



### Legislative Update – May 2, 2023

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#### ***Summary Key Bill List (of bills still moving through the legislative process):***

##### ***Support:***

HB 2431 (Kelly, D-Chicago/Cervantes, D-Chicago) Prohibits use of video conferencing while operating a motor vehicle  
HB 2811 (Johnson, D-East Moline) Establishes a Central Receiving Center Grant Pilot Program  
HB 3230 (LaPointe, D-Chicago/Fine, D-Glenview) Statewide Continuum of Behavioral Health Crisis/response services  
HB 3236 (Carroll, D-Northbrook/Holmes, D-Aurora) Prohibits installment loans of pet sales  
HB 3878 (Rashid, D-Berwyn) Establishes an IDHA Matching Funds program/affordable housing tax credit  
HB 3899 (Syed, D-Palatine) Provides Medicaid coverage of applied behavior analysis treatment (autism)  
HB 3900 (LaPointe, D-Chicago) Establishes Medicaid (hospital) presumptive eligibility for individuals in psychiatric crisis  
HB 3940 (Guerrero-Cuellar, D-Chicago/Cunningham, D-Chicago) Extension of the Emergency Telephone System Act  
SB 724 (Feigenholtz, D-Chicago/LaPointe, D-Chicago) Establishes the Interagency Children’s Behavioral Health Services Act  
SB 836 (Holmes, D-Aurora/Welch, D-Westchester) Creates the Paint Stewardship Act  
SB 1499 (Villa, D-West Chicago/Hirschauer, D-West Chicago) Companion Animal Forfeiture Act – enhanced penalties  
SB 1555 (Koehler, D-Peoria) Creates the Packaging and Paper Products Stewardship Act  
SB 1882 (Holmes, D-Aurora/Moeller, D-Elgin) Establishes Dog and Cat Testing Restrictions  
SB 1883 (Holmes, D-Aurora/Mason, D-Gurnee) Establishes the Wild Animal Public Safety Act

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### ***Other Issues:***

#### **DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC)**

The COVID-19 pandemic created a new population of older adults in need of assistance who are over age 60 and in many cases disabled, but not eligible for benefits under the Older Americans Act. In response, the Council established a Drive-Thru-Food Event twice a month to provide meals to over 700 senior disabled adults. At the drive-thru event, recipients receive a 5-pack of frozen meals (they have a choice of traditional American meals or South-Asian/Indian-Pakistani cuisine). State Funds available under the Public Health Emergency Fund allowed DSCC the flexibility to cover the cost of the frozen meals however this funding source expires as of May 11 when the emergency disaster proclamation expires.

DuPage County supports the extension of these funds, \$120,000, to provide meals to this population through the remainder of the year and long-term, to expand services to include disabled senior adults under the Illinois Department of Aging.

#### **Restore LGDF Funding**

Monies allocated under the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), established in 1969 when the State of Illinois enacted an income tax, does not represent a “grant” from the State but rather a small share of income taxes paid by county residents that are returned on a per capita basis to support critical local services.

Under the original agreement with the State, units of local government were to receive 10% of total state income tax revenues which continued until 2011, when the State instituted a temporary income tax increase but failed to share the corresponding (increased) portion with local governments. In 2017, the General Assembly further reduced LGDF payments to local governments by 10% of state income tax revenues received, and in 2018, by another 5% of revenues received (to help balance the state budget).

As part of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget package, the General Assembly approved a modest one-year increase in local government’s total share of income tax proceeds, raising the amount distributed from the previous 6.06% of individual income tax collections to 6.16%, (for state fiscal year 2023 only), which translated into an annual increase of \$133,632 for DuPage County.

DuPage County, together with our municipal partners and the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo), urge the Illinois General Assembly to restore the distribution of LGDF dollars to the agreed upon 10% share of income tax proceeds to local governments.

#### **Expand Tourism/Economic Development Opportunities**

Tourism is a major driver of economic activity, contributing billions of dollars to the State’s economy that welcomed over 110 million visitors last year. The Illinois Office of Tourism (under the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, DCEO) works with the (38) certified Convention and Visitors Bureaus statewide, including the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB), to promote



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Illinois as a travel destination for meetings, conventions, domestic and international visitors as well as leisure travelers. In 2021, the tourism and hospitality industry employed nearly 400,000 people statewide.

DuPage County has 16,000 hotel rooms and last year, sent \$22 million in state hotel/motel tax receipts to Springfield yet the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (as a capped bureau), received only \$1.5 million in return from the State Local Tourism Convention Bureau grant (that also required a \$750,000 local match). These dollars are critical to the success of local bureaus to attract meetings, conventions, tour groups and sporting events.

DuPage County supports two requests submitted to the Illinois General Assembly by the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau:

1. Establish a Chicago Plus \$5 million grant program for state-certified convention and visitor bureaus adjacent to the City of Chicago (Chicago Southland, Chicago North Shore, Meet Chicago Northwest, and the DuPage County Convention & Visitor Bureaus) to market and sell their service areas to generate increased hotel/motel occupancy and travel throughout the region. All four of these bureaus have experienced three consecutive years of decreased hotel tax collections.
2. Extend for one more year the 25% local match requirement for state-certified convention and visitor bureaus (previously 50%) of state tourism dollars received. This will free up much needed revenues for bureaus still recovering from losses due to the pandemic.