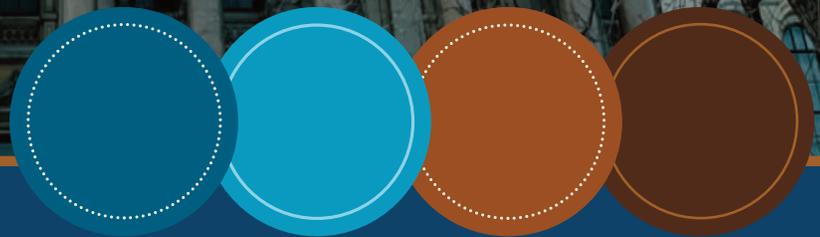


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In the first year of the 103rd Illinois General Assembly, lawmakers officially introduced 2,644 Senate Bills and 4,315 House Bills for consideration in the legislative process – from introduction to committee and floor debate to possible governor consideration. However, the process by which a bill can become law in Illinois is rarely predictable, and the majority of bills, packages and reforms do not make it to the governor’s desk. As of this writing, 583 new laws have been enacted in the 103rd Illinois General Assembly.

This summary report includes bills that were approved by the General Assembly that either affect, or are of interest, to county governments. The list is not all-inclusive. The synopsis of each bill is extremely brief and may not encompass the full content or impact of the legislation. For full meaning, you can obtain “enrolled” bill text on the Illinois Legislative Information System website at www.ilga.gov.

Special thanks to the IACBM Legislative Committee and all of our members who stayed involved with these important issues and who took the time to testify in committees and share their views with state lawmakers. Remember, as county officials you play an essential role in legislative and administrative state functions. Broadening and establishing a relationship with your legislators is critical to advancing the needs and initiatives of your county and its residents. We are here to assist you and will continue to keep you informed of relative executive orders and legislative actions that may impact county government.

If you have questions about any legislation please contact the IACBM office. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Agriculture



Behavioral and Mental Health



HB 2879 (P.A. 103-0412) **FARM TO FOOD BANK**

Creates the Illinois Farm to Food Bank Program within the Dept. of Human Services to expand the availability of locally grown or processed foods for Illinois' emergency food system. Grants will be provided to improve capacity of the emergency food system to allow for the proper transportation, storage or distribution of agricultural products to underserved areas. The DHS secretary will name a nonprofit entity from Illinois' emergency food system to administer the program and an advisory council will be created. *Effective August 3, 2023.*

SB 203 (P.A. 103-0062) **PESTICIDE EXPOSURE**

Increases penalties for exposing humans to pesticides: \$500 per person if one to two people are exposed; \$750 per person for three to four people; and \$1,250 per person if five or more are exposed. The legislation stems from a 2019 incident where several farmworkers, including their children, were exposed to pesticides by a plane spraying fields. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

SB 765 (P.A. 103-0566) **FARM MUTUAL ACT**

Eliminates the Unlimited Catastrophic Aggregate Coverage provision for 5 years. Requires farm mutual insurance companies to maintain adequate catastrophic reinsurance. Limits company exposure on any loss to 20% of its policyholders' surplus. *Effective November 17, 2023.*

HB 1364 (P.A. 103-0105) **9-8-8 TASK FORCE**

Creates the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Workgroup Act. Directs the Dept. of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health to convene a working group tasked with examining the first year's implementation and use of the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis lifeline in Illinois. The workgroup must prepare an action plan that includes recommendations for a future structure of 9-8-8 centers in Illinois, as well as metrics for success and further funding to strengthen the rest of Illinois' behavioral health services and crisis assistance programs. *Effective June 27, 2023.*

HB 3819 (P.A. 103-0361) **LOCAL DEFLECTION PROGRAMS**

Authorizes law enforcement to development and implement deflection programs in Illinois that offer immediate pathways to services as an alternative to criminal justice involvement and unnecessary admission to emergency departments. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1543 (P.A. 103-0382) **STATEWIDE MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR**

Establishes a new Governor-appointed position within the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to serve as the Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator. The Statewide Coordinator is to be responsible for implementing a program of mental health support and education for law enforcement officers. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1674 (P.A. 103-0493) **STABILIZATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Creates Long-Term and Short-Term Stabilization Support Programs. The programs will open a minimum of 18 homes across the State with each serving 4 residents at a time. Allows individuals in State-Operated Developmental Centers to utilize these programs. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Animals & Wildlife

HB 2461 (P.A. 103-0037) **NUISANCE WILDLIFE PERMITS**

Regulates the activities of nuisance wildlife. Allows an individual to destroy or interfere with beaver dams or burrows only when authorized by the Dept. of Natural Resources. Creates fines for non-compliance. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

HB 3087 (P.A. 103-0176) **DISEASED ANIMALS**

Allows the Dept. of Agriculture to declare a temporary, statewide ban on the sale, movement or exhibition of certain types of diseased animals. Declarations can last for a maximum of 30 days, but can be extended. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1882 (103-0238) **ANIMAL TOXICITY TESTING BAN**

Prohibits the practice of toxicity testing on dogs and cats, when not required by law. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

SB 1745 (103-0225) **ANIMAL NUISANCE PERMITS**

Exempts drainage districts and road districts from the requirement to obtain a state permit to control nuisance muskrats or beavers. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

SB 1883 (103-0239) **WILD ANIMAL PUBLIC SAFETY ACT**

Aimed at addressing public safety concerns with roadside zoos, creates a Class B misdemeanor for allowing a member of the public to come into contact with a bear or nonhuman primate. Any law enforcement officer or peace officer employed by a county or municipality may enforce the provisions. The Attorney General or State's Attorney may bring an action to enforce the provision or for an injunction to restrain any actual or threatened violation. **NOTE: The prohibition is limited to allowing public contact.** *Effective January 1, 2024.*



County Government

HB 475 (P.A. 103-0274)

SANGAMON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

Allows the Sangamon County Board to form, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue squad to aid within Sangamon County any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 1067 (P.A. 103-0012)

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Provides alternative qualifications for a county superintendent of public works. A superintendent shall be a registered engineer, hold a degree in engineering from an accredited institution of higher learning or have at least 10 years of professional, management-level experience in either municipal or county public works department. Requires at least one employee in the public works department to be a licensed professional engineer. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

HB 1153 (P.A. 103-0117)

COUNTY AUDITOR

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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 1236 (P.A. 103-0014)

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Allows county boards of counties with fewer than two million inhabitants to take into consideration a bidder's active participation in an applicable apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Dept. of Labor. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2332 (P.A. 103-0029)

CORONER FEES

The permit fee for coroners and medical examiners to cremate a human body is \$100 (rather than \$50). *Effective July 1, 2023.*

HB 2539 (P.A. 103-0318)

COUNTY OFFICIAL STIPENDS

Changes how stipends are paid by the state to county officials (Treasurers, Sheriffs, Auditors, Assessors, Coroners). The Dept. of Revenue will pay the additional compensation to the county, and then the money will be deposited by the county treasurer into a dedicated fund for that purpose. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

SB 686 (P.A. 103-0073)

CORONER'S FEES

Fees for a certified copy of a transcript of sworn testimony of a coroner's inquest made by written request declaring the request is for research or genealogy purposes is \$15.00 for the entire transcript. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1127 (P.A. 103-0081)

WIND AND SOLAR REGULATION

Exempts Ogle and Lee County Enterprise Zones from being subject to the wind and solar siting standards bill passed during the January session (P.A. 102-1123). *Effective June 9, 2023.*



County Farmland Lease

HB 1076 (P.A. 103-0415) Upon three-fourths vote, by the full county board, the county board may lease farmland acquired or held by the county for any term not exceeding 5 years. The lease may be made via a cash lease, crop-sharing arrangement, or custom farming arrangement.

NOTE: County governments shall not acquire farmland for the sole purpose of entering into a farming arrangement. *Effective August 4, 2023.*

SB 1997 (P.A. 103-0246)

COUNTY BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

A county with a population of less than 1,000,000 may establish minimum requirements for new building design and construction to lessen the risks to wildlife and sensitive habitats. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

SB 2227 (P.A. 103-0400)

COUNTY RECORDER FEES

Adds nonstandard document predictable fees to the predictable fee schedules for recording deeds and other instruments. Makes changes to classification of documents for filing, procedures to increase a predictable fee, and certified and non-certified fees. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Cook County



SB 74 (P.A. 103-0369)

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Requires Cook County to create a task force to make recommendations on how to implement a payment plan program for property taxpayers that are delinquent in their property tax payments. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

SB 1675 (P.A. 103-0555)

PTAX INTEREST PENALTY DEDUCTION

Lowers Cook County property tax interest penalties while keeping all other counties in Illinois the same. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1988 (P.A. 103-0583)

ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Codifies the amount of time (30 business days) the Cook County Assessor must accept appeals after assessment notices are mailed or published. *Effective June 1, 2024.*

Courts, Criminal Law and Public Safety



HB 1119 (P.A. 103-0276)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

Makes changes to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Board membership makeup by now requiring two members be individuals who have been formally incarcerated. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

HB 1399 (P.A. 103-0283)

LEWD SEXUAL DISPLAY

Establishes mental health treatment plans of action and penalties to aide in combating indecent exposure towards correctional officers in all Illinois Department of Corrections facilities. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 1434 (P.A. 103-0124)

HOSPITAL AND AGENCY RECORDS

Streamlines the process for Illinois courts when dealing with cases involving abused and neglected children who have medical records from multiple states. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 1496 (P.A. 103-0018)

PRISON DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Requires the Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Juvenile Justice to collect and keep record of demographic information and the last known addresses for individuals incarcerated in their facilities or otherwise under their supervision. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2100 (P.A. 103-0293)

ELDER ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

Changes the definition of exploitation of a senior resident or person with a disability living in a long-term care facility, making it a Class 1 Felony if the person is 70 years of age or older and the value of the property is \$15,000 or more. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2418 (P.A. 102-0035)

EXPUNGEMENT TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Creates a pathway for the victims of human trafficking to expunge their criminal records. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2624 (P.A. 103-0166)

COURT RECORDS ACCESSIBILITY

All record and documents are presumed to be accessible by the court and the clerk of the court. Encourages the Supreme Court to establish a process for access to court files that are limited by statute or court rule. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3026 (P.A. 103-0330)

SENTENCE CREDITS

Expands what can qualify for discretionary earned-sentence credit in jails and prisons. Includes time served in a county jail as part of the minimum of 60 days of the sentence that must be served before the Director of Corrections may award discretionary earned sentence credit. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3055 (P.A. 103-0331)

PRISONER RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

Creates the Faith Behind Bars Act. Reaffirms right to religious freedom while in jail or prison. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3345 (P.A. 103-0345)

PRISONER ID RELEASE

Immediately after the initial admission of a person to a correctional institution or facility of the Dept. of Corrections, the Secretary of State shall issue the individual a standard Illinois ID card. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3762 (P.A. 103-0051)

DEATH PENALTY

Removes all references to the death penalty in Illinois criminal statutes. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3779 (P.A. 103-0358)

NOTICE OF WORK RELEASE

Not less than 3 days prior to any person being placed in a work release facility, the Dept. 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. The Dept. shall give written notice not less than 3 days prior to the placement to the State's Attorney of the county from which the offender was originally sentenced. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1462 (P.A. 103-0550)

ILLINOIS GAMING ACT – OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE

Allows individuals with certain felony convictions the opportunity to apply for non-gaming positions at Illinois casinos, mainly in the hospitality industry. The Illinois Gaming Board has discretion in awarding occupational licenses. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 2175 (P.A. 103-0254)

COURT COSTS REPAYMENT

During the first 180 days following a person's release from a penal institution, a court shall not order the person to pay any outstanding fines, taxes, or costs arising from a criminal proceeding involving the person. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 2260 (P.A. 103-0403)

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012, providing clarity to the original legislative intent of the gender-based violence resentencing law. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Drug Monitoring



SB 1886 (P.A. 103-0391)

Eliminate fees for probationers who can't afford them; limit judges' ability to order probationers to stop using medically prescribed drugs, such as methadone and cannabis; and prohibits courts from requiring drug tests or monitoring devices for legal substances, such as alcohol or cannabis in cases unrelated to alcohol or substance abuse. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Energy



HB 2473 (P.A. 103-0569) **NUCLEAR POWER**

Lifts the ban on next generation nuclear reactors less than 300 MW beginning January 1, 2026. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Office of Homeland Security will be directed to establish rules for reactor decommissioning, environmental monitoring, and emergency preparedness. The Illinois EPA will also provide consultation. *Effective June 1, 2024.*

SB 1160 (P.A. 103-0376) **SOLAR RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL**

The REC Recycling Task Force shall consider the benefits of prohibiting a person from mixing renewable energy generation components and energy storage systems with municipal waste that is intended for disposal at a landfill and consider the benefits of prohibiting a person from disposing of renewable energy generation components and energy storage systems in a sanitary landfill. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

Environment



HB 2086 (P.A. 103-0524) **BULK FOOD CONTAINERS**

County health departments may regulate but shall not prohibit the ability of a retailer to allow a consumer to fill or refill a consumer-owned personal container with ready-to-eat or dry bulk foods under certain conditions. *Effective August 11, 2023.*

HB 2776 (P.A. 103-0167) **LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT**

Requires the City of Chicago to publicly post annually on its website data describing its progress toward lead service line replacement, including number of lines replaced and average cost, progress meeting contractor diversity requirements, waivers, and financing options. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

SB 1563 (P.A. 103-0093) **MICROPLASTICS IN WATER**

Requires the Illinois EPA to publish information on its website regarding microplastics and report to the General Assembly on agency actions regarding microplastics. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1772 (P.A. 103-0496) **PESTICIDE APPLICATOR RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibits the application of pesticides on K-8 grade school grounds when students are in attendance for instructional purposes. Includes blacktops, playing fields and playgrounds. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 2226 (P.A. 103-0255) **CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY AREA**

A conservation opportunity area designated by IDNR shall not be used by any county as a basis to deny any regulatory action, permitting, licensure and funding. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Finance



HB 2189 (P.A. 103-0429) **INSULIN COSTS**

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to lower the cap for a 30-day supply of insulin to \$35. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 3086 (P.A. 103-0441) **PESTICIDES ACT – INCREASED FEES**

Increases various fees imposed under the Pesticide Act, and examines, with the assistance of the Dept. of Agriculture, the possibility of continuing education courses to satisfy pesticide applicator competency requirements required for existing licensees. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3340 (P.A. 103-0187) **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BORROWING**

Allows local governments to borrow money from the Illinois Finance Authority by adding it to the definition of a financial institution within the code. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Firearms



HB 218 (P.A. 103-0559) **MARKETING TACTICS**

Known as the Firearm Industry Responsibility Act, would hold the gun industry liable for unlawful sales and marketing tactics that contribute to gun violence. **NOTE: Allows lawsuits to be filed by the Illinois Attorney General, state's attorneys or any individual.** *Effective August 14, 2023.*

SB 424 (P.A. 103-0370) **FIRST-TIME WEAPON OFFENSE PROGRAM**

Extends the program for certain offenders charged with possessing weapons. Allows gun offenders ages 21 and older to participate. Sets the timeframe of the First-Time Weapon Offense Program for at least six months, but not more than 24 months, in duration. *Effective July 28, 2023*

Freedom of Information Act

SB 325 (P.A. 103-0069)

Clarifies that public records being reviewed by the Attorney General's Public Access Counselor are exempt from disclosure while they are in possession of the Public Access Counselor. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1670 (P.A. 103-0554)

Includes electronic medical records and information, including demographic information as "private information" and not subject to FOIA for HIPAA-covered private entities. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Firefighter



HB 3769 (P.A. 103-0052) **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Includes paramedics and EMTs in the definition of firefighter for the purposes of continued insurance coverage. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1611 (P.A. 103-0220) **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Allows state employees leave from their job to attend firefighter training. A leave of absence may not be denied to an employee who requests leave and who has provided notification of the leave at least 14 calendar days prior to the requested leave date. State employees who avail themselves of a leave of absence for firefighter training will continue to receive compensation, and thus, pensionable service credit in SERS for such periods of leave. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SJR 7 – FIREFIGHTERS TASK FORCE

Creates a new state task force to study the recruitment and retainment of firefighters and paramedics throughout the State and suggest possible policies and legislation to aid local governments.

Healthcare and Human Services



HB 780 (P.A. 103-0411) **RAISING GRANDCHILDREN**

Requires the Department of Aging to establish and administer a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot Program to operate in Will County beginning January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2027. The Program will 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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 1286 (P.A. 103-0518) **MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY ALL GENDER RESTROOMS**

Allows for any multiple-occupancy restroom to be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Stalls must have floor-to-ceiling dividers that lock, and urinals would not be allowed. **NOTE: It does not mandate that new bathrooms are constructed to be all-gender. Businesses that choose to build or convert a restroom are required to post signage indicating any gender can enter.** *Effective August 11, 2023.*

Juvenile Justice

HB 2223 (P.A. 103-0027) **JUVENILE COURT VENUE**

Codifies that the jurisdiction of prosecution of juveniles is limited to Illinois' laws and borders. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2607 (P.A. 103-0164) **CHILD VICTIM TESTIMONY**

Allows remote testimony for child victims in criminal proceedings if the judge determines it does not prejudice the defendant. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3140 (P.A. 103-0178) **YOUTH CONFINEMENT**

Prohibits use of solitary confinement on young detainees in detention centers for any purpose other than preventing immediate physical harm. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3414 (P.A. 103-0191) **JUVENILE SENTENCING**

Gives judges added factors to consider in determining whether to keep a case in juvenile court when a State's Attorney has filed a petition to move it to adult court. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1463 (P.A. 103-0379) **JUVENILE COURT FEE**

Prohibits courts and local government entities from assessing fees and fines in juvenile court in delinquency proceedings. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

SB 1834 (103-0233) **UNATTENDED MINORS**

Amends the Juvenile Court Act and the Criminal Code to change the child abandonment statute. Provides that the definition of "neglected minor" includes any minor under 18 years of age or a minor 18 years of age or older for whom the court has made a finding of probable cause to believe that the minor is abused, neglected, or dependent prior to the minor's 18th birthday who is subject to the various conditions of neglect under the statute. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

SB 2197 (P.A. 103-0397) **INDEPENDENT JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN**

Extends the duties of the Office of Independent Juvenile Ombudsman into county operated juvenile detention centers. The detention center shall provide necessary administrative services and space inside the facility to the Ombudsman to meet confidentially with youth and otherwise in performance of his or her duties under law. The Ombudsman shall have unrestricted access to any files of youth in the custody of county-operated juvenile detention centers. A county-operated juvenile detention center does not include police or other temporary law enforcement holding locations. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



Labor



Mandatory Employee Labor Notices



HB 1363 (P.A. 103-0282) GENDER VIOLENCE ACT

Liability only extends to an employer for gender-related violence that occurs while the employee was directly performing the employee's job duties and the violence was the proximate cause of injury. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2493 (P.A. 103-0314) VESSA EXPANSION

Amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA). 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. An employee shall be entitled to a total of not more than 2 workweeks 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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2907 (P.A. 103-0040) LABOR DISPUTE DAMAGES

Prevents striking workers from being sued for unintentional property damage as a result of a strike. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3129 (P.A. 103-0539) EQUAL PAY ACT

Requires Illinois employers with 15 or more employees to include pay scale and benefits information for a position in any job posting. Also, employers are required to announce, post, or otherwise make known all opportunities for promotion to all current employees. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 3396 (P.A. 103-0045) LABOR DISPUTES

Any person with the intent of obstructing, impeding, or otherwise interfering with a picket line commits a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$500. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3516 (P.A. 103-0450) EMPLOYEE ORGAN DONATION

Employees of businesses with more than 50 employees can use up to 10 days of paid leave in any 12-month period for the purpose of organ or tissue donation. Employees are entitled to leave under the Donation Act only if they have been employed on a full-time basis for at least six months and have received approval from their employer to participate in blood, organ, and tissue donation. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3733 (P.A. 103-0201)

Imposes new obligations on Illinois employers regarding distributing mandatory employee notices and summaries under the Illinois Minimum Wage Law, Illinois Equal Pay Act, Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, and Illinois Child Labor Law.

For employees who do not regularly report to a physical worksite (e.g. remote employees), the new law requires employers to distribute the laws' mandatory notice materials by:

- Email;
- Posting the materials on the employer's website, so long as the employer regularly uses the website to communicate with employees and employees can regularly access the website; or
- Posting the materials on the employer's intranet site, so long as the employer regularly uses the intranet site to communicate with employees and employees can regularly access the intranet site.

Effective January 1, 2024.

SB 2034 (P.A. 103-0466)

CHILD EXTENDED BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Employees working for companies of 250 or more full-time workers are entitled to up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave after the loss of a child by suicide or homicide. Employees at companies of 50-250 full-time workers may take up to 6 weeks of unpaid leave. Leave may be taken in a single continuous period or intermittently in increments of no less than 4 hours. Leave must be completed within one year after the employee notifies the employer of the loss. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Starting January 1, 2024, the standard base minimum wage in Illinois will increase to \$14.00 per hour for workers over 18 years of age.

Paid Leave Act

SB 208 (P.A. 102-1143)

Requires employers to provide paid leave to employees for any purpose. An employee is entitled to use a minimum of 40 hours of paid leave during a 12-month period. It is unlawful for an employer to interfere with, restrain, deny, change scheduled work days or hours to avoid paid leave, or discipline an employee for the exercise of any right under the Act. Employers may set a reasonable minimum increment of two or fewer hours for leave use. **NOTE: Employers already offering at least 40 hours of discretionary paid leave will not have to provide additional paid leave.** *Effective January 1, 2024.*

The Department of Labor will administer and enforce the Act including the imposition of civil penalties.



Law Enforcement

County Reentry Program Transfers



HB 1727 (P.A. 103-0286)

SHERIFF'S VEHICLE

A contract in excess of \$30,000 may be let without advertising for bids in the case of expedited replacement of a disabled or damaged patrol vehicle of the sheriff's department if authorized by the county board in a county with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

HB 2245 (P.A. 103-0300)

STOLEN VEHICLE HOTLINE

Requires the Cook County Sheriff establish a vehicle theft hotline to facilitate interaction with vehicle manufacturers and vehicle location vendors consistent with FOIA. The Cook County Sheriff shall collaborate with vehicle manufacturers, dealers, and vehicle location vendors to provide assistance to law enforcement officers in the investigation of a vehicular hijacking or kidnapping incident. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2390 (P.A. 103-0033)

RETURN TO DUTY

A deputy sheriff or police officer who is retired for disability and is 60 years old or older may not be recalled to service in any capacity. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

HB 3253 (P.A. 103-0341)

DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Expands the definition of a "protected person" in provisions prohibiting the use of certain tactics by law enforcement during interrogations to mean a minor who, at the time of the commission of the offense, was under 18 years of age or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3322 (P.A. 103-0185)

GANG DATABASE

Creates the Law Enforcement Gang Database Information Act by defining the requirements for use and development of department policies for gang database systems. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 3559 (P.A. 103-0194)

SCHOOL SAFETY RAPID ENTRY

Coordinates school districts and law enforcement to create rapid entry plans for emergency situations. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3819 (P.A. 103-0361)

DEFLECTION PROGRAM

Allows law enforcement and other first responder agencies to create deflection programs in partnership with licensed providers of substance use disorder treatment and other community organizations to connect persons with treatment instead of arrest. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3755 (P.A. 103-0203)

Allows the Dept. of Corrections to transfer inmates to the County Sheriff with a reentry program.

If the county jail located in the county where the committed person was residing immediately before his or her conviction for the offense for which he or she is serving sentence in the Department of Corrections has a reentry program for committed persons, the Department may transfer the custody of the committed person to the sheriff of the county where the reentry program is located for up to 12 months before the committed person's release date for participation in the reentry program. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

No transfer shall be made without the written approval of the sheriff.

HB 3902 (P.A. 103-0101)

DRONES AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Allows drones to be used during parades, walks, festivals, concerts, and carnivals in accordance with a sliding scale of attendees and population density. Drones may also be used to inspect bridges and infrastructure, assess traffic routes, and respond to dispatch calls. Includes provisions limiting facial recognition, as well as a prohibition against a law enforcement agency from equipping or using a drone any firearm, weaponized laser, kinetic impact projectile, chemical agent or irritant, or any other lethal or non-lethal weapon. *Effective June 16, 2023.*

SB 423 (P.A. 103-0271)

PAROLE REFORMS

Implements mandatory supervised release (MSR) reforms. Among other provisions, incentivizes people on parole or MSR to obtain a degree, career certificate, or vocational technical certificate. Also, increases transparency surrounding parole and mandatory supervised release. Requires parole officers to complete reports at least once every 6 months for the Dept. of Corrections. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1499 (P.A. 103-0490)

COMPANION ANIMAL FORFEITURE

Adds specified offenses to the Humane Care for Animals Act for which law enforcement making an arrest may take possession of a companion animal. A court may order the forfeiture of an animal upon finding the person arrested poses a health or safety risk to the companion animal seized. *Effective August 4, 2023.*



SB 1543 (P.A. 103-0382)

STATEWIDE MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

Creates a statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator under the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board for implementing a mental health support and education program for law enforcement. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1754 (P.A. 103-0389)

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING WAIVERS

Allows for the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to create an employment waiver process for an individual previously employed and qualified as a law enforcement or county corrections officer under federal law or the laws of any other state. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Local Government

HB 1625 (P.A. 103-0131)

FIRE DISTRICT SURPLUS PROPERTY

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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 1740 (P.A. 103-0134)

EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICTS

Allows emergency service districts to charge fees for services outside of the district and employ or contract with rescue squad and/or ambulance personnel. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2033 (P.A. 103-0137)

ELECTRONIC FILING OF ORDINANCES

Amends the Local Government Debt Reform Act. Allows for electronic filing of ordinances levying taxes to pay principal and interest on bonds. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 2192 (P.A. 103-0146)

SOLAR ENERGY CONTRACTS

Permits park districts to enter into agreements 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. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 2841 (P.A. 103-0170)

VITAL RECORD FEE WAIVER

Prohibits fees normally imposed under the Illinois Vital Records Act from being imposed to victims of domestic violence. Requires a certification letter be submitted to obtain the fee waiver. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2972 (P.A. 103-0174)

RESCUE SQUAD DISTRICT FEES

A rescue squad district may fix, charge, and collect fees for rescue squad services and ambulance services within or outside of the rescue squad district not exceeding the reasonable cost of the service. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 3751 (P.A. 103-0357)

MUNICIPAL POLICE APPLICANTS

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code providing that "an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law is authorized to apply for the position of police officers." Eligible non-U.S. citizens are subject "to all requirements and limitations, other than citizenship, to which other applicants are subject," and must be able to obtain, carry, purchase, or otherwise possess a firearm under federal law.

Effective January 1, 2024.



Borrowed Public Employees

SB 895 (P.A. 103-0373) Limits the road construction and maintenance that counties, municipalities, and road districts can perform outside of their jurisdiction. Prevents local governments from utilizing other local government workers to conduct transportation related 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.

Effective January 1, 2024.

SB 46 (P.A. 103-0214)

ILLINOIS WATERWAYS PORTS COMMISSION

Creates the Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Act to coordinate efforts to enhance the reporting and benefits of statistical data. Makes recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, Congress and federal agencies on regional issues that impact multimodal transportation, economic development, environmental sustainability, and climate resiliency.

Effective June 30, 2023.

SB 1570 (P.A. 103-0491)

DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORIZATION

Allows municipalities and school districts to use design-build processes on public projects. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1715 (P.A. 103-0223)

DRINKING FOUNTAIN – BOTTLE FILLING STATION

Requires any new construction that requires a drinking fountain under the Illinois Plumbing Code (IPC) to also construct a bottle filling station at least 10" in height. Under the IPC, drinking fountains are required in the majority of construction projects, with the exception of dwellings, hotels, individual hospital rooms, and restaurants. The rule has to be enacted by July 1, 2026. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1750 (P.A. 103-0226)

EMT TRAINING

Requires reimbursement for mandatory training expenses of EMTs or paramedics who are employed by or under contract with state fire protection districts. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1840 (P.A. 103-0235)

PARK DISTRICT TAX LEVY

A park district may levy an annual tax to maintain a police system for public safety and security, or both within the parks, playgrounds, and other facilities maintained by the district.

Effective June 30, 2023.

Open Meetings Act

HB 2447 (P.A. 103-0311)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

If a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of unexpected childcare obligations. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

Pensions



SB 1824 (P.A. 103-0464)

IMRF AGENT TRAINING

Requires all new IMRF Authorized Agents to complete an IMRF provided training course within 3 months of appointment. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1924 (P.A. 103-0110)

IMRF PARTICIPATION

Adds Regional Offices of Education to the list of employers for which members are not limited to the final employer for the use of unused, unpaid sick leave. *Effective June 29, 2023.*

Prevailing Wage



HB 2845 (P.A. 103-0327)

TRANSPORTATION OF BIOSOLIDS

Expands prevailing wage to apply to hauling of biosolids away from wastewater treatment plants and the disposal of biosolids removed from a plant or landfill. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3351 (P.A. 103-0188)

ILLINOIS SOLAR FOR ALL

Requires applicants to the Illinois Solar for All program to pay the prevailing wage on projects that receive renewable energy credits. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 3370 (P.A. 103-0346)

POWER WASHING PROJECTS

Expands prevailing wage to include power washing projects by a public body paid out of public funds. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3491 (P.A. 103-0048)

CONTRACTOR WAGES

Any laborer covered by the Prevailing Wage Act who is paid below the prevailing wage on a project has a right of action to recover wages lost. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3792 (P.A. 103-0359)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Expands prevailing wage to include projects involving light poles and traffic light workers. Provides an exception if the project is performed by public body employees. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

Public Health



HB 1540 (P.A. 103-0272)

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Expands current state law to maintain smoke free public spaces. Amends the Smoke Free Illinois Act to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes, or vapes, in public places and within 15 feet of building entrances. The decision comes as evidence supports vapor from e-cigarettes poses similar health risks to bystanders. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2039 (P.A. 103-0423)

ACCESS TO DATA

The Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Human Services, and DCFS shall, at the request of a local health department in Illinois, make any and all public health data related to residents of that local health department's jurisdiction available to that local health department for the purposes of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability. Sets forth provisions concerning master data use agreements and disclosures. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2076 (P.A. 103-0139)

NURSING HOMES – DISTRESSED FACILITY CRITERIA

Requires the Dept. of Public Health to adopt criteria, by rule, to identify distressed facilities and to publish a list of those facilities quarterly. No facility shall be identified as a distressed facility unless it has committed a violation or deficiency that has harmed a resident. A facility has the right to appeal a designation and the procedure for appealing shall be outlined in rule. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Renewables



HB 2192 (103-0146)

PARK DISTRICT SOLAR

A park district may enter into a lease or agreement related to the acquisition of solar energy for a period not to exceed 2.5 times the term of years provided for in other provisions authorizing a lease for equipment and machinery (currently, up to 8 years) when authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the governing board. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

SB 40 (P.A. 103-0053)

EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Requires single-family homes and newly constructed residential buildings with parking spaces to provide a conduit allowing EV charging if needed. The measure was amended during the fall Veto Session to require a charging station capabilities for each available parking space. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1474 (P.A. 103-0380)

HYDROPOWER PLANTS

Lifts the limits on hydro-power plants in Illinois. The Illinois Power Agency would be required to procure a percentage of its renewable energy credits from hydropower dams. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

State Government

HB 219 (P.A. 103-0514)

WRONGFUL DEATH SUITS

Allows heirs to seek punitive damages in wrongful death suits. **NOTE:** Suits against state and local government officials or employees in their official capacity would still be exempt from damages. *Effective August 11, 2023.*

HB 1117 (P.A. 103-0114)

HOSPICE CARE EXPANSION

Increases the number and capacity of hospice residence facilities providing end-of-life care to patients in counties throughout the state. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2131 (P.A. 103-0295)

TRAFFIC FATALITIES TASK FORCE

Requires the Secretary of State to establish and convene the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force and to include local government representatives. *Effective July 28, 2023.*

HB 2224 (P.A. 103-0148)

REVISED UNIFORM UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Property presumed abandoned where the administrator reasonably believes the owner is a unit of local government shall escheat to the State and shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund (rather than the Comptroller's Audit Expense Revolving Fund). *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 2831 (P.A. 103-0269)

OFFICE TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS

Creates the office within the Dept. of Human Services to facilitate the implementation of a strategic plan aimed at decreasing homelessness in Illinois. *Effective July 26, 2023.*

HB 2878 (P.A. 103-0570)

STATE PROCUREMENT CODE – COAL MINERS

Creates a bid preference for firms that employ former coal mine workers under the code. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2879 (P.A. 103-0412)

FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM

Establishes a program within DHS to expand the availability of nutritious, locally grown, and processed foods for Illinois' emergency food system. *Effective August 3, 2023.*

HB 3808 (P.A. 103-0360)

PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT – VIDEO SERVICE

Streaming services will not be required to pay 'franchise fees' to local governments for utility lines owned, operated and paid for by cable companies. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3892 (P.A. 103-0459)

COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Illinois Housing Development Authority may develop a program that provides incentives for affordable housing projects that incorporate urban gardening. DCEO will assist with the distribution of produce and provide necessary tools. *Effective August 4, 2023.*



Book Banning Prevention

HB 2789 (P.A. 103-0100) Makes Illinois the first state to legislate to end book bans by blocking state funding for public libraries and public schools that ban books.

Allows the Illinois Secretary of State to authorize grant funding only to libraries that adhere to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights states that reading materials should not be removed or restricted because of partisan or personal disapproval, or that issue a statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or resources. Last fiscal year, the Secretary of State's office awarded 1,631 grants to Illinois libraries totaling more than \$62 million. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3903 (P.A. 103-0364)

RED LIGHT CAMERA ETHICS

Bans automatic traffic enforcement companies or their officers from donating to candidates for public office at the state and local level. Establishes a "revolving door" ban which prevents state and local government officials from accepting jobs or contracts with those companies while in office or for two years after leaving office. Beginning six months before an automated traffic law enforcement system is installed at an intersection, a county or municipality may not change the yellow light interval at that intersection. **NOTE: IDOT can revoke any permit for red light cameras if any official or employee who serves that county or municipality is charged with bribery, official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the placement, installation or operation of the camera system in the county or municipality.** *Effective July 28, 2023.*



Fentanyl Exposure Plan

HB 3203 (P.A. 103-0336)

To help combat the opioid epidemic, this measure allows pharmacists and retail stores to sell potentially life-saving fentanyl test strips over the counter. County health departments could also distribute the test strips to the public for free under this new law. Also, the word for test strips will be removed from statute as currently considered "drug paraphernalia". *Effective January 1, 2024.*



SB 214 (P.A. 103-0063)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY ACT

Expands disability benefits for full-time law enforcement officers, firefighter, and paramedics employed by a unit of local government.

Effective January 1, 2024.

SB 850 (P.A. 103-0561)

FOOD DESERTS

Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall establish a Grocery initiative to expand access to healthy foods in food deserts in Illinois by aiding independently owned for-profit grocery stores, cooperative grocery stores or not-for-profit grocery stores. Effective January 1, 2024.

SB 851 (P.A. 103-0483)

BROADBAND EXPANSION

The Broadband Advisory Council will study the feasibility of connecting all Illinois public schools, public libraries, and State-owned correctional facilities to the Illinois Century Network by January 1, 2030. Effective August 4, 2023.

SB 1438 (P.A. 103-0378)

ILLINOIS DIG ONCE ACT

Requires a policy be developed by IDOT, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and DCEO to reduce the scale and number of repeated excavations related to roads, highways, tollways, and expressways for installing and maintaining broadband infrastructure and public utilities in rights of way. Effective January 1, 2023.

SB 1769 (P.A. 103-0581)

ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES

Beginning January 1, 2030, passenger vehicles purchased or leased by a state agency, except law enforcement vehicles, must be zero-emission vehicles. Effective June 1, 2024.

SB 1818 (P.A. 103-0513)

ILLINOIS FLAG COMMISSION

Creates a state Commission to develop new State flag designs. Effective August 7, 2023.

SB 2123 (P.A. 103-0467)

ELECTIONS OMNIBUS

Establishes a task force to study the feasibility of adopting a ranked-choice voting system in certain elections, requires proposed Constitutional Amendments to be published in a newspaper's digital equivalent, requires curbside voting at vote centers (counties with 500,000 or more residents must have at least two vote centers), and creates the Security of Remote Vote by mail Task Force. Makes the 2024 General Election Day a state holiday. Effective January 1, 2024.

The Fiscal Year 2024 General Funds budget plan reflects projected revenues of \$50.611 billion and expenditures of \$50.428 billion, resulting in a \$183 million surplus.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET PACKAGE INCLUDE:

- \$85 million in additional funding to the Local Government Distributive Fund with an increase in the state's revenue sharing formula.
- \$42.5 million for grants to county governments and cities for their costs associated with asylum seekers.
- \$30 million for the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Program to provide reimbursement to local law enforcement agencies for in-car cameras, body cameras and data storage.
- \$10 million for the Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Fund to provide resources to local law enforcement agencies for recruitment of new officers, retention plans, mental health care for officers, safety equipment and training, and improvement to local jails.
- \$13 million in funding for the Adult Redeploy Program, an increase of \$1 million to allow for continued program expansion.
- \$85 million increase, bringing state funding to over \$350 million, to support homelessness prevention; includes \$30 million for court-based rental assistance.
- Reappropriates \$100 million at DCEO for community-driven broadband expansion to help close the digital divide.

Special Districts

SB 684 (P.A. 103-0480)

CENTRAL ILLINOIS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Creates a new airport authority in McLean County. Dissolves all previously existing airport authorities. The new Authority shall assume the rights to all property, assets, and liabilities of any dissolved authority. Of three commissioners to be appointed by the county board chair, two shall reside in rural municipalities and one in an unincorporated area. Effective August 4, 2023.

SB 1897 (P.A. 103-0242)

ROCK ISLAND PORT DISTRICT

Establishes the Rock Island Regional Port District within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Island. Adjacent cities may be annexed into the Port District. Effective January 1, 2024.



Taxes, Fees, Credits and Exemptions



HB 2579 (P.A. 103-0319) RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX

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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1225 (P.A. 103-0083) PROPERTY TAX – COMMON AREA

The chief county assessment officer may require an application to be made to establish or reestablish that a parcel is entitled to common area assessment of \$1. Excludes Cook County. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

SB 1675 (P.A. 103-0555) PROPERTY TAX SALE REFORM

Reforms Illinois' Property Tax Sale system by closing loopholes that prevent blighted properties from redevelopment. Allows local governments to intervene to save abandoned properties after only one failed delinquent tax sale rather than allow them to cycle through the tax sale system for years while the property deteriorates, requiring taxpayer-funded maintenance or demolition. County governments can then work with land banks, community developers and local residents to rehabilitate the properties. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1963 (P.A. 103-0009) TAX CODE OMNIBUS: Contains various tax credits and exemptions. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

- Extends and expands 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.
- 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 services.
- The Dept. of Revenue may be a quasi-arbitrator for 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 zones.
- Extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit for an additional 5 years. Increases the limit on total credits that can be awarded per year from \$15 million to \$25 million.
- Expands eligibility for the enhanced EDGE enjoyment granted by current law to "startup taxpayers".
- Amends the Enterprise Zone Act to grant High Impact Business eligibility to a new category of investment properties.
- Allows manufacturers of electric vehicle component parts to apply for the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles (REV) program.

Township Government

HB 1283 (P.A. 103-0016) – CITIZENSHIP STATUS

A township official may not prohibit an organization from receiving township funds based upon the perceived citizenship or immigration status of the person who would receive those funds from the organization. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

HB 1465 (P.A. 103-0125) – CONSTRUCTION BIDDING BY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Provides that, except for professional services, when the cost of construction, materials, supplies, new machinery or equipment exceeds \$30,000 (instead of \$20,000), the contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder if specified conditions are met. *Effective June 30, 2023.*

HB 2040 (P.A. 103-0138) – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requires highway clerks to have been residents of the district for at least one year prior to being appointed as highway clerk by a county board of trustees. A board of trustees may contract with a neighboring township to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if the township has a population of less than 1,000 (rather than less than 500). Also, a commission 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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2079 (P.A. 103-0025) – TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Allows township officers to hold board positions on not-for-profit corporations under specific conditions. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3424 (P.A. 103-0192) – GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Ensures general assistance funds can be used when the Governor declares an emergency and that those funds aren't denied to children with parents holding drug convictions. Townships will maintain the ability to adopt their own policy for how to distribute funds. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 685 (P.A. 103-0072) – ACCUMULATION OF FUNDS

Townships on a cash basis or modified cash basis of accounting may only count levied tax funds toward the total township funds calculated under the provisions if received within the township's fiscal year. **NOTE: The highway commissioner's equipment and building fund is considered a capital fund account and is not subject to the provision.** *Effective January 1, 2024.*



Transportation



HB 2068 (P.A. 103-0291) **TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS**

Requires employers with 50 or more employees in Cook County or suburban townships to provide a pre-tax commuter benefit to covered employees for the purchase of a transit pass. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2389 (P.A. 103-0032) **WINDSHIELD DRIVERS VIEW**

Law enforcement no longer has the authority to stop a motorist for hanging items like air fresheners or disability placards from their rearview mirror. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2431 (P.A. 103-0310) **VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Makes it illegal to video conference while driving. It does allow exemptions if the device can be used in a hands-free or voice-activated manner. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 2464 (P.A. 103-0158) **PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON**

Allows pedestrian hybrid beacons at high-risk street crossings. Requires drivers to stop before entering an intersection with a pedestrian hybrid beacon. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3326 (P.A. 103-0540) **LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION**

Restricts the sale, sharing, and access to Automatic License Plate Reader's data by law enforcement when it interferes with a person's right to choose or obtain reproductive or any health care services as defined by the Lawful Health Care Activity Act or permits the detention or investigation of a person based on a person's immigration status. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3406 (P.A. 103-0190) **EMERGENCY VEHICLE DEFINITIONS**

Provides that the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" include emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by proper State or county authorities. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3707 (P.A. 103-0199) **TOW COMPLAINTS**

Requires posting online all administrative citations issued to tow trucks. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3876 (P.A. 103-0209) **OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Allows the Secretary of State to issue temporary vehicle registration plates to owners of vehicles purchased out of state under certain conditions. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3882 (P.A. 103-0210) **NONCITIZEN DRIVER'S LICENSES**

Phases out the "Temporary Visitor Driver's License" which non-citizens currently use to drive legally in Illinois. Those individuals will now qualify for standard licenses that carry the words "Federal Limits Apply" at the top, but which do not qualify as REAL ID for travel purposes. *Effective July 1, 2024.*



Bike Trails and Lanes

SB 1710 (P.A. 103-0386) Expands the responsibility of any entity that owns a bike trail, requiring them to erect permanent signs along the path warning pedestrians and cyclists of a vehicle crossing at least 250 feet before the crossing. The intent of this bill is to ensure cyclists on a trail have ample warning to know when to slow down and stop before a busy intersection. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 2014 (P.A. 103-0502) Requires the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to develop a policy which ensures the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on roadways in Illinois. The policy will require that improvements — such as high-visibility signage, crosswalk upgrades, curb bump outs, barrier-protected bike lanes and bus shelters — are made during routine maintenance and within 500 feet of the maintenance work to any state roads located within a municipality. *Effective August 4, 2023.*

SB 63 (P.A. 103-0471) **HIGHWAY SIGN PERMITS**

Updates the Dept. of Transportation procedures regarding permit applications for highway signs. The Department shall have up to 45 days to complete its review and approve the permit application or notify the applicant of any and all deficiencies necessary for the Department's approval. *Effective August 4, 2023.*

SB 1251 (P.A. 103-0484) **AMBULANCE OPERATIONS**

Requires the siren or lamp on an ambulance or rescue vehicle to always be in operation when pedestrians and other drivers are present. Responding vehicles must reduce speed when approaching traffic-controlled intersections. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1653 (P.A. 103-0099) **UNDERPASS HAZARD BAR PILOT PROGRAM**

IDOT will study the effectiveness of using early warning devices leading up to underpasses. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 2278 (P.A. 103-0258) **LOCAL ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

Local governments are not required to construct new non-designated highways to accommodate semi-trucks. Requires local governments to report to the Dept. of Transportation any limitations to vehicles imposed by ordinance or resolution and any non-designated highway that is not designed and constructed after January 1, 2023, to the overall length dimension of vehicle (65 feet in length). *Effective January 1, 2024.*

Veterans



HB 2500 (P.A. 103-0434) ANIMAL ADOPTION FEE

Requires animal shelters and animal control facilities to waive adoption fees for a person who can show proof of both veteran status and Illinois residency. Shelters and facilities may limit the number of fees waived to one fee per veteran every two years. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

HB 3103 (P.A. 103-0407) ORDER OF PROTECTION

Eases the process of obtaining a civil no contact order of protection for victims and survivors of military sexual assault. *Effective July 31, 2023.*

HB 3295 (P.A. 103-0408) MILITARY FEE WAIVER

Requires the military liaison for the Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation to notify service members' spouses of federal assistance programs to reimburse licensing fees when they apply to transfer a professional license to Illinois. *Effective July 31, 2023.*

SB 1376 (P.A. 103-0086) HOMELESS FAMILY PLACEMENT

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. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 1595 (P.A. 103-0095) VITAL RECORDS – DEATH CERTIFICATES

Allows for any active duty or honorably discharged veteran's family to receive a free certified death certificate. Previously was only for active duty or retired (20 years of service) service members. *Effective June 9, 2023.*

SB 1705 (P.A. 103-0384) SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Streamlines a sales tax exemption for members of the military with the proper military identification and form prescribed by the Dept. of Revenue. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

SB 2005 (P.A. 103-0247) VETERAN PREFERENCE

Requires housing authorities to implement policies granting housing preferences to veterans who are homeless. *Effective January 1, 2024.*

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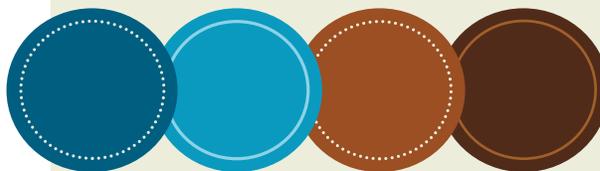
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