referendum; and the approval of the majority of voters.

(HB 1625/PA 103-0131): Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that, when selling surplus real estate of a fire protection district, the value of the surplus real estate shall be determined by a written MAI certified appraisal or by a written certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real estate appraiser.

(HB 2079/PA 103-0025): Amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. States that if a township official is appointed to a not-for-profit board by the Township, then the official may vote on matters involving the not-for-profit (if the appointment is not a paid position). If the township official is serving on a not-for-profit board but was not appointed by the Township, then the official must abstain from voting on matters involving the not-for-profit.

Pensions and Other Benefits

(SB 1824/PA 103-0464): Requires authorized agents of participating employers to complete a training course provided by IMRF regarding the duties/responsibilities of being an agent within three months of appointment.

(SB 734/PA 103-0481): Requires downstate school districts with 575 or more teachers that already maintain a State Deferred Compensation 457 plan to have more than one financial institution or investment provider to provide services to the 457 plan.

(HB 2035/PA 103-0523): Clarifies “licensed health care professional” for purposes of disability in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Article of the Pension Code. Changes all references pertaining to doctors, physicians, etc., to “licensed healthcare professional. Concerning the power of the board to waive guardianship, adds a person under legal disability to this power. Clarifies that a representative is managing the beneficiary’s affairs.

(HB 3646/PA 103-0455): Clarifies that in the allowance for City of Chicago employees to contribute for Chicago Transit Authority Service, the salary calculation to be used at the later of the date of entrance or reentrance into to service at a municipal employee. MEABF initiative.

(HB 3769/PA 103-0052): Provides that for purposes of the requirement that a policy allow a retired or disabled fireman to elect to remain covered under the policy, replaces definition of fireman with that of firefighter. Defines



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firefighter as a person who is a “firefighter;” a paramedic who is employed by a unit of local government; or an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or advanced emergency medical technician who is employed by a unit of local government.

Public Safety & First Responders

(HB 3819/PA 103-0361): Amends the Community-Law Enforcement and Other First Responder Partnership for Deflection and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act. Changes the Act name to the Community Partnership for Deflection and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act. States that a law enforcement agency, other first responder entity, or local government agency may establish a deflection program in partnership with one or more licensed providers of substance use disorder treatment services and one or more community members or organizations. Makes conforming changes in sections regarding local government agencies, and case management. Specifies that an officer intervention during routine activities, such as patrol, or to a service call during which a referral to treatment, to services, or to a case manager is made in lieu of arrest as a type of response in deflection programs.

(SB 1543/PA 103-0382): Creates a Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator under LETSB for implementing a mental health support and education program for law enforcement. Provides requirements and duties of the position. The coordinator is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

(SB 214/PA 103-0063): Provides that if a firefighter or EMS worker contracts COVID while working, the employee shall continue to be paid their regular wages without any deductions to their sick, compensatory, or vacation leave. Allows for an employer to require a medical examination to confirm the diagnosis. Exempts Chicago.

(HB 1595/PA 103-0521): Amends the EMS Systems Act in effort to provide for a concurrent disciplinary process of EMS personnel. Provides that an individual interviewed by the Department of Public Health, or the EMS Medical Director, has the right to a union representative or legal counsel.

(HB 475/PA 103-0274): Amends the Counties Code. Creates a new Section titled “Sangamon County Rescue Squad.” Provides that the Sangamon County Board may form, manage, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue squad to aid within Sangamon County to any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services. Also amends the Community Mental Health Act to permit a township to levy a tax up to .15% to provide mental health services if approved by referendum.

(HB 3769/PA 103-0052): Provides that for purposes of the requirement that a policy allow a retired or disabled fireman to elect to remain covered under the policy, replaces definition of fireman with that of firefighter. Defines firefighter as a person who is a “firefighter;” a paramedic who is employed by a unit of local government; or an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-basic,



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emergency medical technician-intermediate, or advanced emergency medical technician who is employed by a unit of local government.

(SB 1611/PA 103-0220): Creates the Firefighter Leave of Absence Act. Permits a state employee to be granted leave for firefighter training on one occasion, for up to 200 hours, to participate in training necessary to obtain Basic Operations Firefighter certification from the State Fire Marshal while attending a State Fire Marshal-approved fire academy; and special or advanced training annually, not to exceed 80 hours, after obtaining Basic Operations Firefighter certification from the State Fire Marshal for courses that will lead to additional certification by the State Fire Marshal.

(HB 3405/PA 103-0189): Amends the Law Enforcement and Fire Fighting Medal of Honor Act to stagger the terms of office for Committee members. Provides that the terms of the committee members shall be as follows: one of the members shall be appointed for a term of one year, one member shall be appointed for terms of two years, and two members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Committee members shall hold office for four years and the Illinois State Police shall provide administrative support to the Committee.

(HB 2475/PA 103-0312): Adds the following to the list of alternatives to the collegiate requirement to become an ISP officer: Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal. The above requires honorable discharge from the US Armed Forces or the

Illinois National Guard. Adds to the alternative requirement of having at least three years of active and continuous US Armed Forces Duty, that such three years of duty is to include a period of active-duty service in the National Guard when the President or Governor has sent out orders for such active duty. Adds to the list of alternatives a candidate who has successfully completed basic law enforcement training, has at least three years of continuous, full-time service as a peace officer with the same police department, and is currently serving as a peace officer when applying.

State Government

(HB 1197/PA 103-0121): Amends the Solicitation for Charity Act to provide that every charitable organization that receives in any 12-month period ending upon its established fiscal or calendar year contributions more than \$500,000 shall file a written report meeting specified criteria with the Attorney General. Provides that a charitable organization that receives more than \$300,000, but not more than \$500,000, shall file a written report disclosing the financial statements for the fiscal year to the Attorney General upon forms prescribed by the Attorney General.

(HB 2412/PA 103-0034): Provides for the Illinois State Police administrative changes, requested by State Police, sheriffs, and law enforcement.

(HB 3017/PA 103-0538): Adds “expediting permit issuance” to the goals of the Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act and makes other changes in the act concerning the duties of the Office of Business Permits and



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Regulatory Assistance within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

(HB 3097/PA 103-0177): Provides for a Department of Labor clean-up the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act to close enforcement loopholes and give the department more discretion to process permit applications to accommodate real-world circumstances.

(HB 3768/PA 103-0414): Amends the Uniform Racial Classification Act and offers that when a State agency is required by law to compile or report statistical data using racial or ethnic classifications, that State agency shall also include people who are Middle Eastern or North African.

(HB 1187/PA 103-0418): Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. In provisions on security improvements that assist a not-for-profit organization in preventing, preparing for, or responding to acts of terrorism, requires the Agency to determine that an organization is at high risk of being subject to threats, attacks, or acts of terrorism based on the organization's profile, ideology, mission, or beliefs to be eligible for assistance.

(SB 1560/PA 103-0218): Makes several changes to the Timber Buyers' Licensing Act. Requires liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 and removes current provisions dealing with lack of payment and damages for wrongful cutting of timber and restructures such provisions. Requires all timber buyers to possess a DNR validated license and a timber identification card. Increases the fee for a resident timber buyers license to \$125 and creates a class for

non-resident buying licenses, which carries a \$300 fee.

(SB 1623/PA 103-0097): Creates the 10-member Underground Railroad Task Force to develop a statewide plan to connect existing local projects and new projects to create a cohesive statewide history of the Underground Railroad in Illinois, while developing new educational and tourism opportunities.

(HB 3744/PA 103-0457): Requires the Department of Central Management Services to annually report to the General Assembly the following characteristics of the State's workforce: The average age of the workforce, broken out by agency. The average length of service of the workforce, broken out by agency. The number of funded vacancies, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of new hires, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with less than five years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least five but less than 10 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least 10 but less than 20 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least 20 but less than 30 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month. The number of separated employees with at least 30 years of service, broken out by agency and broken out by month.

(SB 2406/PA 103-0266): Amends the State Comptroller Act. Removes the requirement to automatically dissolve inactive funds and makes



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the language permissive. Replaces the \$500 limit with a \$1,000 limit for state credit cards.

(HB 2829/PA 103-0326): Amends the Human Rights Commission Article of the Human Rights Act. Removes language requiring the Governor to appoint three members to a special temporary panel of commissioners. Requires the Human Rights Commission to appoint at the expense of the Commission a qualified interpreter (rather than a qualified sign language interpreter) whenever a hearing-impaired individual or an individual who lacks proficiency in the English language is a party or witness in proceedings before the Commission (rather than at a public hearing). Changes language in the Act from “his or her” to “the member’s.”

(SB 1866/PA 103-0236): Amends the Auction License Act, the Community Association Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act, Home Inspector License Act, Real Estate License Act of 2000, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002, and the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act. Makes changes in provisions including expiration, renewal, and continuing education; restoration; fees, disposition of funds; disciplinary actions, grounds; investigations, notice and hearing; findings and recommendations; restoration of license; and the various relevant boards.

(SB 850/PA 103-0561): Requires DCEO to study food insecurity in urban and rural food deserts and establish the Grocery Initiative to expand access to healthy foods in food deserts in Illinois and areas at risk of becoming food deserts in Illinois. DCEO shall provide grants and other forms of financial and technical assistance to

independently owned for-profit, co-op, and non-profit grocery stores, as well as grocery stores owned and operated by units of local government. Applies to both currently existing and planned grocery stores. Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Allows grocery stores that receive funding under the Grocery Initiative to apply to be designated a “high-impact business” and eligible for certain benefits if they received program funding within the 10 years prior to submitting their application. All provisions are subject to appropriation. DCEO received \$20 million for this program in the FY24 Budget.

(SB 1835/PA 103-0234): Amends the State Treasurer Act & State Finance Act. Allows the State to contract with automated teller machine providers (as opposed to only financial institutions) for ATMs at State facilities. Dissolves the Rental Fee Fund, transfers funds to the Bank Services Trust Fund.

(HB 3135/PA 103-0335): Amends the Human Rights Act. Changes the timing requirement to notify the Department when a complaint is filed in circuit court from the same day to within 21 days after filing. Adds language that grants the Department of Human Rights the authority to intervene in certain complaints. Allows the Attorney General to intervene in cases that are of public importance.

(SB 2368/PA 103-0510): Amends the Capitol Development Board Act. Beginning January 1, 2025, any building code must do the following:

- Regulate the structural design of new buildings other than residential buildings, in a manner that is at least as stringent as the baseline building code.
- Regulate the structural design of rehabilitation work in existing buildings,



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other than residential buildings, in a manner that is at least as stringent as the baseline existing building code; and

- Regulate the structural design of residential buildings in a manner that is at least as stringent as the baseline residential code.
- States that no person may occupy a newly constructed or substantially improved commercial building unless the inspection is passed.
- Adds new definitions for “substantial damage” and “substantially improved commercial building.”
- States that a “Qualified Inspector” is an individual certified as a commercial building inspector by the International Code Council or equivalent (rather than “certified by the state of Illinois.”
- Applies to all municipalities, including Chicago. Preempts home-rule.

(SB 325/PA 103-0069): Amends the Freedom of Information Act to clarify the FOIA exemption for Public Access Counselors (PAC). States that records or documents obtained by the PAC from a public body for the purpose of addressing a request for review may not be disclosed to the public.

(HB 2789/PA 103-0100): Amends the Illinois Library System Act. Requires the adoption of the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and states that libraries will not be eligible for state grants unless they adopt it or develop a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books within the public library or library system.

(HB 1199/PA 103-0279): States that October of each year is designated as Italian American Heritage Month to be observed throughout the State as a month to recognize the contributions and influence of Italians on American history, achievement, culture, and innovation.

(HB 2222/PA 103-0526): Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. Provides that the legal notice required to be published upon completion of an application for change of ownership shall also be sent to the Attorney General. Provides that documentary material, transcripts of oral testimony, or answers to interrogatories obtained in an investigation of a violation of the Act may be used by the Attorney General in any administrative or judicial action or proceeding.

(HB 2782/PA 103-0324): Amends the Illinois Sustainable Investment Act. Requires investment managers to disclose how they prudently integrate sustainability factors into their investment decisions prior to being awarded a contract by a state agency to act as a fiduciary for that agency, pension fund, or retirement system. Defines investment manager.

(HB 3400/PA 103-0347): Provides that the Department of Labor shall report quarterly (rather than annually) to the General Assembly and the Governor the number of people employed on public works in the State during the preceding three months (rather preceding calendar year).



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(SB 2059/PA 103-0505): Repeals the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 on Jan. 1, 2029. Amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Provides instances in which telehealth may be used. Provides that a veterinarian will not substitute telehealth, tele-advice, telemedicine, or tele-triage when a physical examination is warranted or necessary for an accurate diagnosis of any medical condition or creation of an appropriate treatment plan.

(HB 2395/PA 103-0309): Provides for the omnibus regulatory sunset extension and rewrite bill. Contains provisions from the following bills: HB 2247: Repeals the provisions of the Illinois Plumbing License Law concerning irrigation contracts and lawn sprinkler systems on Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2296: Illinois Public Accounting Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2395: Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2473: Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029. HB 2499: Electrologist Licensing Act repealer extension and re-write. Act sunsets Jan. 1, 2029.

(HB 2841/PA 103-0170): Amends the Vital Records Act. In provisions on searches by the State Registrar of Vital Records, provides that no fee may be assessed against a victim of domestic violence as defined in the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

(HB 2948/PA 103-0537): Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Office of the Ombudsman for International Applicants within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to assist international applicants in meeting the foreign education requirements for those licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 and the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that the duties of the Office of the Ombudsman for International Applicants would include answering questions about meeting foreign education requirements; assisting international applicants in successful completion of the application forms; coordinating with personnel of the Department in processing the applications; and providing direction to community organizations that assist international applicants.

(SB 1291/PA 103-0485): Amends the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986 to create a five-year limitation on a state agency collecting any debt. Except for fraud, if a state agency fails to provide written notice and a demand for payment of any debt, account, or claim to the State agency within five years, then the State agency is barred from attempting to collect that debt.



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Taxes, Fees, Credits, and Financial Institutions

(SB 1963/PA 103-0009): Makes changes to various tax codes, tax exemptions, and tax credit programs, including:

- Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act by extending and expanding sales tax incentives for the purchase of a variety of higher-blend ethanol fuels.
 - Expands a sales tax exemption for farm machinery and equipment to include equipment for electrical power generation used primarily for production agriculture.
 - Exempts the Red Cross from having to pay the Hotel Operators Occupation Tax when the agency is renting rooms for disaster relief purposes.
 - Creates a Volunteer Emergency Worker tax credit in the amount of \$500 to volunteer firefighters and other volunteer emergency personnel that receive less than \$5,000 per year for their services.
 - Amends the Illinois Municipal Code removing the provision that the Illinois Department of Revenue may be a quasi-arbitrator between certain tax disputes between a municipality and an energy provider.
 - Expands the Rivers Edge Tax Credit program to add Joliet and Kankakee as municipalities that can establish Rivers Edge Redevelopment zones.
 - Extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit for an additional 5 years.
- Increases the limit on the total credits that can be awarded per year from \$15 million to \$25 million.
- Amends the IL Enterprise Zone Act and the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act by expanding eligibility for the enhanced-EDGE enjoyment granted by current law to “startup taxpayers.”
 - Amends the Enterprise Zone Act to grant High Impact Business (HIB) eligibility to a new category of investment properties. New eligibility is granted to cultured cell material food production facilities. (Note: these are hypothetical factories, enabled by future technology, to culture animal cells into flesh food that could theoretically be consumed without slaughtering an animal.)
 - Increases the annual cap of the Angel Investment Tax Credit program from \$10 million to \$25 million, which is a program to encourage investment in innovative, early-stage companies to help obtain the working capital needed to further the growth of their company in Illinois.
 - Makes changes to the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles (REV) Illinois Program to allow manufacturers of electric vehicle component parts to apply for the program.
 - Fixes an unintended error in the Pass-Through Entity tax that would have required retired out of state partners to file Illinois income tax returns to receive refunds for taxes they should not be required to pay.



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- Keeps the standard exemption for the personal income tax at \$2,425 for tax year 2023. Reinstates the CPI increase for the standard exemption for tax year 2024 through tax year 2028.

(SB 1705/PA 103-0384): Creates a sales tax exemption for military purchases with the proper military identification and form prescribed by the Department of Revenue.

(SB 2047/PA 103-0396): Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to make consistent provisions that govern the pass-through of certain income tax credits contained in the Act. The bill adds consistent language to each tax credit that applies to a pass-through entity, which then refers to a new section that sets out the parameters for pass-through entities receiving the credit.

(SB 1641/PA 103-0098): Requires, when a change is made on a federal return result in a subsequent state tax liability, the resulting liability must be paid at the time an amended state return is filed for the payment of the liability to be considered timely. If not, a late payment penalty is applicable.

(HB 2579/PA 103-0319): Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Stipulates that taxpayers who have non-filed returns from an existing business cannot register a new business until those returns are filed or until it is determined the taxpayer is not obligated to file those returns.

(HB 1497/PA 103-0520): Provides that taxes paid on the gross receipts of car renting do not

apply to car sharing. Requires car sharing programs to collect and remit the Occupation and Use taxes and authorizes the car sharing program to rely on the vehicle owner's response if the owner paid the taxes at the time of purchase. Removes arbitrary liability limits on vehicle damage and instead changes those limits in the event a car is stolen. For vehicles with MSRPs of \$50,000 or less, the maximum liability to a renter is \$5,000. For vehicles with MSRPs of more than \$50,000, the maximum liability to a renter is \$40,000. If the renter or authorized driver failed to exercise ordinary care or aided the commission of a theft, then the damages shall be the actual and reasonable costs of the rental vehicle up to its fair market value

Transportation, Infrastructure and Vehicular Regulation/Safety

(HB 3406/PA 103-0190): Provides that the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" includes emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by proper State or county authorities.

(HB 2584/PA 103-0163): Authorizes Lyme Disease Research decals for the Universal License Plate.

(HB 2582/PA 103-0162): Removes the duplicative requirement that persons younger than age 18 must have completed motorcycle examination by the Secretary of State. Keeps the requirements that individuals must complete the Department of Transportation motorcycle safety course.



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(HB 2464/PA 103-0158): Authorizes pedestrian hybrid beacons for areas that do not have a traffic control signal to warn and control traffic.

(HB 1865/PA 103-0135): Authorizes private and public university police to receive a permanent vehicle registration plate beginning with the 2025 registration year and they are required to pay the \$8 registration fee.

(HB 1581/PA 103-0130): Allows the Secretary of State to issue special registration plates designated as United States Submarine Veterans plates to residents of this State who served in the United States Navy as a submariner.

(SB 1251/PA 103-0484): Requires the siren and lamp or lamps on an ambulance or a rescue vehicle to be always in operation when pedestrians and other drivers are present. Responding vehicles must also reduce speed when approaching traffic-controlled intersections.

(SB 1892/PA 103-0241): Provides that persons with transportation benefits due to disability will automatically renew every five years with validated residency and Disability Identification card. For individuals without a Disability Identification Card, they may submit other qualifying documentation.

(HB 3436/PA 103-0349): Allows the issuance of the Thank a Line Worker license plate decals for the Universal License Plate.

(HB 2389/PA 103-0032): Provides that a driver's obstructed view is now a secondary violation by stating that a law enforcement officer cannot

stop a vehicle solely based on obstructions between the driver and windows.

(HB 3126/PA 103-0042): Amends Vehicle Code. Allows salvage certificates to be issued to junk/rebuilt vehicles.

(SB 896/PA 103-0374): Amends the Vehicle Code. A motorcycle may be equipped with two forward facing electric turn signals mounted on or near the handlebar grip assembly, or on the front fork assembly, or front fender shroud. A motorcycle may be equipped with two forward facing electric driving lights which display a steady-on white or amber light. Authorizes red auxiliary stop lighting. Lighting can only emit red light while the stop lamp is engaged during active braking.

(HB 3747/PA 103-0202): Updates the guidelines and procedures concerning titling of vehicles and adds language requiring applications for a certificate of title can also contain a business address. Additionally, if the owner or any lienholder of the vehicle does not pick up the vehicle within 30 days after notice was sent to the owner and any lienholder, the vehicle shall be considered abandoned.

(SB 1710/PA 103-0386): Requires IDOT and local road authorities to erect signage warning vehicles approaching a trail crossing. Requires temporary signage for trail hazards and maintenance. Road and trail signage shall be within 150 feet of the trail crossing.



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(HB 3876/PA 103-0209): Provides that in provisions concerning vehicles purchased out-of-state, the prospective buyer should apply for registration and certificate of title no more than 45 days after the purchase of the vehicle.

Provides that if an Illinois motorist who purchased a vehicle from an out-of-state licensed dealer is unable to meet the 45-day deadline due to a delay in paperwork from the seller, that motorist may obtain an Illinois temporary registration plate.

(SB 1212/PA 103-0082): Amends the Roadside Memorial Act. Provides that a Driving Under the Influence memorial marker shall be maintained for four years (rather than for a minimum of two years). Provides that a fatal crash memorial marker shall be maintained for four years (rather than for a minimum of two years).

(SB 1526/PA 103-0217): Requires the Department of Transportation to develop a mobile telephone application that provides motorists with updated traffic and road conditions.

(SB 1653/PA 103-0099): Requires the Department of Transportation (IDOT) to establish a pilot program for early warning devices for low bridges and viaducts. Devices may include light detection and ranging (LiDAR), radar, visual signals, or increased signage. IDOT may work with the University of Illinois on the program. Authorizes IDOT to adopt administrative rules regarding the pilot program.

(SB 2028/PA 103-0249): Provides that Rules of the Road will include best practices related to stranded motorists. Updates will include how to

safely pull the vehicle out of traffic, activating hazard lights, when to remain in a vehicle, how to safely exit a stranded vehicle, where to find a safe place outside the stranded vehicle and emergency numbers to call for assistance.

(HB 42/PA 103-0112): Authorizes Autism Awareness decals for the Universal License Plate.

(SB 273/PA 103-0476): Authorizes the creation of mobile safety testing companies. Allows those companies to evaluate and issue emission and safety certificates of their own vehicles. Explicitly states trucks, truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, and buses engaged in interstate commerce to remove school buses from mobile testing ensuring that they continue to adhere to school bus standards. Requires a 48-hour notice to IDOT to conduct mobile testing at a vehicle owner's location to ensure oversight.

(SB 2325/PA 103-0262): Authorizes a Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to request the Department of Transportation (IDOT) to install a related sign. The sign can be on a new or existing pole, and IDOT must manufacture and construct the sign and the SWCD must reimburse.

(HB 2068/PA 103-0291): Creates the Transportation Benefits Program Act. Requires employers with 50 or more employees in Cook County or Suburban Townships to provide a pre-tax commuter benefit to their covered employees. Sets maximum amount of benefit to federal maximum of \$300.

(HB 2431/PA 103-0310): Prohibits individuals from video conferencing while driving.



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(HB 3578/PA 103-0195): Authorizes current and retired members of the General Assembly and retired members of the Illinois Congressional delegation who have a disability to request one set of specialized plates which display the International Symbol of Access. The set of specialized plates shall only be issued along with the assignment of a corresponding disability placard that must be displayed in the vehicle. However, the surviving spouse of the retired member shall not be entitled to retain this plate.

(SB 1438/PA 103-0378): Creates the Illinois Dig Once Act. Provides that the Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will jointly develop a policy to reduce the scale and number of repeated excavations related to roads, highways, tollways, and expressways for the installation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure and public utilities in rights of way.

(HB 1342/PA 103-0281): Provides that the Regional Transportation Authority must make a reasonable effort to contact a suspended rider. Changes the zero-emission bus portion to include only new contracts after 2026. Gives Service Boards relief by allowing them to remain in compliance with statute in the event that supply chain issues arise ordering buses, delay in converting facilities to electric from diesel, a contractual issue with a third party, or lack of funding. Adds recovery ratio exemption language for RTA and PACE buses. Requires the RTA to create a program to provide 25,000 transit assistance pre-loaded cards, with a value

of \$20 on each card, to survivors of domestic violence.

(HB 2531/PA 103-0317): Amends the Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act (Peotone). Defines cargo-oriented development as the development of places that are both multimodal nodes of freight transportation and centers of employment in logistics and manufacturing businesses.

(HB 2878/PA 103-0570): Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. For contracts under \$150,000,000, veteran-owned small businesses will be given certain preferential treatments. Allows Public Institutions of Higher Education to enter certain 30-year contracts.

Veteran and Military Affairs

(SB 1376/PA 103-0086): Amends the Homeless Family Placement Act. Requires a referring agency to also consider the military status of any member of the homeless family when determining eligibility for State or federal benefits such as housing or rental assistance, job training, and employment opportunities.

(HB 925/PA 103-0405): Creates the Veteran Service Organizations State Charter Act. Provides that a veteran service organization shall be considered state chartered when the organization meets all the requirements listed in this Act and the organization's application for state charter status has been approved by the Attorney General. Sets forth the requirements a veteran service organization must meet to obtain state charter status, and application requirements.



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(HB 2500/PA 103-0434): Requires animal shelters to waive adoption fees for a dog or cat if the person adopting has "veteran" on their ID a veteran ID or an ID card issued under the federal Veterans ID Card Act and a valid State ID card. Allows for shelter to limit the number of adoptions to one dog or cat in a 2-year period.

(SB 2005/PA 103-0247): Requires housing authorities to develop and implement policies granting housing preferences to veterans who are homeless. Preferences are to be cumulative with other preferences for which the veteran qualifies.

(SB 505/PA 103-0479): Provides that members of the Illinois National Guard shall have a State flag presented to their next of kin upon their death. Requires that the National Guard member be serving in an Active Status with either the State or federal activation codes.

(SB 1072/PA 103-0409): Designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the symbol of the State's concern for and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the United States armed forces who have lost their lives while serving. Adds the Honor and Remember Flag to authorize it to be lowered to half-staff in the event of the death of resident military member, law enforcement officer, firefighter, or members of EMS crews. Requires the flag to be flown at the State Capitol and Veteran Cemeteries.