End of Session Report 2021

The General Assembly sent the Governor over 650 pieces of legislation during the 2021 spring legislative session. Below is a summary of the key bills adopted with final action by the Governor. To view the entire text of bills, please visit the General Assembly’s website at: www.ilga.gov.

**Bills Adopted by both Chambers:**

**HB 40, Special Education Services/Maximum Age:** provides that a special education student who turns age 22 during the school year may continue to receive special education services through the end of the school year.

*Status:* Public Act 102-0172

**HB 56, County Elected Official Stipends:** provides that the ordinance fixing the compensation of county elected officers shall separately list in the ordinance each stipend an elected official is expected to receive (by the state) in addition to the compensation paid by the county.

*Status:* Public Act 102-0048

**HB 168, Animal Forfeiture:** amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that in addition to any other penalty, the court may order that a person and persons dwelling in the same household may not own, harbor, or have custody or control of any other animal if the person has been convicted of 2 or more of the following offenses: (1) a violation of aggravated cruelty; (2) a violation of animals for entertainment; or (3) a violation of dog fighting.

*Status:* Public Act 102-0114

**HB 253, Performance Based Transportation Planning:** requires the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to develop and publish a statewide multi-modal transportation improvement program for all transportation facilities under its jurisdiction. Requires the department to develop a needs-based transit asset management plan for state-supported public transportation assets and to make
the plan available on the department's website. Requires the department to develop a performance-based project selection process to prioritize taxpayer investment in state-owned transportation assets that add capacity, with input from specified stakeholders. Requires the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to develop a transparent prioritization process for Northeastern Illinois transit projects receiving state capital funding and requires a summary of the project evaluation process, measures, program, and scores or prioritization criteria for all candidate projects to be published on the RTA's website in a timely manner. Starting April 1, 2022, no project shall be included in IDOT’s 5-year capital program without being evaluated under this selection process. Effective immediately.

Status: Public Act 102-0573

HB 270, Municipal pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure: provides that, in or within a municipality with a population of over 1,000 people, the Illinois Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any state transportation facility. Adds an exemption in cases in which the municipality passes a resolution stating that a bicycle or pedestrian way does not fit within its development plan.

Status: Public Act 102-0660

HB 399, High Speed Railway Commission Act: creates a commission to develop a statewide plan for a high-speed rail line and feeder network connecting St. Louis and Chicago that includes the existing Amtrak and Metra services, connects the cities of Rockford, Moline, Peoria, and Decatur, and uses inter-city bus service to coordinate with the rail line. Sets forth the membership of the commission and repeals the Act as of January 2, 2027.

Status: Public Act 102-0261

HB 449, Housing Pilot Program: subject to appropriation, establishes the Housing is Recovery pilot program to prevent a person with a serious mental illness who is at high risk of unnecessary institutionalization or a person with a substance use disorder who is at high risk of an overdose, due to homelessness, from being institutionalized or dying, by enabling affordable housing through the use of a bridge rental subsidy, among other provisions.

Status: Public Act 102-0066

HB 453, Publication of MWB Vendor Data: provides that any taxing district that has an aggregate property tax levy of more than $5 million for the applicable levy year, shall make a good faith effort to collect and electronically publish data from all vendors and subcontractors doing business with the taxing district as to whether the vendor or subcontractor is a minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned business or whether the vendor or subcontractor is a small business.

Status: Public Act 102-0265

HB 572, Financing of pets: prohibits a sales finance agency from financing, entering a retail installment contract, or making a loan for the purchase/financing of a canine or feline.

Status: Public Act 102-0128
HB 633, Vegetable Garden Protection: creates the Vegetable Garden Protection Act. Provides for the right to cultivate a vegetable garden and permits state and local regulation on height, setbacks, water use, fertilizer use or control of invasive species if the effect does not preclude gardens. Defines "vegetable garden" and limits home rule powers.
Status: Public Act 102-0180

HB 1443, Recreational Cannabis: creates 110 new recreational cannabis dispensaries/licenses specifically for social equity applicants in addition to the existing 75 social equity licenses. Permits social equity dispensaries to be within 1,500 feet of existing locations among other provisions.
Status: Public Act 102-0098

HB 1711, Sourcing of Animals: amends the Animal Welfare Act to provide that a pet shop operator may offer for sale at retail to the public, a dog or cat, only if the dog or cat is obtained from an animal control facility or animal shelter, located in-state or out-of-state that is in compliance with provisions contained in the legislation. Provides that an animal control facility or animal shelter that supplies dogs or cats to pet shop operators to be offered for sale shall not be a dog breeder or a cat breeder or obtain dogs or cats from a dog breeder, a cat breeder, a person who resells dogs or cats from a breeder, or a person who sells dogs or cats at auction in exchange for payment or compensation. Defines the term "offer for sale" and modifies the definitions of "pet shop operator" and "animal shelter" among other requirements. Effective 180 days after becoming law (signed by the Governor).
Status: Public Act 102-0586

HB 1765, Background Checks: provides that a law enforcement agency or an officer employed by a law enforcement agency may not knowingly and intentionally conduct a background check of a person for the sole reason of that person speaking at an open meeting of a public body.
Status: Public Act 102-0348

HB 1871, Election Code Omnibus: allows election authorities to establish curb-side voting for individuals to cast a ballot during early voting or on election day and to designate at least 2 judges from opposite parties per vehicle. Requires election authorities to accept any vote by mail ballot returned, including ballots returned with insufficient or no postage. Allows election authorities to establish secure collection sites for postage-free return of vote by mail ballots. Provides for the collection and processing of vote by mail ballots submitted to collection sites and requires that the State Board of Elections establish additional guidelines for the security of collection sites.
Status: Public Act 102-0001

HB 1916, IDOT Construction Notification: provides that the Illinois Department of Transportation shall update its policy for providing notification of construction projects to the public. Provides that the policy shall include a requirement that the department contact the highway
commissioner located in each department district that will be impacted by a proposed construction project. Provides that the policy shall be completed and published on the department's website by January 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0393

**HB 1932, Waiver of Building Fees:** amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the governing body of a county, township, or municipality may waive any fees or costs associated with a permit, inspection, or certification of occupancy required by law for construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, movement to another site, removal, or demolition of a manufactured home, building, dwelling, or structure, either commercial or residential, damaged as a result of a disaster, emergency, weather event, or for any reason deemed warranted in the interests of public safety, welfare, and recovery of the community by the governing body of the county, township, or municipality.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0024

**HB 2415, County Cannabis Revenue:** amends the Counties Code. Provides that if an ordinance or resolution imposing a tax under the County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law was adopted on or before October 1, 2020 and a certified copy thereof was filed with the Department of Revenue on or before November 1, 2020, then the department shall proceed to administer and enforce this Section as of May 1, 2021 for such ordinances or resolutions. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0002

**HB 2427, Public Defender Quality Defense Task Force:** establishes the Task Force to: (i) examine the current caseload and determine the optimal caseload for public defenders in the state; (ii) examine the quality of legal services being offered to defendants by public defenders of the state; and (iii) make recommendations to improve the caseload of public defenders and quality of legal services offered by public defenders.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0430

**HB 2433, Nursing Home Complaints:** amends several provisions of the Nursing Home Care Act. Concerning the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board, adds one member representing local health departments (who is a nonvoting member). In provisions concerning complaints for violations of the Act, provides that the Department of Public Health’s annual review and report concerning the complaint process must include substantiated complaints that were completed in a specified time frame and requires the report to be provided to the General Assembly.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0432

**HB 2454, County Permit Relief:** provides that a county board, board of county commissioners, or corporate authorities of a municipality may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for any application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses, construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors,
food service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services, accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology, assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry, or service the county or municipality is permitted by law to regulate or license. Provides that a waiver of business fees or costs shall be subject to an application or review process and a demonstration of need based upon any financial or logistical hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0435

**HB 2553, Household Privacy:** creates the Protecting Household Privacy Act and establishes procedures for a law enforcement agency to obtain household electronic data (doorbell cameras, smart speakers) from a private third party. Also establishes a protocol for emergency scenarios when there is not time to obtain a search warrant.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0597

**HB 2568, PSEBA Health Plan Bargained:** amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that a health insurance plan, as defined, is limited to the insurance plan options codified in the employee collective bargaining agreement or bargained upon with an authorized agent and subject to the grievance process.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0439

**HB 2589, Substance Use Disorder:** amends the Substance Use Disorder Act to provide that any hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act or organized under the University of Illinois Hospital Act shall be deemed to have met certain standards and requirements to enroll in the drug overdose prevention program upon completion of the enrollment process except that proof of a standing order and attestation of programmatic requirements shall be waived for enrollment purposes. Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to streamline hospital enrollment for drug overdose prevention programs by accepting such deemed status in order to reduce barriers to hospital participation in drug overdose prevention, recognition, or response projects. Provides that a health care professional or other person acting under the direction of a health care professional may, directly or by standing order, obtain, store, and dispense an opioid antagonist to a patient in a facility that includes, but is not limited to, a hospital, a hospital affiliate, or a federally qualified health center if certain patient information is provided to the patient. Makes other changes to the Drug Overdose Prevention Program and the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Services Program.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0598

**HB 2595, Mental Health Insurance Coverage:** requires all insurers to provide comprehensive mental healthcare coverage in the state. The bill requires the Illinois Department of Insurance to file a joint report on mental, emotional, nervous or substance use condition parity to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2022.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0579
HB 2621, COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program: creates a program to help developers with increased construction costs due to pandemic related supply shortages and to incentivize and attract more private equity and private lending to support affordable housing projects (subject to appropriation). Increases the bond authority for the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Provides for a reduction in assessed value (property tax incentive) for affordable rental housing construction or rehabilitation by the county assessor (among many other provisions).

Status: Public Act 102-0175

HB 2748, Extension of Special Education Services: provides for eligible students, who will reach their 22nd birthday between March 17, 2020, and the end of the 2021-2022 school year, to be afforded the opportunity of extending the student’s eligibility to participate in post-secondary transition services and activities through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Status: Public Act 102-0173

HB 2777, General Assembly Redistricting Map: creates the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021 and redistricts State Senator and State Representative Legislative Districts.

Status: Public Act 102-0010

HB 2784, Response to Mental Health Crisis Calls: creates the Community Emergency Services and Support Act. Establishes protocols for 9-1-1 call centers to follow when an individual is seeking assistance for a mental or behavioral health emergency.

Status: Public Act 102-0580

HB 2806, Local Volunteer Board Member Removal Act: creates this Act to provide that the person or entity that appointed a member of a volunteer board or commission may remove that member for misconduct, official misconduct, or neglect of office.

Status: Public Act 102-0602

HB 2908, Elected Chicago School Board: transitions the current appointed Chicago Board of Education to a fully elected board by 2026; 20 members elected by district and the 21st member, the board chair, elected citywide, with all members taking office in January of 2027. For the two years between 2024 and 2026, the city appoints 10 members, and 10 members will be elected, with the Mayor of Chicago selecting the board chair with the approval of the Chicago City Council.

Status: Public Act 102-0177

HB 2950, Expanded use of MFT dollars: amends the Counties Code to provide that, in the counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, Will, and McHenry, proceeds from the County (local) Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) law, may also be used for operating, constructing, improving, and acquiring land for shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Amends the Illinois Highway Code to include shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths. Provides that any county may acquire property for the construction, maintenance, or operation of any shared-use path for
nonvehicular public travel, sidewalk, or bike path within the county. Provides that counties with a population over 500,000 may also use State Motor Fuel Tax funds allotted for the construction and maintenance of shared-use paths for nonvehicular public travel, sidewalks, and bike paths.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0452

**HB 3147, Resident/Patient Phone Calls:** amends the Nursing Home Care Act to provide that, upon request, a facility shall make every reasonable effort to facilitate at least one phone call or video call between a resident and a single family member of the resident each day during a disaster declared by the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, unless doing so could pose a danger to residents or staff or redirect resources away from direct resident care and protection. Also sets forth procedures for phone calls under the Hospital Licensing Act. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0398

**HB 3289, Automatic Renewal of Homestead Exemptions:** provides that the county’s chief assessment officer may automatically renew homestead exemptions for the 2021 taxable year (without an application) under certain criteria for three exemption programs; senior citizens assessment freeze; homestead exemptions for persons with disabilities, and veterans with disabilities. Also permits the county assessor to perform any audits required to verify a taxpayer is eligible to continue to receive an exemption. Last year, the DuPage County Assessor’s office approved 18,000 applications for the senior citizen exemption, 2,500 for persons with disabilities, and 1,800 for veterans.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0136

**HB 3308, Telehealth Coverage:** extends telehealth services beyond the Governor's Executive Order. Provides that an individual or group policy of accident or health insurance that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, shall cover telehealth services, e-visits, and virtual check-ins rendered by a health care professional when clinically appropriate and medically necessary to insureds, enrollees, and members in the same manner as any other benefits covered under the policy. Provides that an individual or group policy of accident or health insurance may provide reimbursement to a facility that serves as the originating site at the time a telehealth service is rendered, among many other provisions.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0104

**HB 3355, Dependence on Opioids:** provides that the Illinois Department of Human Services shall develop and make available on its website information on the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids and any alternative treatments, including the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program. Provides that the department shall develop and make available upon request to all prescribers, pharmacists, and patients in the state, a pamphlet which explains the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids. Provides that a pharmacist shall, prior to dispensing an opioid that is a Schedule II controlled substance, to furnish the pamphlet or information therein developed by the department and to discuss the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on opioids.
Status: Public Act 102-0608

HB 3443, SAFE-T Trailer Bill: amends Public Act 101-652 (SAFE-T Act) to address concerns raised by law enforcement. Makes changes regarding the use of force, chokeholds, tasers, training requirements, and access to body camera footage. Delays implementation of certain provisions from July 1, 2021, to January 1, of 2022, including thirty hours of mandatory training (every three years) for officers and the provision of three phone calls for individuals taken into custody.
Status: Public Act 102-0028

HB 3445, Opioid Overdose Reduction Act: creates the Act, also to be known as Alex's Law, in a provision concerning overdose and limited immunity. Provides that specified violations must not serve as the sole basis of a violation of parole, mandatory supervised release, probation, conditional discharge, a person's pretrial release, or furlough, or any seizure of property under any state law authorizing civil forfeiture so long as the evidence for the violation was acquired because of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance in the event of an overdose. Effective January 1, 2022.
Status: Public Act 102-0476

HB 3474, IMRF Board of Trustees: amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that a person who meets the criteria to be an executive trustee may not serve as an employee trustee. Effective immediately.
Status: Public Act 102-0479

HB 3575, Virtual Circuit Court Appearance: provides that the chief judge of the circuit, by rule, may permit the personal appearance of the defendant by means of two-way audio-visual communication, including closed circuit television and computerized video conference, at a hearing at which no witness testimony will be taken concerning the defendant’s fitness to stand trial among other specified requirements.
Status: Public Act 102-0486

HB 3596, Issuing Opioid Prescriptions: amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to provide that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescription for a substance classified in Schedule II, III, IV, or V must be sent electronically.
Status: Public Act 102-0490

HB 3739, Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act: requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to establish procedures for the collection of a specified lead in drinking water protection fee to be collected by all community water supplies. Creates a fund to receive the fees and an Advisory Board to design rules for a program for the purpose of administering a lead service line replacement program for low-income residential customers, among many other provisions (program expects to receive federal infrastructure funds).
**Status:** Public Act 102-0613

**HB 3743, Telecommunications:** extends the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act until 12/31/24 and allows a municipality or county to propose that a small wireless facility be collocated on an existing utility pole within 200 feet of the wireless providers’ proposed location within its public rights-of-way. The entity owning the utility pole shall provide access and assess any fee to be charged at the lowest rate charged by the entity and shall not exceed the entity’s actual cost. Extends the 9-1-1 wireless surcharge ($1.50 per line) that funds ETSB operations until 12/31/23, includes new training standards, and requires that text service be provided by all Public Safety Answering Points by 1/1/23. Also amends the Prevailing Wage Act to include in the definition of public works certain cable construction projects performed by third parties in public rights-of-way.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0009

**HB 3922, Juneteenth Holiday:** provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day to be observed as a state holiday every year, effective as of January 1, 2022. Provides that when June 19th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, **neither** the preceding Friday nor the following Monday shall be held or considered as a paid state holiday.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0014

**SB 104, Omnibus Liquor Control Bill:** extends the current provision for the delivery and carry out of mixed drinks (cocktails-to-go) until January 3, 2024 and authorizes a hospitality vaccination incentive (a single drink of alcoholic liquor) from June 10, 2021 through July 10, 2021 to a customer to encourage participation in a COVID-19 vaccination program. Permits the use of credit cards when retailers purchase from distributors, changes the timing of sales tax payments for restaurants, and allows the delivery of wine (among other provisions).

**Status:** Public Act 102-0008

**SB 215, Opioid Settlement Litigation:** prohibits units of local government or school districts from filing or becoming a party to opioid litigation against an opioid defendant subject to a national multistate opioid settlement unless approved by the Illinois Attorney General. Under the bill, if counties representing 60% of the population of the state, including all counties with a population of at least 250,000, have agreed to an intrastate allocation agreement with the Attorney General, then the Attorney General has the authority to appear or intervene in any opioid litigation, and release with prejudice any claims brought by a unit of local government or school district against an opioid defendant that are subject to a national multistate opioid settlement and are pending on a specified date.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0085

**SB 508, Property Tax Omnibus Bill:** makes several changes to property tax law including amending the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) to allow taxing districts to recapture the financial impact of property tax refunds caused by post-extension assessment appeals. The bill also includes several provisions concerning tax sales.
SB 539, Ethics Reform legislation: adds new requirements for Economic Interest Statements including the disclosure of debt and expands statements to include spouses. Bans legislative and executive fundraisers the day before a session day (in addition to session days and the day after), broadens the definition of lobbying to include consultants, requires greater financial disclosure from legislators, and bans lawmakers from lobbying other units of government if the firm also lobbies the General Assembly. Prohibits former state officials and former lawmakers from working as a government lobbyist for six months (within the term they were sworn into) and allows the Legislative Inspector General to initiate a political corruption investigation absent the approval of the Legislative Ethics Commission.

Status: Public Act 102-0519

SB 561, PFAS Reduction: beginning January 1, 2022, prohibits the use of Class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS for training or testing purposes. On and after January 1, 2025, a manufacturer of Class B firefighting foam may not knowingly manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale or distribute for use in Illinois Class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS, among other provisions.

Status: Public Act 102-0664

SB 626, Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act: makes a number of modifications to the Act and reduces the financial penalties imposed on defendants ordered to pay a criminal or traffic assessment, resulting in less court fee/fine revenues for county judicial and law enforcement agencies that currently receive a portion of these funds.

Status: Public Act 102-0290

SB 642, Supreme Court Redistricting: creates the Judicial Districts Act of 2021 and establishes new Illinois Supreme Court districts.

Status: Public Act 102-0011

SB 654, School Recess: requires at least 30 minutes of recess every day for all students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Also states that “play time” shall not count as a course of physical education nor shall it be withheld as a disciplinary action.

Status: Public Act 102-0357

SB 692, Coal Tar Sealant Disclosure: creates the Coal Tar Sealant Disclosure Act to require that on or before May 1, 2023, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the State Board of Education shall post on its website’s guidance on screening for coal tar-based sealant product or high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon sealant product, requirements for a request for proposals, and requirements for disclosure. Requires the department to adopt rules for the procedures and standards to be used in assessing acceptable levels of high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon content of a pavement seal applied
to any state agency property. Provides those provisions for state property do not apply to pavement engineering projects requiring the use of a coal tar-based sealant or high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon sealant product for pavement engineering related use on a highway structure conducted by or under the authority of the Illinois Department of Transportation. Provides that the Act is effective January 1, 2023.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0242

**SB 701, Adult Protective Services:** expands the scope of the Adult Protective Services Act to include reports of abandonment. Requires the Illinois Department on Aging to offer, subject to appropriations, an annual trauma-informed training program that includes instruction on how trauma impacts caseworkers and other employees who respond to and prevent adult abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment. Requires the department to develop and implement a demonstration project to allow for the use of a risk assessment tool to assist in identifying elderly persons who may be experiencing elder abuse, abandonment, neglect, or exploitation. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a prosecution for theft by deception of a victim aged 60 or older or a person with a disability, may be commenced within 7 years of the last act committed in furtherance of the crime. Concerning the offense of financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability, expands the scope of "person who stands in a position of trust and confidence" to include a friend or acquaintance of the elderly person or person with a disability who is in a position of trust.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0244

**SB 740, Bensenville Park District Land Sale:** provides that the Bensenville Park District may sell up to 125 acres of the White Pines Golf Course owned by the district if: (i) the board of commissioners of the Bensenville Park District authorizes the sale by a four-fifths vote of the commissioners in office at the time of the vote; and (ii) the sale price equals or exceeds the average of 3 independent appraisals commissioned by the Bensenville Park District. Repeals the provisions on January 1, 2023.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0300

**SB 825, Omnibus Election Bill:** provides for a number of permanent and temporary changes to the Election Code including a one-time delay in the general primary election in 2022, moving the date from March 15 to June 28, changes and shortens petition and candidate filing deadlines (petitions for the general primary election begin circulation as of January 13, 2022), reduces the number of signatures required, establishes a permanent vote by mail status/list, and delays the date county boards (outside of Cook) must submit reapportionment maps from July to December 31, 2021. Makes the 2022 general election date, November 8, a state holiday however the legislation does not include language requiring local government offices to be closed (unlike the 2020 general election). Allows curbside voting, permits the sheriff to establish a polling place at the county jail, and requires election authorities to operate one countywide polling location on Election Day. Includes a number of changes to cybersecurity, high school voter registration, new accommodations for voters with disabilities, the
restoration of voter rights, and changing the word “alderman” to “alderperson” throughout the Election Code. Permits but does not require the use of American Community Survey (5-year) data.
Status: Public Act 102-0015

Status: Public Act 102-0663

SB 1697, GATA requirements: provides that the requirements established under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) do not apply to allocations of state revenues paid over by the Comptroller to units of local government and other taxing districts pursuant to the State Revenue Sharing Act from the Local Government Distributive Fund or the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund, or to allotments of state motor fuel tax revenues distributed by the Illinois Department of Transportation to units of local government pursuant to the Motor Fuel Tax Law from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund or the Transportation Renewal Fund, among many other provisions.
Status: Public Act 102-0626

SB 1721, Property Tax Delinquent Property: amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions about delinquent property, provides that a county may take steps necessary (currently, shall take all steps necessary) to acquire title to the property and may manage and operate the property, including, but not limited to, mowing of grass, removal of nuisance greenery, removal of garbage, waste, debris or other materials, or the demolition, repair, or remediation of unsafe structures. Provides costs to be distributed to taxing districts, including operation and maintenance costs and all costs associated with county staff and overhead used to perform the duties of the trustees. Reduces the maximum penalty bids for the annual tax sale from 18% to 12%. In provisions about redemption of property, limits the assessments of penalties from every 6 months to 12 months. Amends the Counties Code and Illinois Municipal Code. Modifies the requirements to have a circuit court declare property abandoned, among other provisions.
Status: Public Act 102-0363

SB 1913, Scott’s Law Community Service: amends the Vehicle Code to provide that in addition to other penalties imposed for a violation of provisions concerning operation of a vehicle while approaching an authorized emergency vehicle, the court may order a person to perform community service as determined by the court.
Status: Public Act 102-0338

SB 1965, Juneteenth State Holiday: provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 each year as a holiday throughout the state. Provides that when June 19 falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be held and considered the holiday. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and
Bank Holiday Act to include Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a holiday. Effective immediately (also see HB 3922).

**Status:** Public Act 102-0334

**SB 2017, Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP):** includes the statutory language necessary to implement the annual state budget. The bill **does NOT** include the Governor’s proposed 10% cut to local government revenues received under the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), however, the budget continues to divert the local government share of corporate tax receipts by diverting $350 million in Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenues.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0016

**SB 2244, Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Act:** amends the Act to provide that the income limitation under the Act is $65,000 for tax years 2022 through 2025 and $55,000 for tax year 2026 and thereafter (currently, $55,000). Provides for tax years 2022 through 2025, the total amount of any such deferral shall not exceed $7,500 per taxpayer in each tax year (currently, $5,000). Provides that, beginning in tax year 2026, the total amount of any such deferral shall not exceed $5,000. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0644

**SB 2278, County Mental Health Boards:** provides that a county authorized to impose a Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, or Transportation, shall establish a 7-member mental health board, which shall have the same powers and duties and be constituted in the same manner as a community mental health board established under the Community Mental Health Act. Provides that moneys from the special county retailers' occupation tax that are earmarked for mental health or substance abuse purposes shall be deposited into a special county occupation tax fund for mental health and substance abuse and shall be administered by the 7-member mental health board.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0379

**SB 2294, Omnibus Medicaid Bill:** continues Medicaid coverage for up to 12 months after the COVID-19 public health emergency expires and expands coverage for children under the age of 19 who are in households at or below 313% of the federal poverty level. Adds coverage for a variety of services including chiropractic care, services for veterans, tobacco cessation, counseling services, long-acting injectable medications for behavioral health residents, substance abuse treatment, new community-based options for senior care, among other services. Also increases reimbursement rates for dental services, mental health, and marriage and family counseling. Requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services to develop a comprehensive statewide Behavioral Health strategy by July 1, 2022 and establish a program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly program.

**Status:** Public Act 102-0043
SB 2338, Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act: sets forth provisions concerning the conditions in which a student-athlete may and may not earn compensation for the use of the student-athlete's name, image, likeness, or voice while enrolled at a postsecondary education institution. Provides that an institution may impose reasonable limitations on the dates and time that a student-athlete may participate in endorsement, promotional, social media, or other activities related to the license or use of the student-athlete's name, image, likeness, or voice. Provides, among other prohibitions, that no institution, athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletic programs shall uphold any contract, rule, or regulation that prevents a student-athlete from earning compensation as result of the use of the student-athlete's name, image, likeness, or voice. Provides that a student-athlete's financial aid, awards, and other benefits may not be revoked, reduced, or the terms and conditions altered as a result of the student-athlete receiving compensation, among other provisions.

Status: Public Act 102-0042

SB 2356, OMA Executive Session Minutes: amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that each public body shall periodically (currently, specifies no less than semi-annually) meet to review minutes of all closed meetings. Provides those meetings to review minutes shall occur every 6 months, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, taking into account the nature and meeting schedule of the public body. Provides that committees which are ad hoc in nature shall review closed session minutes at the later of: (1) six months from the date of the last review of closed session minutes or (2) at the next scheduled meeting of the ad hoc committee. Provides that when a public body is dissolved, disbanded, eliminated, or consolidated by executive action, legislative action, or referendum, and its functions and responsibilities are assumed by a unit of local government, the unit of local government which assumes the functions of the prior public body shall review the closed session minutes of that public body.

Status: Public Act 102-0653

SB 2408, Energy Transition Act: omnibus clean energy bill that sets the state on a course of 40% renewable energy by year 2030, 50% by 2040 and 100% carbon-free (renewable energy) by 2050. Requires the two municipal coal plants; Prairie State and City Water Light and Power, to be carbon-free by the end of 2045 and to reduce emissions by 45% by June of 2038. Provides close to $700 million in ratepayer subsidies to support Exelon’s three nuclear plants in Byron, Dresden and Braidwood over the next five years. Doubles subsidies for wind and solar energy projects to about $500 million per year, boosts job training for the clean energy industry and sets a goal of one million electric vehicles on the road by 2030 (including a rebate for consumers). Requires IEPA to award rebates to help fund up to 80% of the cost of installation of charging stations. Requires disclosure by state officials of any immediate family members employed by utilities and creates a new state position (Public Utility Ethics and Compliance Monitor) to oversee ethics and compliance with provisions of the Act. Creates a number of clean energy programs under DCEO and establishes an Energy Transition Workforce Commission to report on the anticipated impact of the energy transition and recommend changes to the workforce, among many other provisions.

Status: Public Act 102-0662
**SB 2800, State Budget and State Capital Plan:** $42.2 billion state budget appropriation bill for FY 2022 (for the state fiscal year that begins July 1) as part of a spending plan that uses a portion of state received ARPA funding of $2.5 billion for infrastructure and other programs; increases education funding by $350 million for a total of $9.2 billion; provides $7.4 billion for human services; $1.9 billion for higher education; $1.9 billion for public safety; and pays down $2 billion in state debt (and reduces the state backlog of bills to $3.2 billion). The bill also includes the FY 2022 capital budget and reappropriation authorization for the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan (reappropriates a number of DuPage County capital projects yet to be released or completed). **Status:** Public Act 102-0017